

Wow, this was not easy. Garrick Augustus' presentation against the Lunar Sabbath was originally in a Power Point format. Nearly every slide (there were 121 slides) had to be painstakingly copied into a Word document in order to rebut his conclusions. I hope you appreciate the effort. The headers of the Power Point slides are intact when it made sense to do so. If he continued a thought from one slide to the next, I did not feel it necessary to put the header "**Cont...**" before the next paragraph. I hope you will trust that I have not altered his presentation in any appreciable way.

Because this was originally a Power Point presentation, some of Augustus' thoughts and comments may not seem to flow well. Please do not assume that because his thoughts seem disjointed that I have somehow altered anything he wrote. My integrity will not permit me to do any such thing.

The truth has nothing to fear from close scrutiny, therefore I have no reason to doubt or fear because I am presenting the truth about the Lunar Sabbath. As you will see, Garrick Augustus is presenting his tradition in a manner that will rapidly escalate toward desperation.

On slide 52, Augustus dropped my name. I was quite surprised. That means that this message is being noticed, and is agitating the masses. This is good news. I will comment in plum, orange, green, black and [bracketed] in plum when a thought is interjected inside a paragraph.

My prayer is that ignorance and the illusion of obedience will be exposed and no longer tolerated by the body of believers. Brethren, find a way to obey. **Dated 12-28-2014**

The Illusion Of Lunar Sabbath-ism

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The Mirage Effect of “Light”

When Columbus was entering the New World, both he and his sailors encountered the illusion of land, but in actuality they were only seeing fog banks. Their hopes surged, that after several months at sea, with food supplies running short, sickness caving in, and disorder breaking out on the ship, they were finally in the sight of land, they thought, only to have their hopes dashed as they sailed through the bank of low-hanging clouds (fog).

This is a *mirage*—an optical illusion which causes the beholder to see things which are only reality in the brain, but are in actuality a misinterpretation of the natural behavior of light, especially in the presence of an undulating surface. This same “mirage” effect can be seen on many paved roads. On a hot day, an undulating paved road, will give the false reflection of the vehicle ahead, or cause the illusion of “wetness” on the paved surface, due to the distortions of convective air currents rising into the upper atmosphere.

Experienced drivers know how to differentiate a mirage from actual wetness on the ground. Those who do not understand how to differentiate the mirage-effect from actual wetness on the ground will go to great lengths in exercising roadway caution, where caution is not required!

Interesting, but preaching to the choir. Please note below the underlined words and phrases. These are weblinks that are still actively linked to a website that Bro. Augustus thought would be beneficial. Not all of his underlinings are weblinks, but some are, and they have been left intact.

Mirage Defined

The literature definition is simply this: “A **mirage** is a naturally occurring optical phenomenon in which light rays are bent to produce a displaced image of distant objects or the sky. The word comes to English via the French *mirage*, from the Latin *mirare*, meaning ‘to look at, to wonder at’. This is the same root as for ‘mirror’ and ‘to admire’. In contrast to a hallucination, a mirage is a real optical phenomenon which can be captured on camera, since light rays actually are refracted to form the false image at the observer's location. What the image appears to represent, however, is determined by the interpretive faculties of the human mind. For example, inferior images on land are very easily mistaken for the reflections from a small body of water.”— Wikipedia (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mirage>).

Mirage Cont...

As in the natural, so in the spiritual, there are mirages, and those who are not skilled in the Word, to understand *how* to differentiate the mirage-effect of the teachings of the Scriptures from the actual truth they portend, will go to great lengths at exercising caution in spiritual matters where caution is not required, thereby becoming a law unto themselves, prescribing and proscribing duties, which our Heavenly Father have not authorized.

If I did not already know how solid the evidence for the Lunar Sabbath is in Scripture, nature and the historical record, the above paragraph would almost frighten me. His concern sounds reasonable, but by the time you reach the end of this rebuttal, you will understand why I said that his manner of presentation is escalating towards desperation.

“A truth’s initial commotion is directly proportional to how deeply the lie was believed. When a well-packaged web of lies has been sold gradually to the masses over generations, the truth will seem utterly preposterous and its speaker, a raving lunatic.” ~ *Dresden James*

“All truth passes through three stages. First it is ridiculed, second it is violently opposed, and third, it is accepted as self-evident.” *Arthur Schopenhauer*, Philosopher, 1788-1860

Garrick Augustus is reaching phase two. I can’t wait to see the look on his face when he must accept the Lunar Sabbath as self-evident, which means that the Lunar Sabbath was true before I accepted it. It was true while Bro. Augustus was railing against it, and it will remain the truth for all eternity. Mark my words, if Bro. Augustus lives long enough, he will someday admit: “Oh yeah, the Lunar Sabbath? That’s the only Sabbath found in Scripture.”

Study Aim

In this presentation, therefore, I shall be dealing with the subject of the “lunar Sabbath observance,” an illusion which has been given great impetus by an Adventist Scientist, turned Theologian Grace Amadon, in the late 1930’s and early to mid 1940’s. This doctrine was so potent, that it caused the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to give it an unbiased hearing, given on the source which proclaimed it, and almost toppled the existence of the weekly Sabbath in our denomination, as we today know it from Sabbath (Saturday), to *any day of the week* in a particular lunar cycle. Thus from one month to another, the weekly Sabbath will *float* from one day of the week to another.

Unbiased? Please read the study at this link and tell me how unbiased you think their hearing was: http://www.creationcalendar.com/files/History_of_the_Lunar_Sabbath_in_Adventism.pdf

The truth of the matter was that they could find no evidence for saturday being the weekly Sabbath nor could they find any evidence to disprove Israel’s Lunar Sabbath. All they COULD do in order to maintain the status quo was to sweep the issue under the rug, which is exactly what they did.

The truth is, Adventism, since 1883, has understood that they could not prove that saturday was the weekly Sabbath. It is admitted in the 1883 SDA Yearbook. The quote is below, and a facsimile of the original page is presented at the end of this study (page 61).

“Those who disbelieve in the seventh-day Sabbath bring against it numerous objections, all of which are readily answered with the exception of one, –THE CROSS. This is the great, the unanswerable objection to the Bible Sabbath.” (Capitalization in the original)

So from the early 1840’s to 1883, early Adventists were UNABLE to prove that saturday is the Sabbath. There is a reason for this. Saturday is **not** the Sabbath. The Sabbath is the seventh day of the Hebrew week, not the 7 day pagan planetary week. It gets worse.

It is easy to go back in time with lunar or solar cycles. We know that Passover is on the day of the full moon of the first week of the new year, meaning that if we overlay the lunar cycles with the current pagan/papal Gregorian calendar, we can find out what days of the planetary week Passover WOULD have occurred IF the Gregorian calendar had been in effect in first century Israel.

Passover would have been on the pagan we-day in A.D. 27.

It would have been on the pagan mo-day in A.D. 28.

On the pagan su-day in A.D. 29.

On the pagan th-day in A.D. 30.

On the pagan tu-day in A.D. 31.

On the pagan su-day in A.D. 32.

And on the pagan th-day in A.D. 33.

What this proves is that there were no fri-sat-sun weekend Passovers on ANY of the dates between 27 and 34 A.D. covering all the suspected years of the crucifixion. And the day after Passover in the year of the crucifixion was most certainly the weekly Sabbath, see Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54-56, John 19:31.

Garrick Augustus, like all Adventists before him, cannot answer for this. Every time this issue is examined by Adventists, the answer that always comes up is that the Sabbath is regulated by the moon. This is what Grace Amadon found, and exactly what every Adventist inquiry has turned up since 1939. $2 + 2$ will always = 4. And every time an honest examination is made into what day is the Sabbath of ancient Israel, the answer will always equal the Lunar Sabbath. The truth does not fade with time; it only becomes more pronounced.

A Correct Understanding of YHWH

In approaching this subject, we must be reminded of some of the attributes which form the character of the divine Family—they are not whimsical beings, who move spasmodically, and make arbitrary laws to confuse us.

What is coming is a plea that because the Father does not change, that saturday must always remain the Sabbath, which would be true IF saturday was established as the Sabbath at Creation. It was not. In fact, saturday has been the seventh day of the week only since A.D. 321. Evidence to be given later.

Father of Lights, not of Confusion

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the **Father of lights**, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” Jas. 1:17

The Sabbath is a “gift” to man, and so has “no variableness, neither shadow of turning,” as the Scriptures teach. Any entity which shows “variableness” must be highly suspect, because we know that with the Father of Lights is “no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” As we develop this subject it will become evident that the theory of the *lunar Sabbath* has both “variableness” and “shadow of turning.”

Amos 3:7 says, *Surely the Sovereign YHVH will do nothing unless He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophet.*

Isaiah 8:20 states: *To the law [Torah] and the testimony [of the prophets] if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*

Where in the Torah or the prophets does it say that satyrday is the weekly Sabbath? Where in the Torah or the prophets does it say that the weekly Sabbath is the seventh day in an unbroken cycle of seven day weeks? Answer these questions and this issue goes away, simple as that.

Garrick Augustus wants you to believe that satyrday is the weekly Sabbath without any evidence (or providing any evidence) that it ever WAS the weekly Sabbath. Thus his continued plea that the Father does not change and a claim that because he finds the Lunar Sabbath confusing, it cannot have come from YHVH. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, we shall see if this is true.

Unchanging

“For I *am* YHWH, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.” Mal 3:6

This verse teaches us that YHWH is consistent and changes not. He does not “change” the rules of the game in the middle of the game—this is deception, and anything which resembles “change” or deception is not derived from Him. The *lunar Sabbath* does provide for *change* to the computation of the weekly Sabbath, and thus creates “confusion” for believers everywhere. This confusion is not due to the revelation of light, but to the dissemination of gross darkness.

Consistent and Unvarying

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” Heb 13:8

Our Saviour is consistent; he is the “same” from creation to redemption. Any doctrine which suggests that He has lost His *sameness*, will present Him in a light which indicates “change” and so must be highly suspect. The doctrine of the *lunar Sabbath* implicitly suggests that Y’shuah is not exhibiting *sameness* by decreeing the Sabbath “on the **seventh** day” of creation’s week, then later with Israel in the wilderness on the **eight** day of the week!

Bro. Augustus seems to think that Lunar Sabbatarians believe that the weekly Sabbath was changed from satyrday to the Lunar Sabbath, which could not be further from the truth. Satyrday has NEVER been the weekly Sabbath.

I would also like to enter the following texts as evidence:

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Psalm 89:34

Forever, O YHVH, Thy word is settled in heaven. Psalm 119:89

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our Elohim shall stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

I know that, whatsoever Elohim doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and Elohim doeth it, that men should fear before him. Ecclesiastes 3:14

And I would like to conclude with the following: *Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of YHVH your Elohim which I command you. Deuteronomy 4:2*

Again, I ask Bro. Augustus for the texts that say satyrday is the weekly Sabbath or that the weekly Sabbath is the seventh day of an unbroken cycle of seven day weeks. And this evidence CANNOT add to or diminish anything revealed in the Word. There are over 25 pages here before I begin this rebuttal and at the end you will agree that Garrick Augustus presented no Scriptural evidence to support his Sabbath or what he believes about his Sabbath, and to imply that satyrday IS the Sabbath of Scripture is indeed adding or diminishing from the revealed Word.

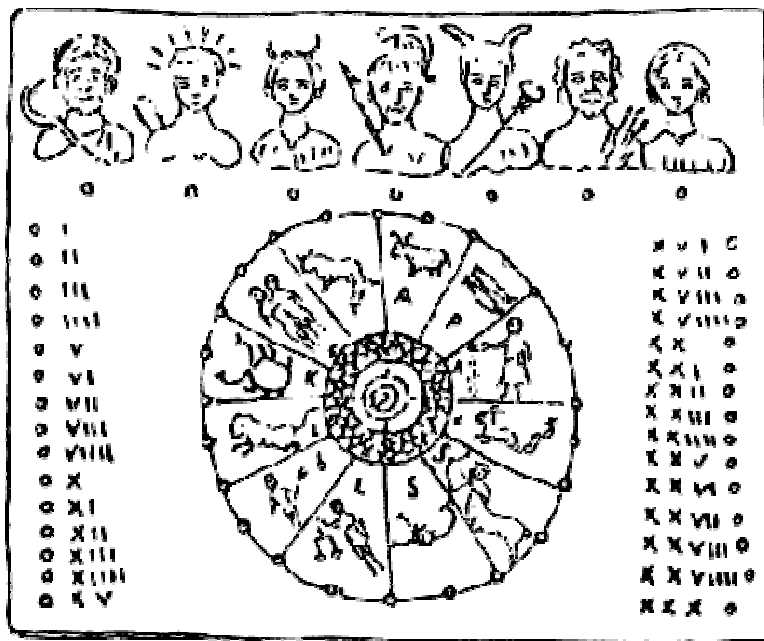
Not The Author of Confusion

“For God is not *the author of confusion*, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.” 1Co 14:33

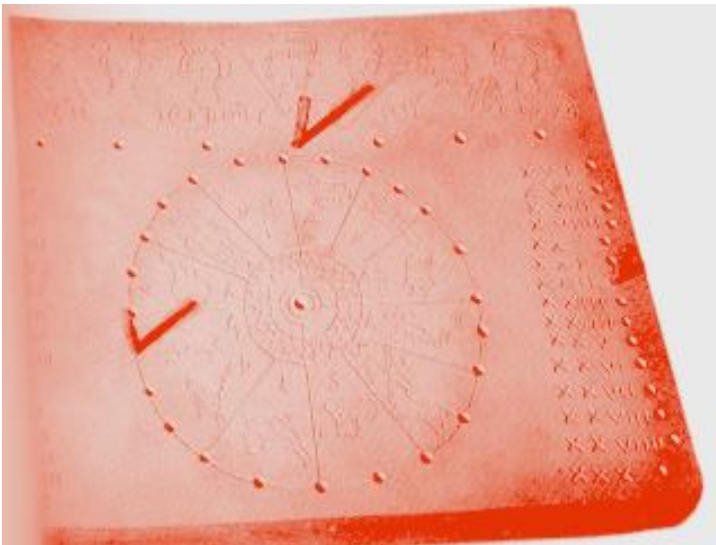
This verse suggests that YHWH is “not the author of confusion.” The clear message is that the Devil *is* “the author of confusion.” The *floating* nature of the weekly Sabbath, using the counting methods of *lunism*, is a systematic “confusion” introduced to the Scriptures, which shrouds them in dense darkness rather than they being the source of great light.

Certainly, the Lunar Sabbath seems “confusing” when one compares it with the Gregorian satyrday if it at the same time assuming that the Gregorian calendar IS the calendar of Scripture. Naturally, Apple’s McIntosh seems confusing if all you have ever used is a PC with Microsoft. And that is the root of the confusion spoken of by Bro. Augustus. He assumes that satyrday has been the Sabbath since Creation, because that is the only Sabbath he has ever known or recognized, but in reality it has only been the seventh day of the week since A.D. 321

To assume that Israel observed the pagan seven day planetary week in the first century when Rome themselves did not is sheer lunacy. Rome did not officially adopt the seven day planetary week until A.D. 321 when Emperor Constantine became a “christian”. At that time, saturn’s day was the 1st day of the seven day planetary week, not the 7th. Below is a sketch of the planetary week, circa 100 B.C.



saturn’s day, sun’s day, moon’s day, mars’ day, mercury’s day, jupiter’s day, venus’ day



Rome ruled the world in the first century B.C., thus the Roman numerals, but this is not a Roman calendar. This is the pagan seven day planetary week as it existed from 800-600 B.C., until A.D. 321 when Constantine venerated the day of the sun. You see, Constantine worshiped Mithra, the Persian version of the sun god. He did not want the day of the sun taking a back seat to saturn, so when he venerated the day of the sun all he did was bump satyrday from the coveted #1 position in the week all the way to the seventh day, which was vacated by all the other days moving up one position in the weekly cycle, permitting the sun's day to

hold the preeminent position. The sketch above came from this clay calendar tablet (at left).

You see, the dirty little secret is out. Satyrday was not the seventh day of the week anywhere on the planet until A.D. 321, and then by virtue of Constantine, not the Creator Almighty, so it certainly was NOT the Sabbath of Israel at any time in earth's history.

Rome did not have a seven day week in the first century. Their 8 day market week is below...



In the first century, Rome observed an 8 (EIGHT) day calendar week. They were identified as A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H. Above is an actual representation of a first century Roman calendar. At that time, the months of January, April, the equivalent of the 6th month (June), Sextember (August), September, November and December each had 29 days instead of 30 or 31 days that they consist of now. Also, there was a 13th month (intercalary) added 7 times over a 19 year period.

So, what are you trying to say, Bro. Augustus? Was Israel using the Roman 8 day market calendar week or the 7 day pagan planetary week in the first century? If something else, are you going to produce any evidence to support your conclusion?

The History of Lunar Sabbath-ism In Seventh-day Adventism

To discover what Garrick Augustus will not dare share with you, please click on the link provided on p. 3 above. He's not going to share the history of Lunar Sabbatism in the SDA church, far from it. To share this with you would cause concern in a certain percentage of Adventists, driving them to examine the evidence for themselves, and honest truth seekers that take this step convert to the Lunar Sabbath. The reason for this is the evidence in support of the Lunar Sabbath (that will be revealed to you here) is overwhelming.

M.L Andreason, (sic) a General Conference worker, Pastor, Evangelist, Author, and later Field Secretary for the General Conference, was one of the committee members who met with Ms. Grace Amadon for purposes of investigating her "new light" discoveries on lunar-calendation. [Not true; he acted alone.] With great conviction, Andreason (sic) penned the following letter to her:

Andreason (sic) Showing Conviction and Caution

It would not be easy to explain to the people that the God who advocated and instituted such an arrangement would be very concerned about the exact seventh day. If an explanation were possible, and the people were at last adjusted to the shift in the feast day and the stability of the seventh day, it might be supposed that in time they would get used to the arrangement. [Oh, an explanation is possible. You are about to discover that there is only ONE explanation, one Sabbath conclusion that is even possible. What makes it so "confusing" is that we have been so long immersed in a lie.] But they would no sooner have become accustomed to this, till another shift is made. Now they shift back to where they were before. But neither is this settled or stationary...

