

This study against the Lunar Sabbath is from Rabbi Simon Altaf who hails from England. He has this to say about himself at the end of this study:

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Snail mail address: BM Abrahamic-Faith, London, WC1X 3NN, England (UK). Simon Altaf was chosen by God for the special End-Times prophetic calling. A lone voice in the wilderness, one taught by God (Ps 119:120-121), a Messianic Rabbi and writer. He from the tribe of Levi, the original Semites called out of Islam to rejoin His people after his long exile.

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Bro. Altaf assumes the role of authority (he's claims to be a Levite) and because of this, as you will see, he expects you to hear his voice. I don't have a problem with authority; I just have a problem with following instructions of a man, since the Levites were scattered due to apostasy and lost their identity along with the other 11 tribes. I've not seen his pedigree, but without a Temple and without the Bright Light of Shekinah in the Most Set-Apart Place in the Temple, and a high priest wearing the Urim and Thummim, the Levites have no authority on earth.

Bro. Altaf will claim to have proof condemning the Lunar Sabbath, but will provide no evidence other than his tradition. He will demand that he is correct in spite of the evidence against his position. True love cannot tolerate false doctrine, and it is because of this that I have taken the time to address Bro. Altaf's attack on the Lunar Sabbath. I will respond in blue, orange [and bracketed in blue in mid paragraph]. There are many weblinks included in this rebuttal. Just click right mouse and scroll down to open hyperlink. Completed: **6-8-2014**

At the end of this rebuttal, you, the ladies and gentlemen of the jury, will know the answer to the question and title of Simon Altaf's study.

Is the Lunar Sabbath Scriptural? By Rabbi Simon Altaf

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YHWH – The four letter name of G-d
Yahushua – Commonly called Jesus in the West
Torah – First five books of the Bible written by Moses
AFNHSS – Abrahamic-Faith Nazarene Hebraic Study Scriptures

YHVH – The 4 letter name of Elohim. God (G-d) is the name of the Scandinavian sun deity.

Whilst I do not wish to condemn anyone who is simply trying to obey God, I have to address this as this topic has been running now for almost three years; I have tried to remain silent without addressing it publicly and I rejected the notion three years ago as unscriptural and saw no need to waste any time debating this kind of error.

The Lunar Sabbath had been “running” for 15-20 years in the USA before Simon Altaf got wind of it. He rejected it as unscriptural in 2007 because he had not examined the evidence and even though he believes he has Scriptural evidence against the Lunar Sabbath or that supports saturday being the Sabbath, he will not present it here because it does not exist.

Remaining silent is always the best policy when you have not examined all the evidence.

He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him. Proverbs 18:13

Before I am done, Simon Altaf will recognize that he should have remained silent. Gamaliel said it best. *If something is of man, it will come to nothing. But if it is of Yah, you cannot overthrow it without it becoming obvious that you are fighting against YHVH, Acts 5:38-39.*

There are so many groups who are trying to teach that God operated on a lunar calendar; therefore, the Sabbath must be on a cycle of 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th days each month. Then you have to deal with the fact that the same lunar days fall one or two days later each month but that is usually brushed to one side as irrelevant because they claim the month is reset so we can start counting fresh from day 1. However, this is a fallacy as most moon months end in 29 days or 30 days and you cannot just brush days aside using the modern Gregorian calendar. Even if we are in an Islamic calendar which is also based on lunar months no day is set aside so this idea that the Lunar people have picked up is unfounded and baseless.

And that, Bro. Altaf, is the point. And here is the first example of why I will not take my spiritual instructions from this particular Levite. Lunar Sabbatarians are not brushing aside any days, and we are NOT using the modern Gregorian calendar. And since the Gregorian calendar (circa 1582) is an adaptation of the pagan planetary week which was created for the express purpose of worshipping false gods, I must wonder why Bro. Altaf is supporting it. Why doesn't this Levite recognize the Gregorian calendar for the pagan/papal/man-made calendar that it is? If Bro. Altaf believes that this calendar was ordained by YHVH, then he is not being led by the Spirit of YHVH or he is still in his ignorance. Thankfully, knowledge is the cure for this ignorance. We were all in this ignorance not too many years ago, and thankfully, YHVH winked at it, but now He is calling all men, including Simon Altaf, to repent...