Another shift comes, and another and another . . . There is no uniformity and just as the people get used to a certain arrangement, the day is changed again. Such is more than the common people can understand, and if we go to the people now with such a proposition, we must expect that confusion will result. And our enemies will not be slow to point out the difficulties and ring the changes on them . . .

But if the evidence in Scripture and the historical record supports it, verifying its truth, what does this matter? Andreason acts as if the law was given by YHVH, but we are only expected to obey if it is convenient. Either do (obey) or do not. The law has not been suspended just for you. Find a way to obey.

If *in the new calendar scheme we are considering adopting* it should be admitted that local communities have the right of making their own observations [of the moon] that would determine the new year, it would yet remain a question if the proper men competent for such observation would be available . . . The seventh-day Sabbath is clear and distinct. A child can understand its computation. Let not the people observing God's holy day sponsor a calendar that means confusion, and make our work unnecessarily hard.

My children and grandchildren at 4 years of age have been able to identify the “Sabbath moon”. I have never successfully taught a child of that age how to work or understand the modern Gregorian calendar. An ancient Hebrew would not understand the Gregorian calendar either.

Andreasen is saying that the common Adventist is too stupid to understand the Lunar Sabbath (even though my 4 year olds have had no trouble at all with it). If you are an Adventist, this should make your blood boil. No one, including Andreasen, had (or has) an answer for what the committee found, and Andreasen’s solution was to just sweep it under the rug and move on.

Bloody amazing. The cowardice of this man was surpassed only by his lack of spiritual integrity, but is rather similar to the responses of some of the men on the committee in the study given in the link on page 3 (above).

For while the proposed scheme does not in any way affect the succession of the days of the week, and hence does not affect the Sabbath, nevertheless if the people observing the Sabbath also advocate *The Great Calendar Controversy: Time Through Time the new scheme of calendation*, the resulting confusion will not be of any help to us . . . The committee has done a most excellent piece of work. The endorsing, unreservedly, of the plan now before us seems to me . . . in its implications so loaded with dynamite, with TNT, that we might well beware. I would most earnestly warn the committee in this matter. I am afraid that the repercussions of such endorsement at this time will be felt in wide circles . . .

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Seventh-day Adventists will soon have enough matters on their hands so that it will not be necessary to make trouble for ourselves before the time. *The blank day may yet confront us*. We cannot afford to start trouble of our own. To the world it will look that the present proposed calendar is advanced for a specific purpose – not for the purpose of adoption, for we will find that it is impossible of universal application, – but for the purpose of supporting the 1844 date. I do not believe that we are under that necessity. **It must be possible to establish October 22, 1844 without resorting to such devices.**

It is not possible to establish Oct. 22, 1844; that was the issue in 1843, 1939, twice in the 1950’s, and in 1995. Click here: <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/26-SDAOctober22-1844.pdf>.

Every time this issue is examined, the result is the same: the committee discovers (all over again) that ancient Israel’s Sabbath is regulated by the moon and that 10-22-1844 was not the Day of Atonement in 1844. $2 + 2$ always equals 4, remember? The truth does not fade with time; it only becomes more pronounced.

A possible solution: I suggest that we make a report to Brother McElhaney of what the Millerites believed and how they arrived at their conclusions, without, at this time, committing ourselves upon the correctness of their method. [If the method is flawed or false, so is the resultant conclusion. $2 + 3$ does not = 4] Let Brother McElhaney publish this report in any way it may be thought best, and *let us await the reaction*. This, of course, would be only a preliminary report, and would be so designated. *We will soon [see] what fire it will draw.*

In the mean time let us study further on the final report. *The reaction to the preliminary report may determine the form of the final*. The confusion arises over the fact that the Gregorian calendar has a continuous cycle of weeks, while the luni-solar calendar does not. Therefore, when the solar Gregorian calendar is super-imposed over the luni-solar Biblical calendar, the luni-solar dates seem to “float” through the Gregorian week. — *The Great Calendar Controversy* (GCC), by eLaine Vornholt & Laura Lee Vornholt-Jones, pp. 7-8.

Please note that Bro. Augustus does not offer you Grace Amadon’s findings, only Elder Andreasen’s response. To see what prompted the 1939 committee as well as Grace Amadon’s findings, click here: <http://www.creationcalendar.com/GraceAmadon.html>

What is confusing is how Augustus presents Andreasen’s comments and the Vornholt information; there are no quotation marks or any way to identify who is saying what. I understood him because I am familiar with this issue; Garrick’s readers, however, are probably not, thus infusing the confusion in his readers that he himself feels. This is a poor way to present the evidence, but not unexpected. Smoke, mirrors, bailer’s twine and duct tape are all commonly employed by satyrday Sabbath observers when defending their Sabbath.

The Greater Purpose of WW-II

From the above letter, it is clear that there was both conviction and confusion, but more importantly, the investigative committee was so enthralled by Ms. Amadon’s theory, that in their effort to stave off criticisms, and find a more compelling argument for October 22nd 1844, they were “*considering adopting*” this luni-solar Sabbath. [That is because it was the truth.] What most people do not realize is that, were it not for the start of World War II, our Denomination might well have been a luni-solar Sabbath advocate, with the weekly Sabbath floating through the weeks from month to month, abandoning the weekly Sabbath as we today know it!

We can be thankful [Thankful?] that that there is a divine Hand which guides the affairs of nations and the Church, and allows providential circumstances to so affect conditions on earth, so as to fulfill the intents of the Plan of Salvation. [Do you think ancient Israel was “thankful” that they had to wander in the wilderness for another 40 years because of their rebelliousness and sloth?] Left alone to the committee investigating Ms. Amadon’s *discoveries* in biblical dating, we might never know the Sabbath as we today do, or the denomination might have been fragmented in a thousand pieces like the World Wide Church Of God. [The truth is always divisive, dividing friends and families just as a sword divides joint and marrow. Now I simply must ask Garrick Augustus, would he rather be unified in error or divided over truth? You can’t have both, and division over truth is the best thing that can happen to the body of believers. As a storm knocks the dead wood out of the trees, making a more healthy forest, so the truth knocks the dead wood out of the body of believers, strengthening it in the process.] Let’s resolve that “new light” which militates against the plain teaching of the Bible, is not light at all, but abject darkness.

And where is the plain teaching of the Bible that says satyrday is the weekly Sabbath or that the Sabbath is the seventh day of an unbroken cycle of seven day weeks? You see, Bro. Augustus’ idea here is NOT to give you evidence that satyrday is the Sabbath; he hopes only to spin the evidence so that you will reject the Lunar Sabbath. In a moment, I will show you that the Lunar Sabbath is Scriptural, and is therefore not abject darkness, but light from on high.

There is no excuse for anyone in taking a position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that all our [SDA] expositions of Scripture are without error. The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our [SDA] people, is not proof that our [SDA] ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth, and truth can afford to be fair. No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation. *Review & Herald, 12-20-1892 Nuff said. Study.*

The Test of New Light

Our brethren should be willing to investigate in a candid way every point of controversy. If a brother is teaching error, those who are in responsible positions ought to know it; and if he is teaching truth, they ought to take their stand at his side. We should all know what is being taught among us; for if it is truth, we need it. We are all under obligation to God to know what He sends us. He has given directions by which we may test every doctrine,--"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." [ISA. 8:20.] If the light presented meets this test, we are not to refuse to accept it because it does not agree with our ideas. *Gospel Workers, p. 300*

"Precious light is to shine forth from the word of God, and let no one presume to dictate what shall or what shall not be brought before the people in the messages of enlightenment that He shall send, and so quench the Spirit of God. Whatever may be his position of authority, no one has a right to shut away the light from the people. When a message comes in the name of the Lord [His Name is YHVH] to His people, no one may excuse himself from an investigation of its claims. No one can afford to stand back in an attitude of indifference and self-confidence and say: 'I know what is truth. I am satisfied with my position. I have set my stakes, and I will not be moved away from my position, whatever may come. I will not listen to the message of this messenger for I know that it cannot be truth.' It was from pursuing this very course that the popular churches were left in partial darkness, and that is why the messages of heaven have not reached them." *Testimonies on Sabbath School Work, p. 65*

We shall not be accepted and honored of God in doing the same work that our fathers did. We do not occupy the position which they occupied in the unfolding of truth. In order to be accepted and honored as they were, we must improve the light which shines upon us, as they improved that which shone upon them; we must do as they would have done, had they lived in our day. Luther and the Wesleys were reformers in their time. It is our duty to continue the work of reform. If we neglect to heed the light, it will become darkness; and the degree of darkness will be proportionate to the light rejected. *Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 4, p. 186*

The prophet of God declares that in the last days knowledge shall be increased. There are new truths to be revealed to the humble seeker. The teachings of God's word are to be freed from the errors and superstition with which they have been encumbered. Doctrines that are not sanctioned by the Scriptures have been widely taught, and many have honestly accepted them; but when the truth is revealed, it becomes the duty of every one to accept it. Those who allow worldly interests, desire for popularity, or pride of opinion, to separate them from the truth, must render an account to God for their neglect. *Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 4, p. 186*

William Miller once said:

1. Every word must have its proper bearing on the subject presented in the Bible;
2. All Scripture is necessary, and may be understood by diligent application and study;
3. Nothing revealed in Scripture can or will be hid from those who ask in faith, not wavering;
4. To understand doctrine, bring all the scriptures together on the subject you wish to know, then let every word have its proper influence; and if you can form your theory without a contradiction, you cannot be in error;
5. **Scripture must be its own expositor**, since it is a rule of itself. If I depend on a teacher to expound to me, and he should guess at its meaning, or desire to have it so on account of his sectarian creed, or to be thought wise, then his guessing, desire, creed, or wisdom is my rule, and not the Bible." *EGW, Review & Herald, 11-25-1884* Mrs. White gives William Miller credit for this quote.

By understanding and applying what William Miller said above, here is how I have learned to determine truth:

1. In Scripture: If I find 2-3 witnesses, texts saying the same thing, (**Genesis 41:32, Deuteronomy 19:15**, II Corinthians 13:1) then it is truth that I must admit and comply with.
2. In Scripture: If I find a single text that says "thus saith YHVH", (**Deuteronomy 8:3b**, Matthew 4:10, Luke 4:8), it is truth; I must admit it and obey His command, whether there are 2-3 witnesses or not.
3. In Scripture: If I find a chain of texts where there is an unfolding of truth, one expounding upon the other, (**Isaiah 28:9-10**), this reveals truth that I am responsible for.
4. If it is in the law [Torah] or the prophets, it is true, **Isaiah 8:20**. If something outside of Torah and the prophets agrees with the Torah and the prophets, neither adding nor diminishing aught (**Deuteronomy 4:2**), it is the straight truth. The standard listed in Isaiah and Deuteronomy (above) was given to trump **Test 1** IF the 2-3 witnesses are false witnesses (speaking not according to the Torah and the prophets).
5. A doctrine or accepted belief that lacks any of the above 4 tests means that it is NOT true. YHVH says that He will do NOTHING unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets, **Amos 3:7**. If the prophets are silent, then it did not come from YHVH. If there is no "thus saith YHVH, no 2-3 witnesses, no chain of inter-textual evidence and thus no support found in the Torah and the prophets, then it is my privilege to admit it and tell others that it has no foundation in truth.
6. Any historical evidence that agrees with Scripture (e.g. the Torah and the prophets) is acceptable as supportive evidence to the truth. Any historical record that disagrees with or contradicts Scripture, failing the first 4 tests above, is a lie in the highest order of magnitude.
7. If someone makes a statement, it does not matter if a thousand witnesses (accusers, followers, scholars, etc.) come later saying that he did NOT say such or did not MEAN such and such; the spoken word of the person in question (i.e., Almighty Yah, the prophets, etc.) takes precedence over that of all his defenders OR detractors.
8. If someone claims to be Messiah, or a prophet, or to have a special message for the body of believers, but fail to provide **Tests 1, 2 and 3** above, then **Isaiah 8:20** and **Deuteronomy 18:18-22** (in essence, **Tests 4 and 5**) need be applied. If what they say doesn't come to pass or they speak not according to the Torah or the testimony of the prophets, fear them not, there is no light in them.

These are the tests that the New Testament (NT) authors recognized and taught their converts. John and Paul instructed their converts/followers to try the spirits (I John 4:1), to prove all things and hold fast that which is good (I Thessalonians 5:21), and also to search the Scriptures daily to see whether these things (that Paul taught them) were so, Acts 17:10-11). The Scriptures referenced here were the Hebrew OT.

Creation Calendar Class 101.

Genesis 1:14 says that the two great lights would be for **signs**, seasons, days and years. Thus the calendar of Yah is in the heavens.

Exodus 31:13, Ezekiel 20:12, and 20:20 all say that the Sabbath is a **sign**, using the SAME Hebrew word found in **Genesis 1:14** (owth), meaning signal or beacon.

Psalms 104:19 says that the moon will regulate the seasons (mo'edim--appointed times, set feasts). **Leviticus 23:1-3** shows the weekly Sabbath to be the first feast (mo'edim--appointed times, set feasts).

I JUST applied every line of the quote from William Miller (bottom of p. 11 above), and according to line #4, the conclusion cannot be in error. This alone is enough to prove that the Sabbath is by the moon, but it does not answer every possible question as to HOW or WHY that might take place. Yours is not to ask WHY. Either do (obey) or do not.

However long men may have entertained certain views, if they are not clearly sustained by the written word, they should be discarded. *Review & Herald, 7-26-1892*

We [SDA's] have many lessons to learn, and many, many to unlearn. God and heaven alone are infallible. Those who think that they will never have to give up a cherished view, never have occasion to change an opinion, will be disappointed. As long as we hold to our own ideas and opinions with determined persistency, we cannot have the unity for which Christ prayed. *Review & Herald, 7-26-1892*

Adventists have twice as many things to Unlearn as they have yet to learn.

How Does The Lunar Sabbath Affect The Seventh-Day Sabbath?

By their own admission, the luni-solar proponents of the weekly Sabbath maintain that “The seventh-day Sabbath on the luni-solar calendar only **rarely** falls on the Gregorian Saturday.”—GCC, p. 8. This is the first stroke of confusion, that Saturday is no longer the Sabbath. [But saturday has only been the seventh day of the week since A.D. 321. Why is THIS not seen as confusion?] To bolster this theory, much sport has been made of the *name* “Saturday,” [Saturday] because it is named from the planet Saturn, and by extension of reasoning, it is “Satan’s Day!”

With this point drilled in the heads of the unsuspecting, the home-run plea is made to “come out of Babylon,” and as Saturday keeping Sabbath-ism is a part of Babylon, they say, this revelation necessitates an immediate departure from Babylon, by believers who embrace this lunar-Sabbath theology!

This is not a bad idea is it? Ladies and Gentlemen of the jury, please note that Bro. Augustus mentions the Lunar Sabbatarian’s concern that saturday is a day named after the pagan god saturn, and seems to poo poo this point of contention without offering ANY explanation or offering any evidence why this bothers Lunar Sabbath keepers. Let me do it for you then...

Let me share with you why I believe it is a good idea to examine the foundation of the day that most Sabbitarians call “Sabbath”. Watch for the **bold orange font** below because at least one particular scholar DOES believe that saturday worship is linked to the worship of saturn (and worse), and he proves it VERY convincingly.

Ever heard of a dual counterfeit? Only the enemies of YHVH would accept an obvious counterfeit, but for the more elect, the Adversary has a not-so-obvious counterfeit.

How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be Almighty, follow Him: but if Ba'al, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. I Kings 18:21.

Ba'al is the obvious fraud, but what about “the LORD”? Every time you read LORD or GOD in all capital letters in Scripture, the underlying Hebrew is YHVH, the Creator’s Name. Ba'al means “Lord” in Hebrew. In Hebrew there is no deception, His Name is YHVH, (which is how the Hebrew reads) but in English there is no right answer from which to choose, both mean Lord. YHVH tells us to stop calling Him “my Lord” (**Hosea 2:16**-Baali means “my Lord”). Friends, what we have here is a dual counterfeit; one is obvious, the other not-so-obvious.



Which day do YOU keep holy?

- Sunday, the current first day of the pagan Roman/papal calendar
- Saturday, the current seventh day of the pagan Roman/papal calendar.

I say “current” because these days were not always the first and seventh days of the week, respectively.

As a side note, I find it interesting that we pronounce the “n” in woden’s day (wednesday), but we don’t for “saturn’s day” (saturday). Have you ever heard of a Satyr? The cloven footed half-man, half-goat—the universal symbol of Satan himself?

Sunday is the obvious fraud. Only the enemies of YHVH would observe sunday, in honor of the pagan sun-god. But every satyrday, of every week, of every year, Sabbatarians everywhere, in spite of themselves, worship on **satyrday** — a day named after Satan himself.

Very cleverly, the Adversary receives his worship every week, all year long, by sincere folks who believe they are following YHVH. Friends, what we have here is a dual counterfeit; one is obvious, the other not-so-obvious. Even if Saturday really is named after saturn, don’t think we are going to get off the hook so easily. Saturn worship is the oldest form of Satanism and is clearly and historically linked to satyr, the horned goat. The Adversary does not care how you spell his many different names, or under which one you worship, as long as you do not worship YHVH. Please feel free to connect the dots... **Satan (or Pan) is also called the “Horned God”**

Pan a lusty satyr, half-man, half-goat, was given to every form of licentiousness and debauchery.

Kronos, the father of the gods.....for a certain wicked deed, was called titan, and cast down to hell.