And the times of this ignorance Elohim winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Act 17:30

Islam does not observe the calendar established at Creation and found in Torah, so their traditions and calendar have no authority over the children of Yah.

Simon Altaf does not express himself well. What he is TRYING to say here is that Lunar Sabbath keepers do not count the New Moon days against the week. He believes that since we don't count them as week days, we don't count them at all, which is not the case. New Moon days are not week days, but they are days of the month and days of the year, so they DO count.

Altaf simply expects his readers to understand and accept his position. I get the impression that since Bro. Altaf does not express himself well, that I may not get another opportunity to address this subject. Here is why Lunar Sabbath keepers do not observe the New Moon days as week days...

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 for every one of the SIX working days, but it is opened for every Sabbath and New Moon. This is a simple math problem. All you have to do is plug in different possible 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 w-day? 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 w-day is a work day, it must be shut. If you agreed, “*Of course w-day 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 you have no correct answer because you are 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 bottom of page.

Amos: The unscrupulous and unrighteous venders are seeking to cheat the Israelites, but it is Sabbath and New Moon. Israel won’t come out to buy their wares until it is 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** in combination with these two Sabbath passages do.

Here is how Scripture says to determine what is truth or how to examine the evidence in order to determine what is 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 to 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, there is no light in them.

Here is what the days look like in a lunar cycle:

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

At least Bro. Altaf offers an honest rendering of the Lunar Calendar so I’ll give credit where credit is due.

First the common sense argument

Is it ever good common sense to argue against the truth?

If God intended us to obey His Sabbath by the Lunar calendar then one has to ask what man or woman is able to keep such a Sabbath on different days of the week? [And since when is man able to put YHVH in a box and makes demands of Him? I am a man, and I and my wife along with many, many thousands of Lunar Sabbatarians around the world have found a way to obey. The Sabbaths are not on different days of the week, it is the seventh day of every week. The Gregorian calendar (the one Altaf is defending) was instituted in 1582, and being only 430+ years old as of this writing, is not quite old enough to be the calendar of Scripture.] It wasn’t only for the Israelites in the wilderness you know, God knew ahead about the exile too so how can He allow His people to be in confusion and fighting over which days to keep? [We are bickering over which day is the Sabbath because we are all just coming out of Babylon and are just learning how to read the calendar in the heavens. It’s OK, Simon. Relax. This arguing is good. Iron sharpens iron.] What about the fact that now that we live in exile and which employer is going to give us time off different days of the week? So that means if we are stuck in a job which does not allow us time off one week on Sunday, another week on Monday and maybe another on Wednesday, how can we obey God and keep our job? No such job or employer exists. So did YHWH intend for us to live in poverty? That could be the logical conclusion from such people who want to maintain the Lunar Sabbath view.

And this is the point. We ARE in exile, we ARE in bondage. Did Israel adopt the Egyptian, Assyrian and/or Babylonian calendars in order to continue to worship YHVH when they were in bondage? No, and when they were in bondage long enough to FORGET His calendar, YHVH restored it to their knowledge via Moses and the Torah.

Simon specifically asked above:

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Bro. Altaf, righteous men and women don't ask ridiculous questions like this. When faced with the oppression of a nation in apostasy or while in bondage, they obey YHVH like Elijah, Elisha, Joseph, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishel, Azariah (aka Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) and Esther.

Either obey or obey not. If you cannot obey, then you are not at fault (like Israel while in Egypt). If you will not obey, then you commit sin.

Most employers do not wish to be sued for religious intolerance. Many employers have weekend or night hours. Righteous men and women might ask to work 4 ten hour days in order to have a day off during the middle of the pagan planetary (Gregorian) week. Righteous men and women might ask to work a weekend shift in order to have a day off during the pagan planetary week. Some righteous men and women might quit their job and go into business for themselves, setting their own hours. Some righteous men and women might even ask YHVH to provide for them a better job that will permit them their Sabbaths off. James 4:2 says we HAVE NOT because we ASK NOT. Righteous men and women look for ways to obey; they do not look for loopholes or make excuses for disobedience. How many of the righteous men and women in Scripture lived in poverty? None of them, and they ALL observed the Creation Calendar and Lunar Sabbath.

Have you not read, *Come of her (Babylon) my people?* If you are in exile, then leave! You've been called out of bondage. What are you waiting for? A job? Prestige? Security? Someone to hold your hand? Someone IS holding your hand. **Psalm 17:7, 18:35, Isaiah 41:10.** Go!

Maybe one employer would allow us to do this - its called The Social Security system for the unemployed. In the UK you get a certain amount of money each week while in the US you get food stamps that can be used in the supermarkets if you are unemployed. But your family will remain poor for the rest of their days, and I doubt you will get any peace or joy in your life by seeing your children not able to purchase things that you cannot afford to buy because no one will employ you. [I don't know whether to pity the small mindedness of this man or to point it out to him. Clearly, here is an example of one who looks for loopholes, making excuses for disobedience.] Or would you use the ploy to let YHWH find you a business? Sadly this is the kind of advice and theology running around destroying families under the guise of religion. In my opinion this is a very divisive commandment created by men.

This is a divisive commandment. In fact, all truth is divisive. What did Yahushua say? He said that he did not come to bring peace (unity) but a sword (Matthew 10:34-36). The truth is a sword that divides friends and families just as it does joint and marrow (Hebrews 4:12, see also **Jeremiah 23:29**).

The only way then most of us would keep the Lunar Sabbath is to be unemployed and unhappy people, unable to pay our tithes and live a life always begging others to help us. [And the small mindedness continues. This is embarrassing to read.] Does that sound like a picture of our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? However, God says this in Ps1:1.

Psalm 1:1 (AFNHSS) **Happy** is the man that does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the halacha (way) of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.

Yes, happy is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked. I take it that every righteous believer considers Pope Gregory XIII to be a wicked man. The papacy is called out in **Daniel 7:25** as being the beast power that would THINK to change times (mo'edim) and laws (Torah). Why would any righteous believer walk in the counsel of the Pope's calendar?

Indeed, do not stand in the way of (be in agreement with) sinners. Sin is the trespassing of the law. Keeping the Sabbath on a pagan/papal/man-made calendar while keeping the feasts on the Scriptural lunar calendar, qualifies as sin and hypocrisy.

In context, the scornful are scorning the righteous. The sin of the wicked/scornful announces the character and nature of the man for all to see. All a righteous man has to do is present the Scripture that contradicts to the acts/beliefs of the scornful. Altaf is obviously scornful of the Creation Calendar and Lunar Sabbatarians because he has no Scripture to support his doctrine.

Scripture itself shows us that nobody unemployed would be happy unable to pay your tithe, buy nice things for your children and your wife and not able to help the poor but be poor ourselves. While our family is trying to find food to eat, how could we ever really serve YHWH? [And the small mindedness continues unabated.] Scripture negates a lunar Sabbath at many levels and so does science. [Scripture proves the lunar Sabbath from beginning to end, http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/28-8-15-22-29_Proof.pdf. Science cannot prove or disprove the Sabbath. Nature, however can and does.] God knew we were going to be in the exile for many years; therefore, He would make it easier for us and not harder. [I'm guessing that Simon Altaf does not know much about Israel's captivity in Egypt or Babylon. I don't recall either of these occasions being easy. They were in bondage because of apostasy, and we are STILL in bondage because of their apostasy. YHVH is just now leading His people out of Babylon, first a remnant, then later the great harvest. Ease of obedience is NOT a test of truth. Shame on Simon Altaf for his continued insubordination.] But go and ask the Lunar Sabbatarians to explain these basic details and they will gasp for breath. These things cannot be ignored or just explained away. We are not all millionaires but ordinary people trying to live right and serve Yahuweh.