Kronos is none other than Satan himself. Titan, or teitan, as it is sometimes spelled, is the Chaldee form of the Hebrew word Sheitan (Satan), the common name for the Adversary.

In the region where the Chaldean Mysteries were originally concocted,--that Adversary who was ultimately the real father of all the pagan gods,--and who (to make the title of kronos (saturn), “the horned one,” appropriate to *him* also) was symbolized by the kerastes, the *Horned* serpent.

Horned goat, horned serpent, father of the gods, Satan (Adversary)...hmm. **Kronos (Satan) claims to be in charge if TIME! Kronos is where we get our word chronology, the study of time.** Kronos, said another way, is also Father Time. Cue Scriptural support:

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of Elohim:

*I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. **Isaiah 14:13-14***

The word *congregation* here is the Hebrew word Mo’edim, which means “appointed times”. A mountain in Scripture is a controlling power or authoritarian presence. What Satan is proclaiming here is that he will sit on the mount of the “appointed times.” He is saying that he will control the calendar, and the appointed times. And indeed he does, but only in the hearts and minds of his followers.

Now, the name saturn in Chaldee is pronounced satur; but, as every Chaldee scholar knows, consists only of four letters, thus — S T U R. This name contains exactly the Apocalyptic number six hundred, three score and six...

ס	S = 60
ת	T = 400
ו	U = 6
ר	R = 200
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666	

The information in the **bold orange font** on the last two pages was gleaned from Alexander Hislop’s classic, *The Two Babylons*.

Truth is a two edged sword. If we are going to condemn “sunday” observance as worshipping on the “venerable day of the sun,” satyrday Sabbath keepers need to look in the mirror. Is worshipping on a day named after Satan any better? Satyrday bears the name of our enemy.

Here is a devastating admission from the largest satyrday keeping denomination on earth...

“The Sabbath question is to be the issue in the great final conflict in which all the world will act a part. Men have honored Satan’s principles above the principles that rule in the heavens. They have accepted the spurious sabbath, which Satan has exalted as the sign of his authority. But God has set His seal upon His royal requirement. Each sabbath institution bears the name of its author, an ineffaceable mark that shows the authority of each. It is our work to lead the people to understand this. ... God has called us to uplift the standard of His downtrodden Sabbath. How important, then, that our example in Sabbathkeeping should be right.” *Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 6, p. 352-353*

Fact: A counterfeit has to look a great deal like the original. Sunday cannot rightly be called a Sabbath (spurious or otherwise) as it is not the seventh day of anything. Sunday does not “look” like a Sabbath.

Sunday is the obvious fraud. Satyrday, however, looks a lot like the 7th day of the week, just the wrong week, so satyrday observance is the other half of a very clever dual counterfeit.

When we who observe the Creator's Calendar worship on the Gregorian satyrday (or any other pagan-named day of the week) it is because that particular day falls on the 7th day of the Creator's Calendar week—a cycle established at Creation, by the Creator. When satyrday Sabbatarians worship on the 7th day it is because the calendar they observe tells them that it is the 7th day of their weekly cycle—a cycle established in 321 A.D., by Rome. And Rome adopted the 7 day pagan planetary week, a calendar week established about 600 B.C. for the express purpose of worshipping false gods.

Unless you want this on your spiritual résumé, might I suggest that YOU come out of Babylon? Many have found this to be very practical and timely advice.

A False Persecution— “Trouble”

One can easily see the economic disadvantage families would be subjected to, by requesting a different day each and every month of one's employers, on which to observe the weekly Sabbath. [And whatever happened to be IN the world, not OF the world? Whatever happened to obeying Yah rather than men? Acts 5:29] While employers are tolerant to basic religious observances, that which causes an inordinate interruption of business practice will force them to alter their hiring practices, and this, dear friend is not religious persecution for one's faith, but the stroke of Satan in forcing upon authentic Sabbath-keepers a time of trouble, before the actual great “time of trouble” Dan. 12:1.

If Garrick Augustus knew anything about the coming persecution, he would not have said the above.

“I saw that G-d had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time God's chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us. I saw the sword, famine, pestilence, and great confusion in the land. The wicked thought that we had brought the judgments upon them, and they rose up and took counsel to rid the earth of us, thinking that then the evil would be stayed.” *Early Writings, p. 33*

Adventists, even nominal ones, have already accepted the Sabbath message. What Sabbath message could possibly incite rage among Adventists? Please note that this is an end time event, and the ones with the Sabbath reform message are filled with the Father's Spirit, and that the Adventists could NOT REFUTE the “Sabbath more fully” message. Please also note that Ellen White included herself in the number of those who would accept the “Sabbath more fully” message, and would come OUT. Out of what? Sister White would have had to come out of Adventism, and in order to observe the “Sabbath more fully” message, you will too as the Adventist denomination tolerates no question of their doctrine and apparently have little use for information that will lead them to a fuller understanding of the Sabbath no matter how well documented.

The last final conflict is not going to be about satyrday vs. sunday; it is going to be about the True Sabbath vs. satyrday. The Adversary does not care which false Sabbath you observe, as long as you worship on a day on his counterfeit calendar. Whoever's in charge is in charge of the calendar. The calendar you observe tells you when to work and when to worship. WHEN you worship tells heaven and the onlooking universe WHO you worship. Getting the day right is THAT serious.

Satyrday is already a spurious Sabbath along with sunday worship. A spurious Sabbath, the seventh day of a counterfeit calendar that has been accepted by Adventism without examination, could generate sufficient heat when faced with exposure. Don't you think?

In Their Own Words

“One of the **clearest passages** in the Bible that show that the Jews kept the luni-solar calendar is found in Exodus 16. Ironically, it is one of the chapters Seventh-day Adventists have used to ‘prove’ that Saturday is the Biblical Sabbath.”—GCC, p. 22 [Emphasis, mine]

“On **the fifteenth day** of the second month which, by luni-solar reckoning is **always a seventh-day Sabbath**, the Israelites griped to Moses and Aaron because their food had run out.”—GCC, p. 23 [Emphasis mine]

Analysis of Lunar Theory

Reply: It must not be forgotten that the seventh day (weekly Sabbath), can fall on *any date* of the month in a continuous cycle, and still be what we today call Saturday. [This is an interesting, bold, and completely false assumption.] Even using the lunar Sabbath methodology, they've admitted that “The seventh-day Sabbath on the luni-solar calendar only **rarely falls on the Gregorian Saturday.**”—GCC, p. 8.

The weekly Sabbath cannot fall on any date of the month, in ANY cycle.

On Abib 10, the Passover lamb must be purchased. Abib 14 is always the preparation day for first day of Unleavened Bread, see **Leviticus 23:5-6**, Matthew 27:62, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54--24:1, John 19:14, 31, 42—John 20:1. The barley could be harvested on the 16th after the Wave Sheaf had been offered the morning of the 16th, **Leviticus 23:9-14**. The fact is that the 10th, 14th and 16th days of Abib (which all float around on the Roman calendar) are, without exception, commanded work days.

There isn't one, but **IF** there was a continuous 7 day cycle in Scripture, every few years either the 10th, 14th or the 16th of Abib will fall on a satyrday. Evidence: Abib 10 fell on a satyrday in 2003. The 14th of Abib fell on satyrday in 2004, 2008 and 2011. The 16th of Abib fell on a satyrday in 2002, 2006 and 2009. There is no legislation provided to do the tasks commanded to be performed on these days either a day early or a day late IF these dates just happened to fall on the Sabbath; these work dates are *fixed*. And YHVH never has Israel do common work on a rest day. He is not the author of confusion.

Please remember that ANY passage in Scripture that provides evidence of one Sabbath falling on the 8th, 15th, 22nd or the 29th day of the month proves the calendar below:

New Moon Days	First Week Day	Second Week Day	Third Week Day	Fourth Week Day	Fifth Week Day	Sixth Week Day	Seventh Week Day
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
(30)							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Please look at the calendar above. Since the 10th of Abib can never fall on the weekly Sabbath, neither can the 3rd, 17th or 24th days of the month. Since the 14th of Abib can never fall on the weekly Sabbath, neither can the 7th, 21st or 28th. Because the 16th of Abib can never fall on the weekly Sabbath, neither can the 2nd, 9th or 23rd days of the month. Since the Sabbath can NEVER fall on days 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24 or 28 in the first Hebrew month, that is a pretty BIG dent in the days of the month that the Sabbath can NEVER fall on. Can any pagan/papal/man-made/solar-only calendar satisfy these demands? Hardly! If you are looking for evidence, this ALONE blows up the Gregorian calendar!

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, please let this sink in. Garrick Augustus has already admitted (below) that Israel indisputably observed a luni-solar calendar. What he is unaware of is that their use of a lunar-solar calendar PREVENTED Israel from using a calendar that consisted of a continuous 7 day weekly cycle because the three dates on their lunar-solar calendar eliminated weekly Sabbaths from falling on days 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24 or 28 of the first month. I cannot make a more clear argument against satyrday being the weekly Sabbath than this.

This event in Ex. 16 might well have been one of those “rare” occasions wherein the 15th day of the month fell on the seventh day of the week--Saturday. [Rare? It falls on the 15th of EVERY lunar month.] Rather than leaving this to supposition, let’s examine the passage carefully, because **this is the foundation stone on which lunar Sabbath-ism rests**, and if this is found to be shifting sand, then the entire building comes tumbling down.

Exodus 12, 16 and 19 reveal that the Sabbaths fell on the 15th of the month for 3 consecutive months.

Exodus 12 reveals that Israel was released from bondage on Abib 15, the 15th day of the first month. It is not called a Sabbath in **Exodus 12**, but later Scripture does reveal the nature of this day. **Leviticus 23:4-8** shows us that Passover (Abib 14) is preparation day for Abib 15, the Sabbath of Unleavened Bread. Some say that Abib 21 (the 7th day of the feast) is also a Sabbath, but this is not the case. Consider the following.

The first day of the feast and the “seventh day” [of the week in context] are one and the same. The 21st is the 6th day of the week and of course the 7th day of a seven day feast, but...

9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

...the “7th day” of Unleavened Bread is also spoken of in **Exodus 13:6** and is called a chag (H2282) which is used 62 times in Scripture and is only used to refer to the pilgrimage feast days (found in **Exodus 23:14-17**), in this case, Abib 15. It is not referring to the last day of the feast, rather the first. This chag can only be the 15th of Abib. See also **Deuteronomy 5:12-15** and **Leviticus 23:6-8**.

The Sabbath commandment in **Exodus 20** is linked to Creation week. The 4th commandment listed in **Deuteronomy 5** is linked to the deliverance of Israel. That date was the 15th of Abib.

I submit to you that this “7th day” is Abib 15, and it is not only an annual Sabbath, but a weekly Sabbath as well. There are no back to back Sabbaths in Scripture. The 15th is without question a Sabbath, meaning that the 22nd of the first month is also a Sabbath. If the 21st is an annual Sabbath, there would be two Sabbaths back to back, and there would be no preparation day for the second Sabbath of the two. Common sense, right?

Exodus 16 is the first place where the word “Sabbath” is used in Scripture. In the first verse, YHVH is speaking to Moses and Aaron on the 15th day of the 2nd month and gives them what turns out to be a simple math equation. From day 15 add 6 days of manna = 21. Next day (22nd) is the Sabbath.

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Israel was to collect one portion of manna from the 16th to the 20th and a double portion on the 21st because the morrow was the Sabbath. Since the 22nd is unquestionably a Sabbath, so is the 15th (as well as the 8th and the 29th). The first day of the month is new moon day, not a Sabbath.

Exodus 19:1 also proves that the children of Israel arrived at Sinai on the 16th day of the third month. Please read the context. Moses indicates that the children of Israel rested at Rephidim the 15th of the third month. This passage says that Israel arrived at the Wilderness of Sinai the “same day” of the third month that they had left Egypt (two months earlier). If you’ll remember, Israel got as far as Succoth the 15th, and actually left the land of Egypt the on the 16th. See **Numbers 33:3-6**. So Israel arrived at Sinai on the 16th and Moses was immediately summoned up the mount. YHVH told Moses to go back down the mountain and to tell the people to consecrate themselves for on the third day He would come down on the mount in a cloud, see **Exodus 19:10-11**.

If the 16th is the first day, then the 18th is the third day, meaning that they were “resting” in Rephidim on the Sabbath, the 15th, which is the weekly Sabbath.

Looks like this:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

Amazing isn’t it? There is always harmony in the truth.

It is **indisputable** that the Israelites used a luni-solar calendar—that is a given. What’s at issue is the usage of the moon to regulate the weekly sabbath. These are two separate issues, the latter of which is in question.

Why, and by whose command, would Israel have observed the lunar-solar calendar (for the year, months and feasts) but the seven day pagan planetary week for the weekly Sabbaths? It would seem to me that this is a more pressing issue. Adventists deliberately ignore this point. It is not a separate issue; this IS the issue.

Luni-Solar Defined

A luni-solar calendar does not mean the existence of a “floating weekly Sabbath,” [oh really now?] rather it means that the moon is used to calibrate the month, specifically the start of the month, while the sun regulates the day. [If you didn’t catch it above, Bro. Augustus insists that the Hebrew week is not part of the same calendar as the Hebrew month, a conclusion that **Ezekiel 46** disputes.] For example, Passover falls on the 14th day of the first month, at evening. The true nature of a luni-solar calendation is here seen, as the moon determines (**sic**) when to begin recognizing the first month, while the sun determines when the “evening” of the day commences, or the end of day for that matter.

Indeed, Augustus gets this one right. The evening is the END of the day, not the beginning. Click here for more information: <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/18-DawnDayStudy.pdf>.

Ezekiel 46:1 proves that new moon days are a third category of day, not counted as a week day. The temple gate is shut during each and every one of the SIX working days, but it is opened each and every Sabbath and new moon. This is a simple math problem. All you have to do is plug in different answers (there are only 7 different week days possible) and see if they fit without error. For instance, what happens when new moon falls on a pagan wednesday? If the tabernacle were still here and I asked you, “*Would the gate have been open or shut?*” how would you answer? If you said “*Open because it is new moon day,*” I would respond that it is a work day, it must be shut. If you agreed, “*Of course wednesday is a work day, it must be shut.*” I’d reply, “*But friend, it is new moon, it must be open.*” I am not being cantankerous, just pointing out that Garrick Augustus has no correct answer because he is applying a pagan/papal/Roman/solar-only/man-made calendar to this Scriptural calendar event. **Amos 8:5**, **Isaiah 66:23** and **II Kings 4:23** also prove that the days of set-apart convocation (Sabbaths and new moon days) belong in a separate category, apart from the six common work days. This is applying **Test 1** and **2**, see page 12 above.

Amos: The unscrupulous venders are seeking to cheat the Israelites, but it is Sabbath and new moon. Israel won’t come out to buy their wares until a work day.

Isaiah: We will worship YHVH on Sabbaths and new moon days, not on work days.

II Kings: The boy collapses in the field, his mother races out, scoops him up and runs inside. There the boy dies in her lap. So she runs upstairs, places the boy on Elisha’s bed, then runs to her husband asking permission to take a donkey and a servant with her to go see the prophet. To which he inquires, *It is neither New Moon, nor Sabbath, why do you want to go see him today?* Where was the man? In his field. What was he doing? Working.

Just because the fourth commandment does not say that the new moon days interrupt the weekly cycle does not mean it is not so. **Isaiah 28:9-10** clearly tells us how to examine the evidence: line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little. While **Exodus 20** and **Deuteronomy 5** may not tell us that the weeks are interrupted, **Ezekiel 46:1**, **Isaiah 66:23**, **Amos 8:5** and **II Kings 4:23** reveal this very thing in combination with the two Sabbath passages above.

Argument From Silence

An argument from silence is one of the worst fallacies in logic, because it proves nothing but the “mirage” on ones imaginations. [Mirage? Has Garrick proven that satyrday is the Sabbath or disproved the Lunar Sabbath yet? The information I have offered so far in defense of the Lunar Sabbath—has it seemed like an argument from silence—that I have not offered any “loud” evidence?]

For example, one can teach that we should not brush out (**sic**) teeth, because if it were important, it would have been mentioned in the Bible, most especially so in the Torah! This is an argument from silence which is as illogical as it is foolish. [Agreed, which is why I have not offered any silent arguments.] Using this method—argument from silence, **the lunar Sabbath doctrine bends reason, to establish an idea that the weekly Sabbath falls on any day of the week.** But what does the Bible *really teach* on this passage?

Indeed? Where in Scripture does Scripture say that Saturday is the weekly Sabbath? And where in Scripture does it say that the Sabbath is the seventh day in an unbroken cycle of 7 day weeks?

Whose arguments have been silent thus far—mine or Bro. Garrick’s? He has no evidence to support his Sabbath other than his tradition, and fails to recognize this (and would never admit it) while bringing false accusations against Lunar Sabbatarians.

Manna for SIX Days Then None...

The irony of it all is that Exodus 16 is among the clearest Bible passage to refute this “floating” Sabbath theory. [Excuse me? See below again, in case you missed it the first time.] For one, the Bible teaches the regularity of manna coming *continually* for six days, and then it pauses for the Sabbath, then a new shower of manna for *six days!* This manna shower continued for **forty (40) years**, at *six days* intervals.

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Please show me the text that says the manna would come continually for six days, and then pause for the Sabbath. Oh, that’s right, Augustus CAN’T give us this text because it is another of his silent arguments.

If the Creator intended to have had the manna falling at different intervals, with the same forcibleness which He protected the Sabbath, by requiring a double portion to fall on the sixth day, he would have made similar allowances for the “new moon Sabbath,” [New Moon is generally not the Sabbath, only the 7th New Moon called a Sabbath, an annual Sabbath at that.] and other such interruptions in the six-day flow. What we see is a 40 year shower of manna punctuated by six days of food and one day of rest.