I hope this ignorance ends soon. I am embarrassed for Altaf's readers. Lunar Sabbatarians are doing just fine. The only thing we continue to gasp for breath over is the continued new light we receive in reward for obedience. There are several more truths that will come AFTER one accepts the Creation Calendar Sabbath. Accepting the Name YHVH and His feasts are wonderful. Stop there, and no more light will be revealed. The Father is kind of funny like that. *Whoever can be trusted with little can also be trusted with much.* Luke 16:10

This is why if we look carefully at what YHWH set in place then in fact He did make it easier as the western nations have made weekly holidays of Saturday and Sunday and naturally the 7th day cycle each week falls on Friday sunset to Saturday sunset which is a holiday in most of the nations of the world today. [Simon, this is the 7 day cycle of the pagan planetary week. This was adopted by Rome in A.D. 321 and continued with the Gregorian calendar correction in 1582. There is no Friday or Saturday (days named after pagan deities) found in the Creator's calendar.] If you want to believe in the Lunar Sabbath then this would also make dispensationalists true and everyone else false because they would say, "See, God would not expect you to keep the Lunar Sabbath as it is impossible to keep because you couldn't satisfy His requirement; therefore, the law is abrogated for us." [Did this make sense to anyone? I'm scratching my head.] However, the truth is both dispensationalism and Lunar Sabbath people are 100% wrong but won't admit it out of pride and ego issues. I will show you in a second why they are wrong.

Finally, Altaf will show us why we are wrong. This should be interesting.

Some Lunar Sabbath keepers may be dispensationalists; they come from all quarters, coming out of Babylon. That said, I am not a dispensationalist. What YHVH commanded us to do in the Torah still stands today. There is **one** law for both Israelite and stranger (**Exodus 12:49, Numbers 15:16, 15:29**).

Deuteronomy 4:2 *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.*

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

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

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

Ecclesiastes 3:14 *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.*

Malachi 3:6 *For I am YHVH, I change not.*

In God's response to King Solomon's prayer, He says:

2 Chronicles 7:14 (AFNHSS) If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from shamayim (heavens), and **will forgive their sin**, and will heal their land.

But first we have to sit through Altaf calling Lunar Sabbath keepers out for their pride and ego issues. Let me make a public proclamation. I do not consider myself special. I do not consider myself a teacher or prophet. To my knowledge, I am not the eyes, mouth, hands or feet of the body of believers. As long as I am the belly button lint on the body of believers, I am content.

Simon wrote:

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There is one here with a problem of self-aggrandizement, but it is not me. You can read Altaf's self assessment on page one. Elijah thought he alone was righteous when YHVH chastised him that there were 7,000 in Israel who had not bent the knee to Ba'al. In addition, the Spirit of YHVH does not lead the righteous of Yah to defend the idea of using a pagan/papal calendar for the weekly Sabbaths while observing the feasts on the lunar calendar.

So God would bless us if we turn away from our wicked ways, the only way we turn away from our wicked ways is to obey the Torah of Moses because that is what judges wickedness. Scripture is clear not to walk in the Torah is sinfulness which many are doing today.

First John 3:4 (AFNHSS) Whoever commits sin breaks also the Torah: for sin is the breaking of the Torah.

Agreed.

Dispensationalism is false because it allows you to commit sins which is what most of Christendom teaches, which is against the Torah of God. [Agreed.] If we could not keep the Law/Torah of Moses in the exile then we also transgress the Torah and that means God could not forgive us since by definition we could not turn away from wickedness. [In some cases, it is possible to obey YHVH while in bondage, Daniel is a perfect example. In other cases, it is NOT possible; the exile in Egypt is an example here. In BOTH cases, the Father blessed them and eventually led them OUT of bondage.] Therefore, we would not be the disciples of the Messiah Yahushua because He requires us to be obedient to the Torah to be His disciples. Catch twenty-two! So what are you going to do?