Again, where does it say this in Scripture? Bro. Augustus, whatever rules you insist apply to Lunar Sabbatarians when defending their faith also apply to you. You defined the silent argument, yet fail to recognize your own immersion in it. Do you know what I see when I look at the evidence?

Historically, Israel fasted on new moon days. Says Hutton Webster, “the establishment of a periodic week ending in a Sabbath observed every seventh day was doubtless responsible for the gradual obsolescence of the new moon festival as a period of general abstinence, since with continuous weeks the new-moon day and the Sabbath Day would from time to time coincide” (*Rest Days.*, p. 255).

“Each new moon was celebrated with a fast” (*Jewish Family Celebrations*, p. 35).

And we also find the following: “the sacred festival of the new moon, which the people give notice of with trumpets, and the day of fasting, on which abstinence from all meats and drinks is enjoined . . .” (*Philo, Book 26, XXX, 159*).

Click here for more evidence: <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/05-QT-Manna.pdf>.

Why do you suppose Israel got into the habit of fasting on New Moon days? The answer will probably shock you. The Creator Most High employed a silent argument. He did not tell Israel that no manna would fall on New Moon days; He simply did not send any. They got manna on the six working days (see verse below) as promised, a double portion on preparation day as a means to SHOW Israel when the Sabbath was to be enjoyed. And this 40 practice turned into a habit Israel apparently did not break for hundreds of years afterward as there is NO positive command to fast on New Moon.

And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. Exodus 16:5

The sixth day of what? The 6th day of a repeating 7 day cycle or the 6th day of the week? You can have interrupted seven day weeks that will still always have a sixth day. This verse does not even imply that the weeks are cyclical. The ONLY reason Bro. Augustus observes and defends satyrday as the cyclical weekly Sabbath, the seventh day of a repeating 7 day weekly cycle, is because he has wed himself to the pagan/papal/Roman/man-made/solar-only calendar without regard to the calendar established at creation, and revealed in Scripture.

“And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day *is* a Sabbath unto YHWH: to day ye shall not find it in the field. **Six days ye shall gather it**; but on the seventh day, *which is* the Sabbath, **in it there shall be none**... And the children of Israel did eat manna **forty years**, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.” Ex. 16: 25, 26, 35.

Sixth day of what? Seventh day of what? Answer: The WEEK. This verse also does not imply that the weeks are cyclical, uninterrupted or unbroken.

For 40 years manna fell for six days and paused on the seventh. Only on the 6th day did the double portion fall.

Correct. The sixth day of the week. Please examine the calendar below and tell me if any of the weeks are missing their sixth day...

New Moon Days	First Week Day	Second Week Day	Third Week Day	Fourth Week Day	Fifth Week Day	Sixth Week Day	Seventh Week Day
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
(30)							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Because Exodus 16 proves that the 22nd is the Sabbath, therefore the 8th, 15th and 29th days of the month were also Sabbaths. For the record, I would like to enter into evidence the sixth days of each respective week, identified as the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th days of the month. And when the New Moon days are put into their rightful place as a third category of day, the Sabbaths will ALWAYS fall on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th days of the month preceded by their respective 6th days of the week, the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th days of the month.

It ain't rocket science.

While it is true that the 15th was a Sabbath, it is also doubly true that it was not a lunar Sabbath, for the reasons given above. [And what reasons would those be? The silent arguments Bro. Augustus has offered?] This is a fact [fact?] worthy of repetition, **“six days” should Israel gather manna, and Heaven did this for “forty years,” without breaking (interrupting) this six day cycle.** This is the greatest proof against this “floating Sabbath” theory; it cannot stand the test of Scripture, when we “rightly divide the word of truth.” 2 Tim. 2:15.

Rightly divide the Word of truth? Does Garrick Augustus even know what that means?

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of YHVH your Elohim which I command you. Deuteronomy 4:2

Does Augustus even realize he has just run afoul of this passage, adding to Torah? **Exodus 16** does not say “without breaking (interrupting) the six day cycle”, Bro. Augustus does.

Were Isreal (**sic**) celebrating a lunar Sabbath, they could *not* have continued in six-day cycles to find manna in the fields, as the very foundation of lunar Sabbath-ism militates against this very practice. Why? In Lunism, the Sabbath occurs on the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th day of each month, respectively. “They gathered the manna for six days. Six days **starting when?** Starting the 16th of the month, the day on which the manna first fell after their complaining on the 15th...

The first day of the month is not a weekly Sabbath, however, the first day of the seventh month (Feast of Trumpets) is an annual Sabbath.

The next day, Moses said, was ‘the rest of the holy Sabbath unto YHWH.’ It’s a simple math problem: 15 + 7 = 22. Again, when the first of the month is a New Moon Sabbath, the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th are also **always** seventh-day Sabbaths.”— GCC, p. 24 [Emphasis mine]

Notice that from the first to the eighth of the month, is an expanse of *seven* days, not “six,” as mandated in the Torah. Also, the 29th to the first day is an expanse of 2 days, not “six” as required by the Torah.

Give it a rest Bro. Augustus. You are beating a dead horse. You do err, not knowing the Scriptures.

Moreover, since there is a *new moon* every 30 days, if the new month resets the week, as luni-solar theology teaches, then from Sabbath the 29th to Sabbath the 1st will leave only *one day* in which to gather the manna, not “six,” as required by the Torah.

See my comment above. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, is this not EXACTLY as I predicted? Bro. Augustus is presenting his traditional beliefs as evidence. He offers up passages in Scripture that do not say what he wants them to say, forcing him to violate **Deuteronomy 4:2** (adding to Torah) in order to make his point.

When faced with overwhelming evidence against their position, satyrday Sabbatarians never cease to amaze me.

More Evidence Called

“I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At **even** ye shall **eat flesh**, and in the **morning** ye shall be **filled with bread**; and ye shall know that I *am* YHWH your God.” Ex. 16:12 “The meat ‘came up’ at ‘even’ – the ‘even’ after they complained, and the next morning they found manna.”—GCC, p. 23 [Emphasis mine]

Speaking of the Day of Atonement, lunism declares: “...**the day begins in the morning with the dawning of a new day**. Therefore, the fast would begin on the ninth of the month at evening, the evening before the Day of Atonement, and end when evening came, the night of the tenth.”— GCC, p. 27 [Emphasis mine]

Reply: The precursor of the manna was the falling of the quails the previous **evening**. In Hebrew thought, the term “evening” is the period of time between 3 pm and sunset (9th to the 12th hours). Since the quails preceded the manna, having fallen the previous evening, were the 15th a weekly Sabbath, which “begins in the morning with the dawning of a new day,” then the children of Israel would have been out in the dark of Sabbath gathering quails in the fields, and thus the Creator would have violated the very principle of the Sabbath sacredness, against which he was wroth with Israel to have desecrated. (Please read Ex. 16: 27-30).

Bro. Augustus, didn't you JUST read what the Vornholt's wrote in GCC, p.27? The day begins at dawn. Since the day begins at dawn, how did Israel break the Sabbath? The day also ENDS at sunset, and Israel was collecting quail after sunset. Have you not read...

Yeshua answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? John 11:9

And Elohim called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. Genesis 1:5

If the light of the sun is seen, it's day. If not, it's night. Can this be any easier? In case it has slipped your memory, BOTH Sabbath commands (**Exodus 20:8, Deuteronomy 5:12**) says remember the Sabbath DAY. It says NOTHING of remembering the Sabbath night. See underlined above.

Bro. Augustus, falsely accusing Lunar Sabbath keepers is not going to further your cause, nor is it going to prove that satyrday is the Sabbath.

Of particular importance is the fact that on the Sabbath day they were not to leave their dwellings to head for the fields: “abide ye every man in his place, **let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.**” Ex. 16:29.

This command was not given until the Sabbath of the 22nd, when some went searching for Manna when YHVH said that it was the Sabbath and that there would not be any. **Exodus 16:29** has no bearing whatsoever on Israel gathering quail at even a week before.

Watchman, What of The Night?

“If evening starts the new day, then the angel of death passed over the Israelites at midnight on the 15th of Nisan, not truly on Nisan 14, the Passover. Only if the day starts at dawn would this make sense. The angel of death did not pass over on the 15th, but rather on the 14th, the Pass-over. He went through Egypt at midnight, following the daylight hours of the 14th.”—GCC, p. 27 [Emphasis mine]

This is correct. The Vornholt’s are sharing the straight truth.

The Day Defined

Reply: It is clear that by lunism, one has to give up major portions of the Scriptures. For example, this notion that **“the day begins in the morning with the dawning of a new day,”** stands in contradistinction to the simple Genesis story of the punctuation of time: “And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. **And the evening and the morning were the first day.**” Gen. 1:5.

What major portions of Scripture are given up? The light the Creator called DAY. The darkness He called Night. When does light begin? When does darkness begin? If you honestly answered those two questions, you just defined when a day (the illuminated part of the 24 hour cycle) begins and ends.

Nothing in **Genesis 1:5** indicates that a day begins at even. In fact, if the day begins at even, there is a 12 hour GAP in the cycle because the first day/night cycle ENDED at morning (you know, “the evening and the morning” part you quoted above?). It seems reasonable to me that the second day began when the first day ended. The first day ended at dawn, as the sun rose on the second day.

Secondly, since as they maintain, the “evening to evening” principle only applies to the Day Of Atonement, then there will every year be a loss of 12 hours, or one day will be given 36 hours to account for this time warpe (**sic**), because in order to move from the evening of the 10th day to the “morning” of the 11th day of the month, **the 12 hours of night** will have to be either truncated, or appended to another day! This has only happened in the days of Joshua, when the sun stood Still (**sic**), and the record states that “And there was no day like that before it or after it.” (Josh. 10:13-14).

There is not 12 hour loss regarding Day of Atonement. Bro. Augustus, what day is the Day of Atonement?

Also on the **tenth day** of this seventh month there shall be a Day of Atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto YHVH. **Leviticus 23:27**

And when does this feast begin?

*It shall be unto you a Sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath. **Leviticus 23:32***

It is CLEARLY parts of two separate days because the Day of Atonement is the 10th day of the seventh month, not the ninth. The affliction of one's soul begins on the ninth at even. This is a unique command regarding a FEAST, not a calendar day. **Genesis 1:5** in conjunction with John 11:9 pretty much sums up what constitutes a day in Scripture. <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/18-DawnDayStudy.pdf>.

Evening to Morning to Evening = 1-Day

It is clear then that a day has two evenings and one morning, hence, **from evening to morning to evening is the expanse of a 24 hour day**. There is **no biblically defined day which has two mornings**, as the lunar Sabbatarians are forcing the Torah to teach. It does not exist in holy writ. Grace Amadon might have been good at what she taught, but certainly from this review, she was a poor student of Mathematics and of *Biblical* theology.

Sorry, but that is not what Scripture says.

Grace Amadon did not conclude that the day begins at dawn. She discovered ancient Israel's Lunar Sabbath based on the fact that no year from A.D. 27 to 33 produced a fri-sat-sun crucifixion weekend (see p. 4 above) and in the year of the crucifixion, the day after Passover was incontrovertibly the weekly Sabbath.

Lunar Sabbatarians, who are truth seekers by nature, discovered that the days in Scripture begin at dawn. In fact, there is not a SINGLE instance in Scripture of a day beginning at night. Bro. Augustus, you disagree with this, so please provide for us a day in Scripture that does not begin at dawn. Chapter and verse would be nice.

Time No Longer "Flies"!

"The Gregorian calendar, like the Julian calendar before it, has a continuous cycle of unending weeks, one after the other. God's calendar does not. **The weekly cycle started over with the appearance of each new moon...** Again, the first visible crescent not only began each new month, it also restarted the weekly cycle. As a result, **the seventh-day Sabbath always fell on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th of the month.**" GCC, p. 14

The authors of GCC, p. 14 still ascribe to the Babylonian (pagan) version of New Moon. It's OK. They are truth seekers. They'll accept the truth in time. The New Moon in Scripture is the dark phase, not the first crescent. In fact, in order for the moon to announce the weekly Sabbaths on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th days of the month as presented above, the dark phase MUST be the New Moon phase, as no other "version" of New Moon supplies the quarter phases of the moon in position to announce the weekly Sabbaths.

Read this study: <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/25-FirstVisibleCrescentMonth.pdf>.

Nine Days Till Sabbath Comes!

From the above statement, there is another problem with the lunar Sabbath system, because if it is true that “**the seventh-day Sabbath always fell on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th of the month,**” then after the 29th of the month, one has to wait until the 8th of the new month comes around to observe the “seventh-day Sabbath!” This will not be “six” days of work, between the weekly Sabbath, but in this instance there will **be nine days before the next Sabbath comes**, once the 29th has been reached!

The weeks in Scripture are 7 days long, not 9. Lunar Sabbatarians do not observe 8 or 9 day weeks, only 7 day weeks. New Moon days are not week days; they are a third category of day. See this study: <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/03-QT-ThreeDistinctDays.pdf>.

Ezekiel 46:1 proves that new moon days are a third category of day, not counted as a week day. The temple gate is shut during each and every one of the SIX working days, but it is opened each and every Sabbath and new moon.

New Moon Days	First Week Day	Second Week Day	Third Week Day	Fourth Week Day	Fifth Week Day	Sixth Week Day	Seventh Week Day
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
(30)							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Amos 8:5, Isaiah 66:23 and II Kings 4:23 are second, third and fourth witnesses proving that the days of set-apart convocation (Sabbaths and new moon days) belong in a separate category, apart from the six common work days.

If you still can’t wrap your head around this, answer the test questions above, near the middle of page 20 again. Bro. Augustus, it is not our fault that you do not recognize Scriptural times or calendars.

Consistency, Please Hear our Cry!

Again, the system of six days of work and the 7th day as the Sabbath is markedly opposed and dwnthrodden by this erroneous and confusing method—lunar Sabbatism. Whereas **Israel was required to gather manna for six days and rest on the seventh**, this *theory* of Sabbath keeping will have us at least once per month, waiting **nine days before the next Sabbath comes around**. With this method of calendation, consistency jumps through the window while confusion runs through the front door. What a travesty!

Please examine the calendar model above. New Moon days are excluded from the week in Scripture. Lunar Sabbatarians do not recognize any other week than a seven day week. Again, it is not our fault that you do not understand what a New Moon days is.

Bro. Augustus, we are still waiting for you to produce 2-3 witnesses (passages) in Scripture that say the Sabbath is on a repeating seven day cycle. Until you DO provide these Scriptures, please refrain from insisting that it is. We can be persuaded, but only Scripture will persuade us as your tradition does not have the required clout.

117 Days Till Pentecost?

There are several other grounds on which lunar Sabbath keeping fall short, not the least of which is the counting of the omer—the count to Pentecost. While the Bible strictly requires 50 days to accomplish this event, lunism forces the count of this holy event to become a [117-day](#) saga, ending in late July, rather than on the 6th of Sivan as the Scriptures require.

Please give your readers the text that says Pentecost is on the 6th day of the third lunar month. We will have this information because you SAID Pentecost is “on the 6th of Sivan as the Scriptures require.” I can prove to you from Scripture and nature that Pentecost is at the end of the 4th month.

The Troy Miller Connection

“There are two parts or two counts that must be made before Pentecost can be ‘fully come.’ In addition to the 7 Sabbaths complete, we need to add 50 days, not just add one day for a total of 50 days. **Leviticus 23:15-16** in the KJV is not as clear as it could be... **There is a 7 week count and a 50 day count.** You, like most (and like me until three years ago) probably see ‘seven Sabbaths complete’ (seven weeks) and immediately think 49 days. But there are not 49 days in this segment of time. These are Scriptural weeks--six work days ending with a Sabbath.

“New moon days are a third category of day, they do not count against the week. There are *three new moon days* in this seven week count for a total of 52 days, so adding one day to 52 days does not equal 50... If you will read the context of the passage, **the 50 days are numbered from the morrow after the seventh Sabbath, not from Wave Sheaf...**

“In order to have a ‘new meat’ offering (in compliance with the covenant) after they numbered 7 Sabbaths complete they had to count 50 more days after the morrow after the 7th Sabbath. They could not have counted a mere 50 days from Wave Sheaf itself. *Pay careful attention here for this alone proves that the final count to ‘Pentecost’ begins after the 7th Sabbath.*”
[Troy Miller, Creation Calendar.com](#)

Nice of Bro. Augustus to offer you the link to the entire study. I checked it; the link is good.

Fuzzy Math

To say it mildly, Mr. Miller knows not the Scriptures nor the power of the Almighty. For while the Bible takes pains to teach that the *necessary and sufficient* constraints for the Biblical Pentecost (feast of weeks) must be exactly 50 days from the waving of the sheaf, his theology suggests that there must always be more than 50 days to Pentecost, and this, he claims, does not do injury to the Biblical teaching of Pentecost!

And where is the text that says Pentecost is 50 days from wavesheaf? Is it this one...?

*And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete: **Leviticus 23:15***

This is the verse that says what to number from wavesheaf; please note, it is NOT 50 days. It says to number seven Sabbaths complete. This means that when you get to the end of this count, the ONLY number on the table will be SEVEN, not fifty. You were not told to number days (all of them), you were told to number Sabbaths. It is the following verse that mentions the counting of 50 days...

Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto YHVH. Leviticus 23:16

We admit, “ad” or “od” (Strong’s H-5704, H-5703) does NOT mean “FROM” the morrow after the 7th Sabbath, but H-4480 DOES. Guess where THAT word is?