Israel was not in bondage while under Roman rule in the first century. Israel and the disciples were free to worship as they pleased as long as they paid tribute to Caesar. This is a very ill-conceived example.

Yahushua, the disciples and apostles, and first century Israel all observed the Lunar Sabbath without any issues. <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/11-NewTestamentEra.pdf>. See also: <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/19-PhiloJosephusEssenes.pdf>.

If we could not keep His lunar Sabbath or his fixed dates Sabbath as some others erroneously espouse then how could we ever be right before YHWH? This my friends negates both dispensationalism as man's lie and also the Lunar Sabbath. Sorry to be blunt but what do you want me to do? Hold your hands and say well done for keeping the Lunar Sabbath?

Who says it is not possible to keep His Lunar Sabbaths? There are many thousands of people who keep them. When is keeping the wrong Sabbath ever right before YHVH? What does obedience have to do with dispensationalism? What does dispensationalism have to do with the Lunar Sabbath? What about the Lunar Sabbath is in disobedience to the law? Show us our sin.

What do we want you to do Bro. Altaf? Try admitting the error of your doctrine, then apologize for misleading your readers and finally, either leave Lunar Sabbatarians alone or join them.

Concrete proof that Lunar Sabbath is wrong

Zechar'yah 8:23 (AFNHSS) Thus saith YHWH of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold **of the tzitzit of him that is a Yahudi** (Jewish), saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that Elohim is with you.

This would be an Orthodox/Sephardic Jewish man in the future - yes, future not past - he is not Christian and he is not a lunar Sabbath keeper because no Orthodox Jewish person believes in this so this is clear proof that he did not have to be a Christian or into the dispensationalism lie or into the Lunar Sabbath or fix dates Sabbath to have God with him. [I hope my readers will forgive Altaf's ignorance (again) because there were no orthodox Jews in Zechariah's day. There were Israelites and non-Israelites, some of whom joined themselves to Israel.] In fact he would be quite happily keeping the cyclical 7th day Sabbath just like me and if you read what Zechar'yah says God is with that person. He is actually leading Christians into the kingdom. Shame on Christianity and its bad theologies for lying to people that they need to abrogate the law/Torah of God to have grace!!!

Zechariah 8:23 does not say that the fellow wearing the tassels is Jewish. It says he is a Yahudi which means he is a Judahite, a descendant of Judah. The Jews are not Israelites, they are Khazars/Edomites. Listen and you can hear it from their OWN mouths...

“Here is a paradox . . . A most ingenious paradox: an anthropological fact, many Christians may have much more Hebrew-Israelite blood in their veins than most of their Jewish neighbors.”
Jewish author, Alfred M. Lilienthal, What Price Israel, p. 223.

The 1980 Jewish Almanac, p. 3, in the first chapter entitled, “*Identity Crisis*” said... “Strictly speaking, it is incorrect to call an ancient Israelite a ‘Jew’ or to call a contemporary Jew and ‘Israelite’ or a ‘Hebrew.’”

A percentage of the people who are known today as Jews are descendants of Abraham and Isaac, but not of Jacob. History reveals that they are actually the descendants of the fierce Turkish, Khazar tribes which roamed regions of southern Russia and who adopted Judaism between 7th and 9th centuries A.D.

“No one can deny that the Jews are a most unique and unusual people. **That uniqueness exists because of their Edomite heritage.** You cannot be English Jews. We are a race, and only as a race can we perpetuate. **Our mentality is of Edomitish character,** and differs from that of an Englishman. Enough subterfuges! Let us assert openly that we are International Jews.”
Manifesto of the “World Jewish Federation,” January 1, 1935, through their spokesman, Gerald Soman. [Emphasis my own.]