Leviticus 23:16 Even unto⁵⁷⁰⁴ the morrow^{4480, 4283} after the seventh⁷⁶³⁷ sabbath⁷⁶⁷⁶ shall ye number⁵⁶⁰⁸ fifty²⁵⁷² days,³¹¹⁷ and ye shall offer⁷¹²⁶ a new²³¹⁹ meat offering⁴⁵⁰³ unto YHVH.³⁰⁶⁸

Look at what Strong’s says about H-5704 though: “whether of space (even unto) or time (during, while, until)”. **Leviticus 23:16** is about time, not space, so we’ve been applying the word in the wrong manner all along because the King James translators blew it BIG time. The Hebrew actually should be translated: *WHILE⁵⁷⁰⁴ FROM the morrow^{4480, 4283} (after the) seventh Sabbath (shall ye) number fifty days (and ye shall) offer a new meat offering (unto) YHVH.*

The Fenton Translation is the ONLY translation that seems to be honest with this evidence:

You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath that you bring the Wave-Sheaf, seven Sabbaths. They must be complete.

Then after the seventh Sabbath, you shall count fifty days, when you shall present a new offering to the Ever-Living. Leviticus 23:15-16

							1 1st Month	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
wave sheaf >	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	<1 st “Sabbath complete”
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	<2 nd complete week
							30	
							1 2nd Month	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	<3 rd complete week
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	<4 th complete week
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	<5 th complete week
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	<6 th complete week
							1 3rd Month	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	<7 th complete week
morrow after	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
7 th Sabbath	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
							30	
							1 4th Month	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Feast of Weeks/Pentecost,
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	50 days from the morrow
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	<= after the Seventh Sabbath.
								JUST like it says.

And guess what, the only wheat harvest found in Scripture is in the summer, not late spring. Click here: <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/16-QT-WhatSeasonWheatHarvested.pdf>.

Lunar Sabbatarians add the 50 days where we were told to. *From the morrow after the seventh Sabbath, shall you number 50 days.* Counting seven Sabbaths complete simply means counting seven Sabbaths. Why are you numbering the days in between?

As already proven, the new moon days are NOT numbered in the week. There will be anywhere from 2-4 new moon days during the counting of the 7 Sabbaths complete, meaning that when you get to the seventh Sabbath, it will be 51-53 days from wavesheaf. But please note, you were NOT told to number the days from wavesheaf, you were told to number the Sabbaths only. Bro. Augustus, stop adding to the text instructions that are not there! **Deuteronomy 4:2**

To this teaching we simply say, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them." Isa. 8:20. Since this lunar theology does not meet the requirements of the Law of YHWH, or the *testimony* of the prophets (the writings), it must be rejected as error. On the very face of it, the Greek word for the feast of weeks means 50—Pente-cost = "count fifty."

This feast was given in Hebrew, not Greek. The Hebrew phrase *Chag Shavuot* means Feast of Weeks, not Count 50. **Exodus 23:16, Exodus 34:18, 22; Leviticus 23:15-16 and Numbers 28:26** (the places where this feast is commanded in Scripture) is in the Torah, the LAW that was mentioned in **Isaiah 8:20**. Why would Bro. Augustus quote Isaiah then reference the New Testament?

By the way, I gave you the law and the testimony as evidence proving the real count to Pentecost. The Law reveals the count is seven Sabbaths complete, plus one day (the morrow after the seventh Sabbath), plus 50 days. The testimony of the prophets reveals that the wheat harvest in Scripture is in the summer, not late spring. The 6th day of Sivan is in the spring. As further evidence, please see this calendar study: <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/17-3WitnessCalendarCount.pdf>.

Now, who does err, not knowing the Scriptures or the power of the Almighty?

Philo Called To The Witness Stand

In their effort to bolster the position that Pentecost is over 100 days from Wave Sheaf, the following historical reference from Philo was cited for support:

"The solemn assembly on the occasion of **the festival of the sheaf** having such great privileges, is the prelude to another festival of still greater importance; for **from this day the fiftieth day is reckoned**, making up the sacred number of seven sevens, **with the addition of a unit** as a seal to the whole; and this festival, being that of the first fruits of the corn, has derived its name of Pentecost from the number of fifty, (pentekostos)." — [Book 28: Philo, The Special Laws, II, The Seventh Festival, XXX \(176\), page 584.](#)

Philo Summoned Again

TM: "**This sounds as if Pentecost is 50 days after wavesheaf, doesn't it?** Let's let Philo speak...

“In the first place, these men assemble at **the end of seven weeks**, venerating not only the simple week of seven days, but also its multiplied power, for they know it to be pure and always virgin; and it is a prelude and **a kind of forefeast of the greatest feast, which is assigned to the number fifty**, the most holy and natural of numbers, being compounded of the power of the right-angled triangle, which is the principle of the origination and condition of the whole.” [Book 34: Philo, On the Contemplative Life or Suppliants, VIII \(65\), page 704.](#)

Bro. Augustus cut me off, not finishing my commentary...and he did not underline what I had underlined when I quoted Philo. See for yourself...

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Great, greater and greatest. Wavesheaf is the great feast spoken of. From this passage it is clear that at the end of the seven weeks there was a greater feast but the greatest was yet to come, the one assigned to the number 50. Remember that 50 day count? So, does Philo see Pentecost being 50 days from wave sheaf, or 50 days from the end of the seven week count? [**End quote**]

Not being very honest with my information now is he, while I've altered neither jot nor tittle of his.

Philo The Mathematician

Note: Philo's reasons that the special Right angled triangle he discusses here, has sides in ratios of 3-4-5, whose summation is 12—the number of the 12 Zodiac signs, and the 12 tribes of Israel. He was giving a mathematical reason for the number 50, and shows that it is intrinsic to the Pythagorean Theorem for Right Triangles.

Pentecost = 50 Days From Wave Sheaf!

From the Jewish Encyclopedia, we read the following regarding Pentecost:

[Pentecost] “**Name given by the Greek-speaking Jews to the festival which occurred fifty days...after the offering of the barley sheaf during the Passover feast** (Tobit ii. 1; II Macc. xii. 32; Josephus, “Ant.” iii. 10, § 6; I Cor. xvi. 8; Philo, “De Septenario,” §21). —[Jewish Encyclopedia.com](#)

This is not Scripture nor nature; it is man commenting on the Catholic count to Pentecost.

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The Last Great Day And Lunism

“In **the last day, that great day of the feast**, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.” John 7:37

Note: “The last day” of the Feast of Tabernacles, falls on the 22nd of the seventh month, and it is a holy convocation: “on the eighth day *shall be* a Sabbath.” Lev. 23:39. [Excuse me, but it says the last day of the Feast, meaning Feast of Tabernacles, which is a seven day feast. **Leviticus 23:34, 23:36, 23:39, 23:42.** How can the eighth day be the last day of a seven day feast? Is Passover (Abib 14) the first day of Unleavened Bread (which begins on Abib 15)? No, it the day before the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the eighth day is the day AFTER the Feast of Tabernacles is over. How do I know? Simple. Israel was to dwell in booths, mini tabernacles, for seven days (**Leviticus 23:42**). Israel was not dwelling in booths on the 8th day, so the 8th day is NOT the last day of Tabernacles, the seventh day of the seven day feast is the last day.] This “Sabbath” could fall on any day of the week, depending on when the 15th day of the month fell. [The Sabbath could fall on any day of the week? The 15th day of the month is always the weekly Sabbath, meaning the 22nd is always the weekly Sabbath.] But in lunar Sabbatism, the 15th day is by default a weekly Sabbath, as well as the 22nd day of each month. Now, let’s get back to the “last...great day” in Y’shuah’s sermon: His assailants hear a sermon which watered their souls, of which they reported, “Never man spake like this man.” My heart aches to be there!

Faulty foundation, false conclusion.

Sabbath On The 23rd?

That night he retired to the hills, and in the morning filled with divine compassion, he returned to the temple and taught the people. This is now **the 23rd of the seventh month**, the day after the great day. [But the last day of Tabernacles is the 21st, not the 22nd. It begins on the 15th and is seven days long.] “1 ¶ Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. 2 And early in the morning he came again into **the temple**, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them...59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of **the temple**, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.” **John 8:1-2, 59.**

Notice that he came to “the temple” early in the morning and was there for quite some time, until the *righteous* Theologians sought to stone him, forcing his exit. But we are still on day 23rd, [actually, it is the 22nd, but I digress...] don’t lose track of time here, follow closely the sequence of the succeeding events:

Sabbath the 23rd The Blind Can **SEE**

“1 ¶ And as Y’shuah passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth. (2) And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?... (6) When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, (7) And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing...(14) And **it was the Sabbath day when Y’shuah made the clay**, and opened his eyes.” **John 9:1-2, 6-7, 14**

That's right. And according to the Greek, it was a WEEKLY Sabbath day, but it was not on the 23rd. In fact, every Sabbath that can be date identified in Scripture falls on either the 8th, 15th, 22nd or 29th days of the lunar month. http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/28-8-15-22-29_Proof.pdf

Did you notice something strange here? The day following the last "great day" is called by the beloved Disciple, "the Sabbath day!" Oops, by luni-solar calendation, this is not possible, because the Sabbath (by their reckoning) had just passed on the 22nd, why then do we find another "Sabbath day" on its heels, on the 23rd?

I was taught that the eighth day of the Feast, Tishri 22, is the last great day of Tabernacles. Scripture does not teach this however. **Leviticus 23:34-36** says that Tabernacles begins on the 15th day of the seventh month and is a **seven day feast**. **Count the days...**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
15 16 17 18 19 20 21

The 8th day was a holy convocation, a day added to the 7 day feast. The 8th day would be the 22nd day of the 7th month. The last "great" day of a SEVEN day feast is the 21st day of the 7th month. The 8th day was NOT part of Tabernacles because Israel did not have to dwell in their booths on the 8th day, **Leviticus 23:42**. It was just the day following Tabernacles no different than Passover is the day preceding Unleavened Bread. Let's see what Scripture calls the day after the last day of the seven day Feast of Tabernacles. Watch now...

8:2 – The next day (the day after the last day of Tabernacles is the 22nd of the month), Yahshua returned to the temple where another lengthy debate took place...

8:59 – ...After which Yahshua was nearly stoned, but he passed through...

9:1 – as Yahshua left the temple, He passed by a blind man....read **John 9:14**:

Now it was the Sabbath when Yahshua made the clay and opened his eyes.

This proves that the 22nd day of the 7th month was and is the weekly Sabbath, just like it says in **Leviticus 23**. Yahshua returned to the temple because it was the Sabbath. A weekly Sabbath, not an annual Sabbath. And Yahshua attested to this fact--without protest, I might add.

Yahshua, his disciples and all of Israel observed this Sabbath, not as part of the seven day feast, but as the EIGHTH day. The "eighth day" is used as a Hebrew idiom for the weekly Sabbath in some instances in Scripture.

What is complicated about this? Why do think that the last "great" day of a seven day feast is the day after the last day of the feast? There are seven cans of soda in a row. If I were to ask you to hand me the last can of soda, are you going to hand me the box of Cracker Jacks instead?



Bro. Augustus, is this the legacy you wish to leave your readers? There is always harmony in the truth.

There is no allowance for this in Scripture or history. We are constrained to say then, based on the authority of the Biblical evidence, that **the notion of a floating Sabbath (lunar Sabbath theory), exists only in the minds of those who proclaim it, and the Bible clearly does not teach it**, not in the First Testament, and certainly not in the Second Testament.

In the link on the previous page, I list all the places I am aware of that reveals the dates of the weekly Sabbaths, and in BOTH the OT and the NT, they always fall on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th days of the month. Forgive me, Bro. Augustus, but these are FIXED, not floating dates. It is not my fault that you employ a pagan/papal calendar for your Sabbaths. You certainly were not told to do so in Scripture.

Tabernacles 7 or 8 Days?

“Like the Passover, the Feast of Tabernacles was commemorative...The first day was a holy convocation, and to the seven days of the feast an **eighth day** was added, which was observed in like manner.” {PP 540.5}

“On **the eighth day** shall be an holy convocation unto you.” Lev. 23:36

“On the first day *shall be* a Sabbath, and on **the eighth day shall be** a Sabbath.” Lev. 23: 39

The first day of Tabernacles is the 15th, and it is a weekly and an annual Sabbath. And as Patriarchs and Prophets, p, 540 says above, the eighth day was observed likewise, as a weekly and annual Sabbath. Ellen White gets it. What is your problem?

A Lunar Sabbath Challenge

In trying to bring harmony to the Scriptures, Lunar-Sabbath observers suggest that the “last great day” of the feast is the 7th day, or the 21st of the month, and 8th day logically falls on the 22nd, the original weekly Sabbath. This sounds good, but is it Scripturally sound? Let’s see...

Cont...

Comparison of FOT 8th Day with Weekly Sabbath Offerings, Respectively

Weekly Sabbath, Num 29: 9-10

- 9 ¶ And on the sabbath day **two lambs** of the first year without spot, and **two tenth deals of flour** for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and the drink offering thereof:
- 10 **This is the burnt offering of every sabbath**, beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering.

8th Day of FOT, Num. 29: 35-39

- 35 On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work *therein*:
- 36 But ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto YHWH: **one bullock, one ram, seven lambs** of the first year without blemish:
- 37 Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:
- 38 And **one goat for a sin offering**; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.

Comparison

Notice that the offering for the weekly Sabbath is distinctively different from the 8th of the Feast of Tabernacles on the very basis of the offerings required for both days. The notion that the 8th day of Tabernacles is in actuality the weekly Sabbath is NOT sound doctrine, and countermands the authenticity of the Scriptures. Another contradiction to the Torah.

On the contrary. The eighth day of the seven day feast is ALSO an annual Sabbath. And the Almighty can require whatever sacrifice He wants on this day. The 15th day of the seventh month is also the weekly Sabbath, and those sacrifices are different than the regular weekly Sabbath as well, but it too is an annual Sabbath. Annual Sabbaths are SPECIAL Sabbaths, and required special offerings. This ain't rocket science.

When Is The First Month?

- “Anciently the year did not commence in midwinter, as now, but **at the first new moon after the vernal equinox**. Therefore, as the period of 2300 days was begun in a year reckoned by the ancient method, it was considered necessary to conform to that method to its close.” EG White, *The Great Controversy*, 1888 Ed, Notes, p. 681.

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27 	28 	29 	30 	31 		

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I hate to break it to you, but Ellen White did not write this. Some SDA (and Messianic) feast-keepers say that the New Year begins with the new moon AFTER the vernal equinox, a statement also made in the appendix of *Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 4, 1884 edition, p. 497* and *Great Controversy, 1888 edition, p. 681*. I respect Mrs. White for the things she was shown, but she did not write the appendices found in these two books. In fact this comment is no longer included in the newer editions of the Great Controversy because the New Moon after the equinox bit is not true, but the damage has been done.

Here are three quotes (3 witnesses) from EGW that shows when SHE knew Passover would occur.

At least she is consistent. Here is another quote from 1896: “The feast was held near the close of March or the beginning of April. This was springtime in Palestine, and the whole land was bright with flowers, and glad with the song of birds.” *Story of Jesus, p. 31*.

“...The time of the Passover corresponded to the close of March or the beginning of April, and the whole land was bright with flowers, and glad with the song of birds. All along the way were spots memorable in the history of Israel, and fathers and mothers recounted to their children the wonders that God had wrought for His people in ages past. They beguiled their journey with song and music, and when at last the towers of Jerusalem came into view, every voice joined in the triumphant strain.”
Desire of Ages, p. 75

“The first of these festivals, the Passover, the feast of unleavened bread, occurred in Abib, the first month of the Jewish year, corresponding to the last of March and the beginning of April. The cold of winter was past, the latter rain had ended, and all nature rejoiced in the freshness and beauty of the springtime. The grass was green on the hills and valleys, and wild flowers everywhere brightened the fields. The moon, now approaching the full, made the evenings delightful.” *Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 537*

Notice that Ellen White offers NO evidence that Passover can take place as late in the pagan months of april or early may. Notice that she does not say that the month of Abib began in late march or early april, she said **Passover** (Abib 14) would be in late march or early april, which means that the month would have begun two weeks previous, which means that the first new moon could very well be **before** the vernal equinox. Is it possible to misunderstand these very clear statements?

Nature proves that the new moon nearest the Spring Equinox announces the new year, not always the new moon after, and Sister White agrees. The ONLY way for Passover to be late in the pagan months of march to early april is if you start the new lunar-solar year at the new moon nearest the spring equinox (+/- march 21). Nature is the first gospel. All nature screams the majesty of YHVH.

“There is no excuse for anyone in taking the position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that all our [SDA] expositions of Scripture are without an error. The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many ears by our [SDA] people, is not a proof that our [SDA] ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth, and truth can afford to be fair. No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation.” *Review and Herald, 12-20-1892*

The First Month, Cont...

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 E.G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 537

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

This is really rather amazing. Bro. Augustus actually QUOTES Ellen White when she says that Passover is at the end of march or early april, but apparently does not believe her, rather espousing the appendix which she did NOT write. Absolutely amazing!

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- “The Jewish Passover usually falls on **the first full moon after the Northern Hemisphere vernal equinox.**” [The Internet’s Public Files.](#)
- “Passover, or *Pesach*, begins **during the full moon in the first month of the year,** namely on the 14th day of Nisan.” [Hebrew For Christians.](#)

Oct 2011

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Quite frankly, The Internet’s Public Files and Hebrew for Christians are not an authoritative source. They disagree with Scripture, nature and Ellen White, so I have no qualms discounting these quotes as the vain observations of carnal men.

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- In September, the Autumnal equinox occurs on the 22nd or 23rd, and the moon which guides our count to the Biblical 7th month is that moon which occurs *on or after the equinox*, similar to the computation in the Spring for the 1st month. This being true, notice the new moon in September of 2011 in the accompanying graphic (right). The new moon falls on September 28th, which is **after** the Autumn equinox; hence, we must use this new moon, in order to correctly calculate the dates for Trumpets, Day of Atonement and the eight-day festival of Tabernacles, respectively.

Sept 2011

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25	26	27	28	29	30	

There is no reference here, so I can only assume this Power Point slide is Garrick Augustus speaking.