From the above, we can clearly see that the Jews fully understand their Edomite heritage and as the third edition of the *Jewish Encyclopedia* for 1925 records:

“Chazars [Khazars]: A people of Turkish origin whose life and history are interwoven with the very beginnings of the history of the Jews of Russia. The kingdom of the Chazars was firmly established in most of South Russia long before the foundation of the Russian monarchy by the Varangians.” (855).

Hasdai ibn Shaprut, who was foreign minister to Abd-al-Rahman, Sultan of Cordova, in his letter to King Joseph of the Chazars (about 960 A.D.) speaks of the recognition that the Chazars once dwelt near the Seir Mountains. The ‘Seir Mountains’ are none other than the original land of Esau-Edom - ‘Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom’ (Genesis 36:8). Seir was a mountain range south of the Dead Sea and was also known as the ‘land of Edom’ (Genesis 36:21). The Seir Mountains were the home of the Edomites for nearly a millennium (The Edomites arrived in Edom or Seir at the end of the 14th and beginning of the 13th century B.C. *Encyclopedia Judaica*, Vol. 6, p. 372). Thus we have it from Jewish sources that the Khazars originally ‘dwelt near the Seir Mountains’ so are racially of Edomite stock, not Israelite. But how and when did Edomites get to Khazaria? There is evidence that in the 6th century BC, some of the Edomites fled their homeland of Seir and migrated north, ‘After the fall of Jerusalem, in 586 BC, the Edomites began to press northward (Ezekiel 36:5). *The New Westminster Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. by Henry S. Gehman, *The Westminster Press, Philadelphia, 1970, p. 418.*” (*The Jewish Encyclopedia*, Vol. IV, (1905), p. 3).

“Today, the Khazars are known as ‘Jews,’ not because of any racial question, but because of their religion.” (*Jewish historian, Arthur Koestler, The Thirteenth Tribe, New York: Random House, Inc. 1976*)

“Edom is modern Jewry.” —*The Jewish Encyclopedia, 1925 edition, Vol.5, p.41*

Koestler also wrote that during the Middle Ages, they lost the name Khazar and became known as Jews. (*The Thirteenth Tribe, New York: Random House, Inc. 1976, pp. 152-161*)

So what have we learned? The Khazars are descendants of Esau, not Jacob. The Khazars claim Mt. Seir as their point of origin (*Jewish Encyclopedia, 1901-6, Vol. IV, p. 3*). Mt. Seir was the homeland of the Edomites who descended from Esau. (**Genesis 36:1-8, Deuteronomy 2:4-5**). YHVH says in **Malachi 1:2-3**, Jacob I have loved, Esau I have hated.

To repeat the last of the paragraph above lest this information about the true identity of the Jews has caused you to forget Altaf's claim, he wrote:

In fact he would be quite happily keeping the cyclical 7th day Sabbath just like me and if you read what Zechar'yah says God is with that person. He is actually leading Christians into the kingdom. Shame on Christianity and its bad theologies for lying to people that they need to abrogate the law/Torah of God to have grace!!!

It is true; the Jews would have been keeping Saturday as the Sabbath. The Jews always have because they adopted the edict of Papal Rome by adopting the Gregorian calendar. But the Jews are not Israelites. The Jews have never observed the True Sabbath even though they are very well aware of the origin of Israel's Sabbath. Thus, they are not leading Christians to the kingdom, they are leading them to hell...

I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews [the Greek word is Judean, not Jew], and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Revelation 2:9

Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews [the Greek word is Judean, not Jew], and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Revelation 3:9

WHO out there claims to be Judahites [from the tribe of Judah] but are not? Shame on Altaf for misrepresenting the Jews to his readers and misleading them. He is spoken of in **Jeremiah 23:1**. There will indeed be weeping and gnashing of teeth because of his indiscretion.

YHWH's day is always sunset to sunset while you will find the Lunar Sabbath keepers will twist the meaning of the Hebrew word Boker (morning) and Erev (Evening) to fit their falsified agenda. This is the only way they try to fit this bad theology to confuse people who have no idea of ancient Hebrew customs.

Genesis 1:5 (NKJV) God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the **evening and the morning** were the **first day**.

Note Evening plus Morning equals ONE day or in the Hebrew, Day One, Yom Rishon. This is how the Jewish people arrived at the term "Day" from sunset to sunset but this is not the only passage in the Torah - there are many others too.

Whoa, whoa, whoa there big fella!!! Did you even READ the verse you offered as evidence Bro. Altaf? Yah called the light DAY, and the darkness He called NIGHT. Why do you say that the day begins when night begins? I will tell you why. You do err, not knowing the Scriptures. The day in Scripture begins at dawn. Go to this link: <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/18-DawnDayStudy.pdf>.

There is no need to twist any meanings as the beginning of the day has no bearing on the evidence for the Lunar Sabbath. You can keep a lunar Sabbath whether you do so from even to even or from dawn till dark. But if you observe the days from even to even, you have adopted the Babylonian version of the day, not the Hebrew or Scriptural version. Don't believe me? Click here. <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/25-FirstVisibleCrescentMonth.pdf>.

Yom (Day in Hebrew) means *heat* as in from the sun.

So if the L-rd could not keep the 7th day weekly cycle, this would indicate that God could not foresee the future, and He, therefore, allowed a Sabbath to operate that could not be kept by most people. [Oh ye of little faith. Wherefore do ye think to put YHVH in a box and tie His hands? Did YHVH foresee that Israel would not be able to observe the Sabbath or keep the feasts while in Egypt? Yes, and He eventually brought them out. Did YHVH foresee that Israel would be asked to bow down to idols and pray to kings while in Babylonian captivity? Yes and He strengthened their faith. Bro. Altaf, do you honestly think that YHVH cares that the earth has adopted a pagan/papal calendar? No. And has He instructed His people to observe this pagan/papal calendar? He has not.] That would also mean that God deliberately allowed His own commandments to be broken and, therefore, people to be punished for it! [Who allowed Israel to be in bondage in Egypt? Who winked at their "disobedience" for over 200 years when they were slaves in Egypt, unable to keep the Sabbath? Israel was not punished for being unable to keep the Sabbath; they could not because they were in bondage, so YHVH brought them out.] Remember not keeping and obeying the Sabbath was and still is a capital crime. Who told you that it is no longer a capital crime? [It is also a capital crime to find one's Sabbath on a pagan/papal calendar, keeping the seventh day of the wrong calendar as the weekly Sabbath.] The only reason we do not stone people today is because we do not have the Sanhedrin. If we did then that commandment would be active.

There was no Sanhedrin in **Numbers 15:32-36**. There is no Sanhedrin in the Law or the testimony of the prophets (**Isaiah 8:20**), so they are given no authority anywhere in Scripture.

Yet we know that this is not the case because this lunar Sabbath idea has been created by people out of their own preconceived notions of what scripture should be and should not be. By altering the meaning of the Hebrew words they try to achieve their agenda. I dare you to find two lunar months where the Sabbath cycle matches and I guarantee that you won't find it in sequence. Yes some Saturdays will fall on the Lunar cycle but it really makes no difference if they do or don't.

Our own preconceived notions? Does Altaf even know what that means? By and large, the VAST majority of Lunar Sabbath keepers were originally convinced that saturday of the pagan/papal calendar was the seventh day Sabbath or are the product of multiple generations of saturday Sabbath keepers. If left to our own devices we would still be keeping saturday as the Sabbath, but we were called out of Babylon.

Why should the Sabbath of the Creation Calendar line up with saturday, which is the 7th day of the pagan/papal planetary week? Why does Bro. Altaf believe that it should and seem indignant that it does not? We don't observe the pagan seven day planetary week, Bro. Altaf. We don't observe the Julian (Roman) or Gregorian (Papal) calendars. We understand that they have a place in history as being observed by men, but that does not give them any Scriptural authority.

I beg Simon Altaf to find a single Hebrew or Greek word whose meaning we have altered to fit our Lunar Sabbath doctrine. I adjure him in the Name YHVH Almighty to find a single case where we have altered the meaning of a word.