In 2011, the New Moon nearest the Spring Equinox was on 4-3-2011 (as shown below), meaning that the observation in the above slide is correct. However, this has no bearing on what Bro. Augustus is trying to prove either above or below...

2011 Lunar (Moon) Phases

2011 Phases of the Moon Universal Time

New Moon			First Quarter			Full Moon			Last Quarter		
d	h	m	d	h	m	d	h	m	d	h	m
Jan	4	9	03	Jan	12	11	31	Jan	19	21	21
Feb	3	2	31	Feb	11	7	18	Feb	18	8	36
Mar	4	20	46	Mar	12	23	45	Mar	19	18	10
Apr	3	14	32	Apr	11	12	05	Apr	18	2	44
May	3	6	51	May	10	20	33	May	17	11	09
Jun	1	21	03	Jun	9	2	11	Jun	15	20	14
Jul	1	8	54	Jul	8	6	29	Jul	15	6	40
Jul	30	18	40	Aug	6	11	08	Aug	13	18	57
Aug	29	3	04	Sep	4	17	39	Sep	12	9	27
Sep	27	11	09	Oct	4	3	15	Oct	12	2	06
Oct	26	19	56	Nov	2	16	38	Nov	10	20	16
Nov	25	6	10	Dec	2	9	52	Dec	10	14	36
Dec	24	18	06								

October 22nd, 1844 Vindicated

1844 Phases of the Moon Universal Time

New Moon			First Quarter			Full Moon			Last Quarter						
d	h	m	d	h	m	d	h	m	d	h	m				
						Jan	5	17	34	Jan	12	21	32		
Jan	19	18	18	Jan	27	12	31	Feb	4	8	43	Feb	11	5	22
Feb	18	8	45	Feb	26	9	58	Mar	4	21	02	Mar	11	13	20
Mar	19	0	17	Mar	27	5	02	Apr	3	6	58	Apr	9	22	09
Apr	17	16	32	Apr	25	20	17	May	2	15	17	May	9	8	23
May	17	8	53	May	25	7	30	May	31	22	47	Jun	7	20	29
Jun	16	0	26	Jun	23	15	25	Jun	30	6	17	Jul	7	10	50
Jul	15	14	23	Jul	22	21	13	Jul	29	14	34	Aug	6	3	26
Aug	14	2	32	Aug	21	2	16	Aug	28	0	34	Sep	4	21	43
Sep	12	13	17	Sep	19	7	52	Sep	26	13	14	Oct	4	16	29
Oct	11	23	25	Oct	18	15	16	Oct	26	5	05	Nov	3	10	19
Nov	10	9	37	Nov	17	1	31	Nov	24	23	42	Dec	3	2	08

October 22, 1844, is far from vindicated. More evidence coming.

March fell on the 19th, which is **before** the Vernal equinox. Guided by the counsels given above, they could not have used the 19th, but instead added a 13th month to the calendar, Adar-II, whose new moon fell on April 17th. This becomes the first day of the lunar month in computing the Passover. Counting fourteen days to the Passover of 1844, takes us to April 30th; hence the week of Unleavened Bread lasted thru May 7th. *Note: Passover will be celebrated from the evening of April 30th, thru the evening of May 1st, Biblical time.*

Guided by the authority of Ellen White, the first month of Abib began on or about 3-19-1844. Sister Ellen said that Passover fell in late march to early april. If the first day of Abib was 4-17-1844, then Passover would have been 4-30-1844, rather well OUT of the range she gave, don't you think?

Bro. Augustus, if you are going to use someone as a reference, Ellen White in this instance, it behooves you to actually KNOW what she says about the subject, and at the same time your assumptions need to cease. You are doing to her writings what you are doing to Scripture—adding your own doctrine, forcing your own understanding upon the given text.

The Fall Feasts of 1844

As with the reasoning given for the Spring festivals, based on the 1844 New Moon Calendar given on page-3 (above), we realize that the new moon in September fell on the 12th, well ahead of the 21st. The lunar-solar method compels us then to look for the next new moon, which fell on October 12th (Notice that the 12th began at sunset of that day, whereas the new moon occurred at 23:25, or 11:25 pm our time. With this as our reference point, we can safely count ten days to Atonement, and arrive at October 21st. As noted before, the celebration will spread from sunset October 21st thru sunset October 22nd, 1844.

In 1844, the spring equinox occurred on 3-20. The nearest new moon was 3-19-1844, the day before. Some SDA feast keepers demand that Passover that year had to have been announced by the following new moon as the new moon on 3-19 occurred BEFORE the Vernal Equinox. Nature, however, does not agree. If Passover (linked to the barley harvest) was counted from the next new moon, then the barley harvest could not have been before 5-4-1844. If you will examine this VERY carefully, you will learn that the beginning of the barley harvest does not start that late in the year. This harvest begins late in the pagan months of march or early april. **Nature does not lie!**

The appendices in question should have read that the new year was announced by the new moon nearest the spring equinox. Nature would have supported such a statement. It is because SDAs forced the beginning of the year off by an additional month that Day of Atonement was so late in 1844, which forced another harvest (the fall harvest) to also be out of season with nature. How many squash, pumpkins, melons, corn and potatoes are harvested from 10-27 to 11-3? This is when the Feast of Tabernacles (a.k.a. Feast of Final Harvest) would have been observed in 1844.

Interestingly enough, the only way to get to 10-22-1844 as the 10th day of that lunar month is to count 10-13 as the first day of the month. So our Adventist pioneers had the right day as new moon; they did not use the pagan first visible crescent, which is the New Moon here employed by Bro. Augustus.

Note: It was not Ellen White, it was Sam Snow who claimed that 10-22-1844 was the Karaite Day of Atonement, a claim the Karaites unequivocally deny.

“SNOW, SAMUEL S. (1806-1870). A Congregationalist, then a skeptic, later a Millerite minister; initiator of the ‘seventh-month movement.’ Beginning with an article written Feb. 16, 1843, he emphasized the tenth day of the Jewish seventh month, *Tishri*, the Jewish Day of Atonement, as the true ending date of the prophetic 2300 years. Later he set forth the specific day as Oct. 22, 1844, our calendar equivalent of the tenth day of the seventh month in that year according to the old Karaite Jewish calendar. At first there was but little interest or response, but when Snow preached on July 21 in the large Boston Tabernacle on the text, ‘Behold, the bridegroom cometh [on the tenth day of the seventh month]; go ye out to meet him,’ some began to be roused. *The Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia, Vol. 10, p. 1357*

“Samuel S. Snow had arrived on the camp ground. Hardly had he dismounted from his panting horse than word got around that here was a man with a message. Snow strode to the platform and expounded his view, based on the reckoning of the Karaite Jews, that the 2300 day-years of Daniel 8:14 would actually end on October 22, 1844. The camp meeting was electrified.” **Paul A. Gordon & James R. Nix, for the Ellen G. White Estate, in *The Footsteps of the Pioneers***

“From March 22, until October 22, 1844, S. S. Snow, *gradually gaining a mighty influence over all Adventists,* ... claimed the Father had revealed to him that the 22nd of October, 1844, was the definite date of Christ’s coming to exchange the righteous and to destroy the wicked. ... That the great date of delivery was the jubilee year of the *Atonement Day.* (The fact) that this jubilee year was still years in the future, and that the Jewish Day of Atonement was on the 23rd day of September, did not matter to him. *In order to gain time,* he adopted the reckoning of the Karaites.” — ***The Foundation of the SDA Denomination,* by L. R. Conradi, p. 68, written in 1939.**

The problem is that in 1844, the Karaites recorded that Day of Atonement fell on 9-23, not 10-22.

Note: The Karaites also use the Babylonian method to determine the new moon, counting from the first visible crescent. The Scriptural/natural method (which the early SDA pioneer’s actually employed as proven above) is to count from the dark of the moon. Click here to further examine the evidence: <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/25-FirstVisibleCrescentMonth.pdf>.

Former SDA, E. S. Ballenger learned the truth in the response to his letter to the Karaites. He wrote: “Oct. 22, 1844 has been a crucial time with S. D. A.’s since their pioneers fixed upon it for the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ; and they still stand tenaciously for this date in spite of all facts to the contrary. The Day of Atonement fell on Sept. 23, in 1844 instead of Oct. 22. This can be easily demonstrated by consulting any Jewish almanac of that time, or any orthodox Jewish authority. They celebrate the Day of Atonement in 1844 on Sept.23.

“The defenders of the [SDA] creed declare that while the orthodox Jews may have celebrated the Day of Atonement on Sept. 23, the Karaite Jews observed it on Oct 22. We have made careful investigation, and we find that this is a false claim. The leading Karaite rabbi of Cairo, Egypt, Youseff Ibrahim Marzork, in reply to an inquiry as to the day on which they celebrated the atonement in 1844, wrote:

“...I inform you that the sacred days of the Karaite are the same as those of the Rabbinical Jews except that their dates may differ by one day before or after. ...As to the dates of the Passover and Yom Kippur they are the following:— According to the Karaite Jews in the year 1843 the Yom Kippur is on Wednesday the 4th October, and just the same date according to the Rabinnical. In the year 1844 it is on Monday 23rd September for the Karaite and Rabinnical.” ***The Gathering Call* by E. S. Ballenger, May-June 1941, pp. 14-15.**

Note: I would like to ask the early Seventh-day Adventist pioneers why they did not go to the Karaites for documentation to verify Snow's claim as was done by Ballenger in 1941? If they had, they would have severely lessened the scrutiny and criticism they have faced since that time.

There are others who have done the homework that SDA pioneers/researchers should have done:

“Writing to the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City, I learned some very surprising things. The Day of Atonement in 1843 occurred on Wednesday, October 4th. In 1844, the Day of Atonement occurred on Monday, September 23rd. I have the letter from the Seminary on file as proof. Anyone can check it out if they want to by paying me a visit, or writing to the Seminary themselves” — *The General Conference News-letter, September, 1980, by Donald E. Mote.*

“In 1994 I spoke with Indiana's Purdue University professor Prohofsky of the Hillel Foundation of the B'nai Brith concerning the date of the Day of Atonement in 1844. Professor Prohofsky verified the September 23 date through the Inter Lauch computer and stated that the Day of Atonement has never occurred so late in the year as October 22.” — **Conversation with Robert K. Sanders, Lafayette, Indiana, in November, 1994.**

That is correct. NEVER can the Day of Atonement be that late in the year. Do you want to know why? If Day of Atonement is on 10-22, then Tabernacles (also called the Feast of Final Harvest) would be from 10-27 to 11-2-1844, the 8th day being the 3rd of November. How many crops are being harvested in November? Each of the feasts was centered on a specific harvest season. Passover-Unleavened Bread was centered on the barley harvest. Pentecost was all about the summer wheat harvest. And Tabernacles occurred as the final harvest of melons, squash, pumpkins, corn and other vegetables were harvested.

There is always harmony in the truth. All nature screams the majesty of YHVH. Nature does not lie, men do.

Hold Fast To “Sound” Doctrine

2Ti 1:13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

Heb 3:6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

Paul was in reference to holding fast to the truth, not the fables taught by men. And no matter who you slice it, what Garrick Augustus has presented here is little more than lies, half truths, fables and the vain doctrines of carnal men. In essence, Bro. Augustus has merely repeated what he was told. He presented the traditions handed down to him as if it were the truth from on High without so much as proving all things and holding fast that which is good. He did not study to show himself approved; he did not try the spirits to see whether they were from Elohim. He **repeated the tradition of men**, just as I predicted!

And, no, I'm not a prophet. I've just answered too many anti-Lunar Sabbath studies to not know what I'm up against.

End: Questions And Commentary

The End. Questions and Commentary

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(Hand raised) Oh, oh, pick me...

Yes, thank you. I have four questions.

1. Where in Scripture does it say that saturday is the weekly Sabbath?
2. Where in Scripture does it say that the weekly Sabbath is the seventh day of a repeating seven day cycle?
3. Why did you not give us these texts anywhere in the body of your study above?
4. Wasn't that what you were trying to prove?

This is actually not the end, as there is another section below, but I shall sign off for now and pick up the rebuttal below.

Respectfully submitted,

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2 Tim. 2: 14-16

Make Your Study Approved Of YHWH

14 ¶ Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they **strive not about words to no profit**, *but* to the subverting of the hearers.

15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

2 Tim. 3: 14-17

The Bible Is A Gift From YHWH

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;

15 And that from a child thou hast known **the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus**.

16 **All scripture** *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, **thoroughly (sic) furnished** unto all good works

Agreed.

Philo and The Lunar Sabbath

Lunism places much stock in extra biblical sources and calendars, all of which are non-credible sources, in an effort to either establish doctrine, or to subvert faith in the Bible. Much has been made of Philo, Josephus, and other Jewish historians, in an effort to either weaken confidence in the Scriptures, or to otherwise seek to lend support to their non-biblical theology. This will be made plain in the ensuing slides.

No, we don't place an inordinate amount of stock in extra Scriptural sources. It is only because men like Garrick Augustus do not believe what Scripture actually SAYS about the Sabbath and the calendar established at Creation that we are forced to go to respected sources that verify what we have found in Scripture.

For instance, Lunar Sabbatarians can tell from Scripture and nature that it is the nearest New Moon to the spring equinox (not always the one after) that is the beginning of the first Hebrew month. How do we know? Easy. Exodus 12:2 says this:

This chodesh [New Moon] shall be unto you the beginning of chodeshim [months]: it shall be the first chodesh [New Moon] of the year to you.

Nature explains this. The first visible crescent of the first month of the new year looks like this:



The tips of the horns are level, making a perfect smiley face. The year begins ONE time a year (duh!). The months are lunar events in Scripture. This moon is seen ONE time a year, and only happens at the beginning of the month nearest the spring equinox. The above shaped moon is the one that YHVH was pointing out to Moses and Aaron in **Exodus 12:2**.

Nature corroborates this. Every year since 2003 or 2004 that I have been watching this bowl shaped moon, within days of this moon being seen in the heavens, they announce ripe barley has been found in Israel. Passover/Unleavened Bread is predicated upon the barley harvest. When ripe barley is found, you don't wait until the beginning of the following month and hold wave sheaf 6 weeks later; wavesheaf will be in about 2 weeks.

Because men like Garrick Augustus refuse to accept this as evidence, we are "forced" to trot out the three quotes from Ellen White (pp 35-36 above) that corroborate what we learned in Scripture and verified by nature. We don't need the Ellen White quotes in order to accept the truth; these quotes are necessary because of the non-belief of the nay-sayers. We don't need any of the quotes from Philo, Josephus, the Essenes, Clement of Alexandria, or the many modern scholarly quotes from various encyclopedias and dictionaries. And we do not place any undo importance upon them. They simply verify what we have already found in Scripture and force nay-sayers to show their hand, to reveal to heaven and the on-looking universe their ignorance and rebellion as they quash truth for fables.

It is the ignorance of men like Garrick Augustus that causes them to present their traditional beliefs as truth. Historians who lived near or during NT times corroborate Israel's Lunar Sabbath, and later historians agree. It is not our fault that they did not write that Saturday is the Sabbath of Scripture. They did not because it IS not.

I have used the word ignorant several times in the same sentence with Garrick Augustus name. This is not meant as an insult. He is not stupid. Ignorance is not permanent and is easily removed with something called "the truth of the matter." Bro. Augustus is ignorant ONLY because he has not thought to examine the evidence, rather he is so fearful of being wrong that all he can do is repeat his traditions as evidence. As I said earlier, the truth has no fear of close scrutiny, because if the truth is examined thoroughly, it still remains the truth. Error must fear close scrutiny because a thorough examination will expose it as fraudulent. Bro. Augustus merely finds himself on the wrong side of this argument. He has presented no evidence to support Saturday as the Sabbath because he has none, only his traditions. He has presented no inconclusive evidence against the Lunar Sabbath for the same reason, he has none.

Did Philo Really Say That?

"The fourth commandment has reference to the sacred seventh day, that it may be passed in a sacred and holy manner. **Now some states keep the holy festival only once in the month, counting from the new moon, as a day sacred to God; but the nation of the Jews keep every seventh day regularly, after each interval of six days;**... for the sacred historian says, that the world was created in six days, and that on the seventh day God desisted from his works, and began to contemplate what he had so beautifully created." <http://ecmarsh.com/crl/philo/book26.htm>, Book 26: Philo, The Decalogue, Yonge's title, *A Treatise Concerning the Ten Commandments, Which Are the Heads of the Law*.

Breaking Down Philo's Comment

The fourth commandment deals with the sacred seventh day, that it should be observed in a reverent and religious manner.

While **some [non-Jewish] states** celebrate this day as a **feast once a month**, reckoning it from the commencement as shown by the moon,

the Jewish nation never ceases to do so [**observe the sacred seventh day**] at continuous intervals **with six days between each**.

So...Philo Said Much!

Philo clearly stated several poignant things:

1. **"Some States" (which are not Jewish), take one day off each month, while Jews take one day off in each 7 day cycle.**
2. **"Some States" (who are not Jewish), reckon this by the moon, Jews do not reckon theirs by the moon.**
3. **Thus, Jews have **SIX DAYS** between each Sabbath!**

Don't get your hopes up Bro. Augustus. Philo qualified what he said in this sentence, "that the world was created in six days, and that on the seventh day God desisted from his works, and began to contemplate what he had so beautifully created." The 6 days counted between Sabbaths are work days.

And as painstakingly presented above, a work week (which is what Philo is referring to) consists of 6 working days and a Sabbath. New Moon days are neither work days nor weekly Sabbaths, so they are NOT week days, so they would not be counted as one of the six work days between Sabbaths.

Also, Philo is not found in the Hebrew canon. So even if Philo WAS (he wasn't) saying that there are only 6 days between each Sabbath, while his theory could conceivably contradict Scripture, it cannot undo or change Scripture. Any man (Philo, Garrick Augustus, Troy Miller, etc) who writes in support of the pagan/papal calendar week rather than the Scriptural week is a false teacher, at least in that area.

Philo On The Sabbath

“In the next place Moses commands the people to leave the land fallow and untilled every seventh year, for many reasons; first of all, that they may honour **the number seven**, or each period of days, and months, and years; for **every seventh day is sacred, which is called by the Hebrews the Sabbath.**” *Book 28: Philo, The Special Laws, II ;*

http://ecmarsh.com/crl/philo/book28.htm?zoom_highlight=%22every+seventh+day+is+sacred%22

Seventh day of what, Bro. Garrick? The Land Sabbath cycle is interrupted by the Year of Jubilee every 50th year, which means that Philo meant that every seventh day of THE WEEK was sacred, not every seventh day in succession. Neither Philo nor Scripture says that the Sabbath is every seventh day in an unbroken cycle; but it is always the seventh day of the week.

Lunism Objection to 8th day of FOT

Lunar Sabbatarians object to the Feast of Tabernacles being 8 days, on the ground that the last great day, the 8th, was actually the recurrence of the weekly Sabbath on the 22nd of the 7th month.

“In **the last day, that great day** of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of **living water.**” John 7:37-38

We object to the Feast of Tabernacles being 8 days long because Scripture says it is only 7 days long.

*Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto YHVH. **Leviticus 23:34***

*Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto YHVH seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. **Leviticus 23:39***

And ye shall keep it a feast unto YHVH seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

*Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: **Leviticus 23:41-42***

Bro. Garrick, one must ask why YOU don't object to the idea of Tabernacles being 8 days long?

Reviewing John Chap. 7

2 Now the Jews' **feast of tabernacles was at hand**.

8 Go ye up unto **this feast**: I go not up yet unto **this feast**; for my time is not yet full come.

10 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto **the feast**, not openly, but as it were in secret.

11 Then the Jews sought him at **the feast**, and said, Where is he?

14 ¶ Now about **the midst of the feast** Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.

21 Jesus answered and said unto them, **I have done one work**, and ye all marvel.

23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because **I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?**

John 7 Analysis, Cont'd:

Christ entered the Feast of Tabernacles at "**about the midst of the feast** ." This is between 3 and 4 days into the festival.

This day was the Sabbath, during which he challenged their reasoning thusly: "are ye angry at me, because **I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?**"

This is a reference to the man Y'shuah had healed on the Sabbath in John 5:9-16 because it was from that time on that "the Jews" sought to slay him. The Sabbath in reference was NOT in the midst of the Feast of Tabernacles and I think everyone reading this knows it. During this particular feast, what man had he healed on the Sabbath and where the record of any healing that was performed? The only record of healing a man on the Sabbath is in John 5:9 and John 9:14, before and after the feast in question.

There is nothing new here that was not presented above regarding this particular passage; and there is nothing more I can add to it. Bro. Augustus does simply does err, not knowing the Scriptures. The Feast of Tabernacles is a 7 day feast. The day after the last great day of Tabernacles was over was called the 8th day.

Here is evidence that "the Sabbath day" fell during the "midst" of the feast!!!

Where? Garrick has not shown us one, and I can't find one. Can you?

In Lunism, this is not possible, because the 15th was already the Sabbath, and the next Sabbath is, by their reckoning, scheduled for the 22nd, yet in "the midst" of the feast (**sometime between the 17th and the 18th of the 7th month**), the weekly "Sabbath" occurred! This does not bode well for Lunar Sabbath theology, because it **squeezes** a 7th day Sabbath between the 15th and 22nd of the month!

That is not what the verse in question says, and I think you, the ladies and gentlemen of the jury, will admit as much.

Lunism further teaches that the last great day, the 22nd, is the recurrence of the 7th day Sabbath!!!

No, we don't. Lunar Sabbatarians recognize the 21st day of the seventh month as the last great day of the seven day feast that begins on the 15th. Bro. Garrick, please do not put words in our mouths. If we falsely present anything, feel free to hold our feet to the fire. Please do not take us to task for presenting what Scripture teaches.

By this analysis, and the Scriptural evidence supplied in John 7, we see 4 – 5 days between 2 weekly Sabbaths, rather than the biblical rhythm of **six days work, and one day rest**, as prescribed in Ex. 16: 25-26; Cont...

Create a false scenario then present a false conclusion. This is not an example of how to rightly divide the Word of Yah or a good way to garner any recognition as a student of the Word. We do not divide the Word in this manner.

Six Days Work, One Day Rest

“And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day *is* a Sabbath unto YHWH: to day ye shall not find it in the field. **Six days ye shall gather it**; but on the seventh day, *which is* the Sabbath, **in it there shall be none.**” Ex. 16: 25-26.

This unbroken chain continued for “**forty years**”! Ex. 16:35.

And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan. Exodus 16:35

That’s odd, this verse says that Israel ate manna for 40 years, but it does not say anything about an unbroken chain of week days. Adding to Torah again, Bro. Augustus? **Deuteronomy 4:2**

Remember when I said that Bro. Augustus would slide into desperation in order to present satyrday as the Sabbath? This is another perfect example in a long line of perfect examples of him doing just as I predicted. He is so desperate that adding to the Torah does not paralyze him with fear, and it should.

Philo on 8th Day FOT

“Again, the beginning of this festival [Tabernacles] is appointed for the fifteenth day of the month, on account of the reason which has already been mentioned respecting the spring season, also that the world may be full, not by day only but also by night, of the most beautiful light, the sun and moon on their rising opposite to one another with uninterrupted light, without any darkness interposing itself between so as to divide them. **And after the festival has lasted seven days, he adds an eighth as a seal, calling it a kind of crowning feast, not only as it would seem to this festival, but also to all the feasts of the year which we have enumerated**; for it is the last feast of the year, and is a very stable and holy sort of conclusion, befitting men who have now received all the produce from the land, and who are no longer in perplexity and apprehension respecting any barrenness or scarcity.” *Book 28: Philo, The Special Laws, II* ;
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And Philo admits that the festival lasted seven days. The 8th day was added. Do you suppose that Philo was so naïve as to believe that the last day of a seven day feast is the 8th day? Philo does not call the 8th day of the Feast of Tabernacles “the last great day” because he knew better. Bro. Augustus should know better as well, but the only way for him to defend satyrday as the weekly Sabbath is to misrepresent what Scripture actually teaches.

Not something I would want on my résumé come judgment day.

The Biblical Case for FOT; Lev. 23

33 ¶ And YHWH spake unto Moses, saying,
 34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, **The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto YHWH.**
 35 On the first day *shall be* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.
 36 **Seven days** ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto YHWH: **on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you**; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto YHWH: *it is* a solemn assembly; *and* ye shall do **no servile work therein**.
 37 These *are* the feasts of YHWH, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto YHWH, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:
 39 Also **in the fifteenth day of the seventh month**, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall **keep a feast unto YHWH seven days**: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and **on the eighth day shall be** a sabbath.
 42 Ye shall **dwell in booths seven days**; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:
 43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I *am* YHWH your God.

All of these verses that proclaim that Tabernacles is a seven day feast. Obviously Bro. Augustus KNOWS it is a seven day feast, but he has no argument in his defense of satyrday unless he assumes that the 8th day is the last day of the seven day feast. This is a double sided sword, because acknowledging the truth of the matter is also an admission that Lunar Sabbatarians have rightly divided the Word.

Satyrday Sabbatarians simply cannot go around admitting that Lunar Sabbatarians have rightly interpreted Scripture (even when we have) as this would cause the satyrday Sabbatarian presenting the argument to lose the favor of those they represent or hope to impress. And how is this pleasing to the Almighty? Bro Augustus, I will again ask you; do you want to DO right or BE right? I want to DO right, which means admitting when I'm wrong and embracing the truth.

Num. 29:35-38; The 8th Day Offering

35 On **the eighth day** ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work *therein*:
 36 But ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto YHWH: **one bullock, one ram, seven lambs** of the first year without blemish:
 37 Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:
 38 And **one goat** for a sin offering; beside the **continual burnt offering**, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.

The sacrifices required on the 8th day of Tabernacles.

Num. 28:9-10; The 7th Day Offering

9 ¶ And on the sabbath day **two lambs** of the first year without spot, and two tenth deals of flour *for* a meat offering, mingled with oil, and the drink offering thereof:
 10 *This is* the burnt offering of **every sabbath**, beside the **continual burnt offering**, and his drink offering.

The sacrifices required on the weekly Sabbath.

Bro. Garrick has not said what his intended purpose for all this is, so I'm going to let the cat out of the bag. He's trying to say that the 8th day of Tabernacles cannot be the weekly Sabbath because the sacrifices required on that day were different than those required on the weekly Sabbath.

After all of the feasts had been listed in **Leviticus 23**, Moses says something very interesting...

These are the feasts of YHVH, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto YHVH, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:

*Beside the sabbaths of YHVH, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto YHVH. **Leviticus 23:37-38***

BESIDES your regular sacrifices and offerings given on the Sabbath, and besides your regular gifts, vows and freewill offerings, you will ALSO offer the sacrifices required for these particular feast days. Meaning that BOTH sets of offerings were to be offered on these special days. Meaning that Bro. Garrick wasted his breath setting up his argument above, and is about to continue to waste his breath below...

Num. 28:2-4:

The Continual [Daily] Burnt Offering

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My offering, *and* my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, *for* a sweet savour unto me, shall **ye observe to offer unto me in their due season.**

3 And thou shalt say unto them, This *is* the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto YHWH; **two lambs** of the first year without spot day by day, *for* a continual burnt offering.

4 The one lamb shalt thou **offer in the morning**, and the other lamb shalt thou **offer at even**;

Offerings for FOT; Num. 29: 12-40

No.	Bullocks	Rams	Lambs	Kids	Daily Offering (lambs)
1	13	2	14	1	2
2	12	2	14	1	2
3	11	2	14	1	2
4	10	2	14	1	2
5	9	2	14	1	2
6	8	2	14	1	2
7	7	2	14	1	2
8	1	1	7	1	2

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Offerings for Sabbath; Num. 28: 9-10

Day	Bullocks	Rams	Lambs	Kid	Daily Offering (lambs)
Every Sabbath		0	2		2

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FOT 1st & 8th Days VS. 7th Day Sabbath

Day	Bullocks	Rams	Lambs	Kid	Daily Offering (lambs)
Every Sabbath	0	0	2	0	2
1 st Day of FOT	13	2	14	1	2
8 th Day of FOT	1	1	7	1	2

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The Math Test: Let the Numbers Minister To You.

On the 7th Day Sabbath there are **2 lambs** offered plus 2 lambs “for a continual burnt offering.” Num . 28: 3. **A total of 4 lambs** for sacrificing, this is for “**every** Sabbath.” Num. 28:10.

On the 8th Day of Tabernacles there are **12** animals for the festival, plus 2 lambs “for a continual burnt offering.” Num . 28: 3. **A total of 14 animals** for the 8th day of Tabernacles.

During the Feast of Tabernacles, when the 15th and 22nd day, respectively, falls on the weekly Sabbath, there will be a simple addition of **2 lambs**, to fulfill the requirements for the 7th day Sabbath offering.

Note that there are **NO RAMS** offered on a non-high day Sabbath!

The 1st Day of Tabernacles and the 8th Day each has different numbers of Offerings, a difference of 20!

And did Bro. Augustus recognize **Leviticus 23:37-38** as I did on the top of p. 50 above? No. That means one of two things; he is either attempting to deliberately mislead you or he is once again showing his ignorance of the subject he is presenting.

Passover VS. Tabernacles

Like Tabernacles, Passover is a week-long festival, with one exception:

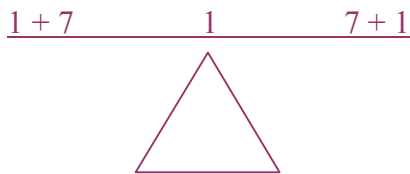
- The Bible no where states that the 8th day following the 21st of the Paschal week, is the weekly seventh-day Sabbath, contrary to Lunism.
- Lunism teaches that the 8th day from the commencement of FOT is actually not a festal day, but in fact, is the weekly Sabbath, for which reason it is called the “great day.”

There is a reason for this. First of all, Garrick is comparing apples and oranges. Passover/Unleavened Bread is a 1 + 7 day event (1 day of Passover, 7 days of Unleavened Bread), Tabernacles is a 7 + 1 day event (7 days of Tabernacles plus 1 extra day). Again, Lunar Sabbatharians who have been at it for a while do not call the 8th day of Tabernacles the last great day. The last day of a seven day feast that begins on the 15th is the 21st. Once Lunar Sabbath keepers refigure their math, they recognize their previous error and reject the notion that the last great day of a seven day feast is the 8th day.

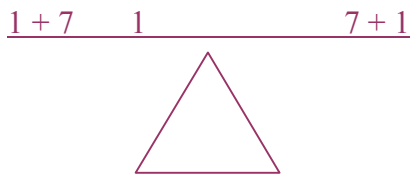
The day after Unleavened Bread is the 22nd day of the month, and since the 15th is a named Sabbath this month, the 22nd is also a Sabbath by default. Likewise, the 15th day of the seventh month is called the Sabbath, meaning that the 22nd day of the seventh month is also the Sabbath by default, the ONLY difference here is that Leviticus 23 actually calls the 8th day of Tabernacles a Sabbath. Friends, everyone knows that if the 22nd day of the month is a Sabbath, so is the 15th—and vice versa. Looks like this for both the festivals of the first month AND the seventh month...

New Moon Days	First Week Day	Second Week Day	Third Week Day	Fourth Week Day	Fifth Week Day	Sixth Week Day	Seventh Week Day
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Passover is a day in addition to the seven days of Unleavened Bread; the 8th day is a day in addition to the seven days of Tabernacles, which is as it should be. If you create a model for all the feasts in the year it looks like this.



Perfect balance and harmony. This is another reason that Pentecost is the 29th day of the 4th month rather than the 6th day of the third month; otherwise the model would look like this...



...which tips the scale off balance wrecking the perfect harmony of the feasts and harvest seasons.

Jubilees 6: 32-38

And command thou the children of Israel that they observe the years according to this reckoning- three hundred and sixty-four days, and (these) will constitute a complete year, and they will not disturb its time from its days and from its feasts; for everything will fall out in them according to their testimony, and they will not leave out any day nor disturb any feasts.

But if they do neglect and do not observe them according to His commandment, then they will disturb all their seasons and the years will be dislodged from this (order), [and they will disturb the seasons and the years will be dislodged] and they will neglect their ordinances.

And all the children of Israel will forget and will not find the path of the years, and will forget the new moons, and seasons, and sabbaths and they will go wrong as to all the order of the years.

For I know and from henceforth will I declare it unto thee, and it is not of my own devising; **for the book (lies) written before me, and on the heavenly tablets the division of days is ordained, lest they forget the feasts of the covenant and walk according to the feasts of the Gentiles after their error and after their ignorance.**

For there will be those who will assuredly make observations of the moon -how (it) disturbs the seasons and comes in from year to year ten days too soon.

For this reason the years will come upon them when they will disturb (the order), and make an abominable (day) the day of testimony, and an unclean day a feast day, and they will confound all the days, the holy with the unclean, and the unclean day with the holy; for they will go wrong as to the months and sabbaths and feasts and jubilees.

For this reason I command and testify to thee that thou mayst (sic) testify to them; for after thy death thy children will disturb (them), so that they will not make the year three hundred and sixty-four days only, and for this reason they will go wrong as to the new moons and seasons and sabbaths and festivals, and they will eat all kinds of blood with all kinds of flesh. ; Jubilees, Chapter 6:32-38; or <http://www.pseudepigrapha.com/jubilees/6.htm>

There are reasons why the Book of Jubilees is not in the Hebrew canon. This is a good example. This is contradictory to the year originally described in Scripture.

In Scripture, the months ALL used to be 30 days in length, for a total of a 360 lunar/solar year. In fact, all timed prophecies are based on a 360 day year. The luni-solar year was originally 360 days long. Twelve 30 day months = 360 day year. There is evidence for this in Scripture. **Genesis 7:11** says that the flood began on the 17th day of the second month. **Genesis 8:4** says the water prevailed upon the face of the earth until the 17th day of the seventh month. That is 5 months of days. **Genesis 7:24** and **8:3** say that the water prevailed upon the earth for 150 days. 150 divided by 5 = 30. So there were 5 consecutive 30 day months in Scripture, which is not possible with the current relationship between the earth and moon. So, we have solid Scriptural proof that the months were all originally 30 days in length. The lunar cycle is now 29.5 days rather than 30 day in length, which equates to some months being 29 days long, some being 30 days long. After a great cataclysm in the cosmos in the 7th-8th century B.C. the moon is a half day (+/-) closer to the earth and the sun is +/- 5 days further away.

When was Jubilees written? 160-150 B.C. Meaning that the change noted in the relationship between the sun, moon and the earth would have been well known for over 600 years prior to Jubilees being written. This change in the relationship between the sun, moon and earth was a historical event, and the fallout from this caused those who observed a lunar-solar calendar to re-evaluate their calendars. The pagans, who worshipped the lights in the heavens, completely altered their calendars, primarily following after the sun (sun god). The Hebrews made two calendar alterations (neither of which are contrary to Scripture) and continued to observe their lunar-solar calendar as they had been instructed in **Genesis 1:14**.

There are no instructions in the Torah that legislate the number of New Moon days or the number of months in a year, and it was in these two areas that Israel made changes. There were no longer always two days of New Moon (making 30 day months), now there were sometimes only one day of New Moon and 29 day months. And there were no longer always 12 months in a year, there was sometimes a need to add a 13th month in order to keep Passover in the same season as the barley harvest. Israel broke no law in making these changes. Please note that while Israel observed a year that was longer than 360 days at times, they did not proclaim that a year ALWAYS consisted of a certain number of days as does the Book of Jubilees. If Jubilees is merely commenting on the pagan calendar observed by those surrounding Israel (or by Israel while in apostasy), I can accept this; however, it is only an observation of what was going on around Israel, not a divine command. There is a distinct difference.

While I quote Jubilees 1:1 in support of the Lunar Sabbath as it correctly identifies when Israel arrived at Mt. Sinai (the 16th day of the third month—10 days later than men like Bro. Augustus who believe that Israel received the law on the 6th day of the third month), I do not accept the entire book as being accurate or inspired. It is a historical document, not an inspired document, which means that if you apply **Isaiah 8:20** correctly, you can cherry pick out the verses that support Scripture, and reject the verses that contradict Scripture. In other words, eat the meat, spit out the bones. All non-Scriptural manuscripts are subject to this treatment because if they speak not according to the words of the law and the testimony [of the prophets], there is no light in them.

Jubilees Chapter 2: 8-10

“And on the fourth day He created the sun and the moon and the stars, and set them in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon all the earth, and to rule over the day and the night, and divide the

9 light from the darkness. And God appointed the sun to be a great sign on the earth for days and
10 for sabbaths and for months and for feasts and for years and for sabbaths of years and for jubilees and for all seasons of the years. And it divideth the light from the darkness [and] for prosperity, that all things may prosper which shoot and grow on the earth. These three kinds He made on the fourth day.”

http://www.theforbiddenknowledge.com/hardtruth/jubilees1_9.htm; Jubilees Chapter 2: 8-10

Genesis 1:14-17 does not use the Hebrew word “created” for the event that occurred on the 4th day of Creation week. Also, **Genesis 1:14** includes the moon as a regulator of the events listed in Jubilees 2:8-10. The Book of Jubilees does not, assigning all the time keeping to the sun. In addition, Moses used two different words in the creation account. One means created from scratch (H#1254, bara), the other doesn’t. Created from scratch (bara) is found in **Genesis 1:1**, an example of the other word is found in **Genesis 1:16** regarding the 4th day of creation week.

*And God **made** two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.*

And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

*And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. **Genesis 1:16-19***

This word “made” (Strong’s H# 6213) is used several times during the creation week. This is the Hebrew word *asah*, (ah-saw). The Hebrew word *asah* means advanced upon or appointed, made, like making a bed in the morning. For example: *He appointed (asah) the moon for seasons...* **Psalm 104:19**. Here David very nearly quotes **Genesis 1:14**, only he’s very specific about the role of the moon. *Seasons* here in **Psalm 104:19** is the same Hebrew word found in **Genesis 1:14**; *mo’edim*, appointed times or set feasts.

If I “made” you a general in my army, does that mean you did not exist until I pinned the stars on your lapel? No, it means I advanced upon or appointed you as a general in my army. You existed prior to your appointment.

Here’s the scenario: YHVH created heaven and earth at a certain point in time (in **Genesis 1:1-2**). He doesn’t call it a day because the time piece that regulates the day was not yet ordained as such, and the sun (which regulates the day) had not been lit. Then on the first day of the week, YHVH lights the sun creating light and, of course, day and night as a result. There are THREE days, all regulated by the revolution of the sun BEFORE creation day four. The Hebrew word for day (yom) literally means heat (as in from the sun). So the sun regulates the day (and of course the night by default). The first day of creation is called a day (yom) meaning that the light that was created came from the sun. The sun is the ONLY light seen from earth that regulates the day (yom).

On day four, YHVH “made” (meaning advanced upon, not created from scratch) the luminaries that He had created earlier [when He created the heavens and the earth and then illuminated on day one], and ordained them, appointed them as time keepers. What this means is that new moon was the segment of time when the sun was not lit, listed in **Genesis 1:1-2**. It also means that the sun was lit on day one and has been regulating days ever since. It also proves that the sun, moon and stars were not created from scratch on the 4th day of creation. Honesty permits only ONE answer. And this one honest answer is not what Garrick Augustus is trying to share with his readers.

A Lying Testimony!

“And they shall not bring in nor take out from house to house on that day; for **that day is more holy and blessed than any jubilee day of the jubilees**; on this **we kept Sabbath in the heavens before** it was made

31 known to any flesh to keep Sabbath thereon on the earth. **And the Creator of all things blessed it, but he did not sanctify all peoples and nations to keep Sabbath thereon, but Israel alone: them**

32 alone he permitted to eat and drink and to keep Sabbath thereon on the earth. And the Creator of all things blessed this day which He had created for blessing and holiness and glory above all

33 days. This law and testimony was given to the children of Israel as a law for ever unto their generations.” http://www.theforbiddenknowledge.com/hardtruth/jubilees1_9.htm;
Jubilees Chapter 2:30-33

As I said, the Book of Jubilees is a corrupt manuscript. This verse says that only Israelites are permitted (sanctified) to keep the Sabbath, meaning that (if Jubilees is true) the efforts of Seventh-day Adventists to proselytize the earth are not only in vain, they are in rebellion against the Almighty.

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, do YOU believe that only Israelites are permitted to keep the weekly Sabbath? If so, then I’m guessing that you along with Bro. Augustus are not aware of the stipulations written in the Torah for there to be only ONE law in Israel (the Torah), for both Israel and the strangers who have joined themselves to Israel. The New(er) Testament calls it being grafted onto the vine when gentiles adopt the teachings of Scripture.

Please see the following verses...

Exodus 12:49 *One law (Strong's H-8451, Torah) shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.*

Leviticus 24:22 *Ye shall have one manner of law (Strong's H-4941, Mishpawt, meaning verdict, justice, etc), as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am YHVH your Elohim.*

Numbers 15:16 *One law (Strong's H-8451, Torah) and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.*

Numbers 15:29 *Ye shall have one law (Strong's H-8451, Torah) for him that sinneth through ignorance, both for him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them.*

Now, is there a command to observe the weekly Sabbath found in the Torah? If so, does this then apply to strangers, heathens and gentiles who think to join Israel—the body of believers that the Creator calls His children?

As it is, I think Bro. Augustus is actually trying to expose the Book of Jubilees as non inspired by the use of this verse, considering he is trying to expose a lie (according to the headline of the PowerPoint slide). Though I’m not sure why, considering he was trying to use the Book of Jubilees in support of his conclusion in the previous slides of his presentation.

Conclusion

The Lunar Sabbath is not an inspired subject, and is designed to weaken confidence in the true weekly Sabbath, and to make commandment keepers work on the Sabbath with impunity. [And satyrday as the Sabbath is a ploy by the devil to have believers worship on a pagan/papal calendar. Considering the evidence presented by both sides, which argument sounds more dangerous if dismissed with impunity?] It is a ploy of the devil to think that we are walking in the light of the gospel, when in truth we will be stumbling about in the “sparks” of error. “Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass *yourselves* about with sparks: **walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled.** This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.” Isa 50:11

Bro. Garrick, when have you proved the Lunar Sabbath to be in error? When have you shown satyrday to be the Sabbath of Scripture? Why, therefore, should we continue to listen to your rhetoric and misapplication of Scripture now?

Lucifer well knows that in the last great conflict the commandments of YHWH will be at issue, so he has started his campaign to neutralize the vigilance of Seventh-day Sabbath keepers into thinking that they are not observing the right Sabbath day, and that the weekly Sabbath is a floating event, occurring on “Saturn-day” [Satyrday] the least in the succession of years!

Yes, and Sister White well knew the same thing as presented on the bottom half of p. 16 above. Only, she did not pretend to lend her support to satyrday Sabbath keeping in Early Writings, p. 33. She “came out” and joined other truthseekers in adopting a message of “the Sabbath more fully” that Adventists had no answer for (no proof against) enraging them against this last day message.

I don’t think I have any reason to fear Bro. Augustus’ rhetoric above either, though I must wonder how he seems to know what Lucifer’s plan is for SDA’s. Was he in Lucifer’s war room observing?

“Give Me The Bible”

The apostle Paul declared, looking down to the last days, “The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.” [2 Timothy 4:3.] **That time has fully come.** The multitudes do not want Bible truth, because it interferes with the desires of the sinful, world-loving heart; and Satan supplies the deceptions which they love. {GC88 594.2}

Indeed, Mrs. White saw this same thing in the Early Writings passage on p. 16 above. But in her case, she came out of the movement that did not adopt the “Sabbath more fully” message. And to those still in the churches, Sister White had this to say...

New light will ever be revealed in the word of God to him who is in living connection with the Sun of Righteousness. Let no one come to the conclusion that there is no more truth to be revealed. The diligent, prayerful seeker for truth will find precious rays of light yet to shine forth from the word of God. Many gems are yet scattered that are to be gathered together to become the property of the remnant people of God. *Testimony on Sabbath School Work, p. 53 [All emphasis my own.]*

“Nothing frightens me more than to see the spirit of variance manifested by our brethren. We are on dangerous ground when we cannot meet together like Christians, and courteously examine controverted points. I feel like fleeing from the place lest I receive the mold of those who cannot candidly investigate the doctrines of the Bible. Those who cannot impartially examine the evidence of a position that differs from theirs, are not fit to teach in any department of God’s cause.” *Selected Messages, Vol. 1, p. 411*

For His church in every generation God has a special truth and a special work. The truth is revealed to the childlike and humble. At the outset its advocates are few. By great men of the world and by a world conforming church, they are opposed and despised. See John the Baptist, standing alone to rebuke the pride and formalism of the Jewish nation. See Martin Luther withstanding that mighty church. As in earlier ages, the special truths for this time are found, not with the ecclesiastical authorities, but with men and women who are not too learned or too wise to believe the Word of God.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 78, 79

There are many honest souls in these valleys; but they do not understand the truth for this time, and it is not merely by argument that they are to learn it. There is a work to be done of feeding these hungry, starving sheep with spiritual food. Many of the professed teachers of the people are perfectly content to set their stakes and make no advancement themselves, and they are much disturbed when others are induced to seek for truth. When new light is presented, ... [t]hey want to stop the increase of light. They not only refuse to search the Scriptures for themselves, but they do all in their power to prevent others from searching. *Review & Herald*, 6-29-1886

We must not for a moment think that there is no more light, no more truth, to be given us. We are in danger of becoming careless, by our indifference losing the sanctifying power of truth, and composing ourselves with the thought, “*I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing.*” [Rev. 3:17] While we must hold fast to the truths which we have already received, we must not look with suspicion upon any new light that God may send. *Gospel Workers*, p. 310

In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation. The old truths are all essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new. When Christ desired to open to His disciples the truth of His resurrection, He began ‘at Moses and all the prophets’ and ‘expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.’ Luke 24:27. But it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of truth that glorifies the old. He who rejects or neglects the new **does not really possess the old.** For him it loses its vital power and becomes but a lifeless form. *Christ’s Object Lessons*, pp. 127-128 **An indictment of those who will not study.**

When the people of God are growing in grace, they will be constantly obtaining a clearer understanding of His word. They will discern new light and beauty in its sacred truths. This has been true in the history of the church in all ages, and thus it will continue to the end. “*The path of the righteous is as the light of dawn, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*” Proverbs 4:18, R.V., margin. *Steps to Christ*, p. 112

The momentous issues at stake through neglect of the Word of God should be carefully considered. The study of the Bible is worthy of the best mental effort, the most sanctified ability. When new light is presented to the church, it is perilous to shut yourselves away from it. Refusing to hear because you are prejudiced against the message or the messenger will not make your case excusable before God. To condemn that which you have not heard and do not understand will not exalt your wisdom in the eyes of those who are candid in their investigations of truth. And to speak with contempt of those whom God has sent with a message of truth, is folly and madness. If our youth are seeking to educate themselves to be workers in His cause, they should learn the way of the Lord, and live by every word that proceedeth out of His mouth. They are not to make up their minds that the whole truth has been unfolded, and that the Infinite One has no more light for His people. If they entrench themselves in the belief that the whole truth has been revealed, they will be in danger of discarding precious jewels of truth that shall be discovered as men turn their attention to the searching of the rich mine of God’s Word. *Testimonies to Sabbath School Workers*, p. 60

And here are two GREAT and timely quotes...

When the heart is brought into harmony with the word, a new life will spring up within you, a new light will shine upon every line of the word, and it will become the voice of God to your soul. In this way you will take celestial observations, and know whither you are going, and be able to make the most of your privileges to-day. *Review & Herald*, 11-24-1891 (*Christian Education*, p. 80)

The searching of the Scriptures would reveal the harmony existing between the various parts of the Bible, and the bearing of one passage upon another. We do not perceive the meaning of the word of God without much study; but the reward of the study of the Bible is exceedingly precious to him who fears God and earnestly searches for truth as for hidden treasure. At the present day there are a large number in our churches who are not sufficiently interested in Bible study to seek to understand the mysteries of the truth. They do not go below the surface. Those who are living in these last days, who acknowledge the binding claims of the law of God, have no ordinary responsibility. They are not to be satisfied with the surface truths. That which lies plainly revealed, which costs us no effort, will not be esteemed as highly as the treasure that costs us diligent, prayerful research and investigation. **Celestial truth** is represented as treasure hid in a field, “which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field,” that he may work every part of it to discover the golden ore or precious gems. The earth itself cannot reveal treasures of as great value as can the Bible. No toil can so repay the diligent worker, as can the search for truth. *Review & Herald 11-15-1892*

Hmm. There is truth and light Heavens that Celestial observation will make plain. It is this that we seek like hidden treasure, and we have been richly rewarded. The calendar of the Father was written in the heavens where man cannot mess with it. It is a celestial calendar and has been since Creation, Genesis 1:14-16. If you are not looking to the cosmos in order to know when to worship the Father, you are not worshipping Him at His appointed times. We have all worshipped Him in vain. It’s time to wake up, study to show ourselves approved, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.

There are men among us who profess to understand the truth for these last days, but who will not calmly investigate advanced truth. They are determined to make no advance beyond the stakes which they have set, and will not listen to those who, they say, do not stand by the old landmarks. They are so self-sufficient that they cannot be reasoned with. They consider it a virtue to be at variance with their brethren, and close the door, that light shall not find an entrance to the people of God. It will require heavenly wisdom to know how to deal with such cases. Light will come to God's people, and those who have sought to close the door will either repent or be removed out of the way. The time has come when a new impetus must be given to the work. There are terrible scenes before us, and Satan is seeking to keep from our knowledge the very things that God would have us know. God has messengers and messages for his people. If ideas are presented that differ in some points from our former doctrines, we must not condemn them without diligent search of the Bible to see if they are true. We must fast and pray and search the Scriptures as did the noble Bereans, to see if these things are so. We must accept every ray of light that comes to us. Through earnest prayer and diligent study of God's word, dark things will be made plain to the understanding. *Signs of the Times, 5-26-1890*

Please consider these words along with the passages quoted on p. 11 above.

“In the time of the end every divine institution is to be restored.” *Prophets and Kings, p. 678*

If you believe it is the time of the end, and if you still have any affection for the SDA faith, then you must also admit that every divine institution of Yah will be restored. Is the weekly Sabbath a divine institution? If it is, then it will need to be restored in the last days. That is what Lunar Sabbatarians are trying to do.

But God will have a people upon the earth to **maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines, and the basis of all reforms.** The opinions of learned men, the deductions of science, the creeds or decisions of ecclesiastical councils, as numerous and discordant as are the churches which they represent, the voice of the majority,— not one or all of these should be regarded as evidence for or against any point of religious faith. **Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should demand a plain “Thus saith the Lord” in its support.** {GC88 595.1}

I agree fully. Garrick Augustus it is YOUR day in court. And since I am not a learned man, a scientist, a member of an ecclesiastical council or the voice of a majority discordant church, I guess you could say I'm making a citizens arrest—one man standing against a false doctrine that is held true by over 30 million people around the world.

I demand to know where in Scripture there is a “Thus saith YHVH” that says satyrday, the first day of the pagan seven day planetary week, and now the seventh day of the pagan/papal calendar week, is the weekly Sabbath. In addition, I demand that you present a “Thus saith YHVH” that says the weekly Sabbath is the seventh day of an unbroken cycle of seven day weeks.

I'm holding your feet to the fire my friend by holding you the standard set forth in the quote you thought to bring to this debate. Feel free to do the same with anything I have presented as evidence. If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen my friend. Those who raise their voice against the Sabbath of the Most High will receive what amounts to a mouth full of sand from Lunar Sabbath supporters, but it will be much worse in the final judgment. Bro. Augustus, I've been hard on your presentation, and I've called you ignorant—because you have deserved both. We can both be wrong, but we both can't be right. Prove yourself. I am not your enemy. I am a friend who thought enough of you to point out your faulty doctrines. Time is short; see to it that you rectify your position.

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, since the very last thing I'm asking Bro. Augustus to do is present the evidence that supports his position (or destroys ours), I don't think I need to ask you if he ever successfully presented that evidence.

Respectfully submitted,

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Questions And Commentary

The End.

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These questions and answers would have been live at the end of his presentation. Wish I could have been a fly on the wall, or better yet, in attendance. >grin<

Here is the facsimile of the page in the SDA yearbook mentioned on p. 3 above.

66 SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST YEAR-BOOK.

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Third Quarter.....		25	7 29 eve.	7 17 eve.	7 5 eve.	6 23 eve.										

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<p>—Those who disbelieve in the seventh-day Sabbath bring against it numerous objections, all of which are readily answered with the exception of one,—the cross. This is the great, the unanswerable objection to the Bible Sabbath.</p> <p>—The beginning of the gospel dispensation was marked by the outpouring of the</p>	<p>Holy Spirit upon the disciples, one of the most wonderful manifestations of its kind since creation. The dispensation will close with another like manifestation, doubtless as remarkable as the first. This is called in the Bible "the great refreshing," "the latter rain," "the loud voice," "the blessing poured out;" and many similar expressions are applied to it.</p>
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