The lunar Sabbath breaks at the most basic common-sense level as I have shown you above. Yet I have not gone into detailed scripture where people have misread and then come up with an incorrect conclusion. [Did I miss something? What break is Altaf speaking of? I recall no such evidence; I am still waiting for evidence that proves the Lunar Sabbath to be a break with Scripture, or with common sense.]

I do not think I really need to confuse you with the ancient Hebrew and the way it was used to interpret the text and I certainly do not want to dazzle you with science. No thank you. Just because some Mr Brown sat in prison in 1992 and came up with the idea so now the whole world has to believe him and ignore clear instructions in scripture that negate it. [\[Where are the clear instructions to keep satyrday?\]](#)

Indeed, Jonathan David Brown was given a revelation, but he did not invent it. In reality, all righteous men today owe him a debt of gratitude. Have you not read **Jeremiah 31:35-36**?

Thus saith YHVH, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, ... YHVH of hosts is His name:

If those ordinances [\[What ordinances? Of the moon and stars...\]](#) depart from before Me, saith YHVH, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me for ever.

It is because someone somewhere throughout time has observed the ordinances of the moon that YHVH is still returning for Israel. Otherwise, there would be no kingdom of Yah on earth, no resurrection, no earth made new. Mr. Brown simply picked up the mantle when his turn came.

Scriptural Hebrew describes the Lunar Sabbath, nature proves a Lunar Sabbath, so does the historical record. Apparently Bro. Altaf cannot be bothered with this, calling it confusion. So I thank Bro. Altaf for allowing me this opportunity to do what he should have done.

The scriptures that the Lunar Sabbatarians quote to you appear to fit but only within their own provided parameters but break after the lunar month is over because the lunar cycle is not a consistent 28 days (7 days times 4) but a 29.5 days average cycle. This means the next Sabbath is at least a day late or a day and a half late, which can never be counted in any way but they will tell you that they can discard a day. How can that be? They will not tell you this flaw and simply brush it under the carpet so to speak.

We don't brush anything under the carpet. We openly admit that the New Moon days are not week days, never have been. So in order to observe the calendar of Scripture they cannot be included in the week now. It is THIS discovery that leads many to the Lunar Sabbath. They observe the lunar calendar for the feasts, but not knowing much about the New Moon (which is part of the lunar calendar) they study it in Scripture, all finding the same thing. The New Moon days are not week days forcing them because of their integrity to reconsider the calendar.

Most Lunar Sabbatarians then have to juggle the moon in their palms while no one is looking and say, "Well, since the moon is not seen, those days cannot be counted and we can rest during this time to begin at day one again." [\[This is not juggling. This is recognition of the calendar of Scripture.\]](#) What kind of theory is this?

1st cycle

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

Next cycle

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

Do you see the problem? When we start from 29.5 days of the lunar cycle completing the Lunar month and start counting our clocks the Sabbath never reaches the 8, 15, 22 and 29 days. In fact we only go as far as day 6 and then it is 7.5 days already which means the next Lunar Sabbath actually fell later than the required 7 days cycle. Only if you eat days when you are hungry then can you fit a lunar Sabbath. You cannot fit a circle in a square. [You cannot fit the Gregorian calendar into the calendar mold found in Scripture either, but that has not stopped Bro. Altaf from trying, so the pot calleth the kettle black.]

Well, the numbers are correct and in the right place (above), but the highlights are there for the confusion of his readers. Bro. Altaf gives them a little truth and a little cyanide. Here, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, is the correct way to represent the Creation Calendar on paper...

1st cycle

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)

Next cycle

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)

And contrary to Simon Altaf's proclamation, this is not a theory; it is the ONLY calendar that fits the entire criterion for the Scriptural calendar. When given the opportunity, I will show you time and again that the calendar above is the only one that provides an answer for EVERY calendar issue in Scripture.

Bro. Altaf insists that the Sabbath is every seventh day in succession (thus he highlighted the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th days of his second month on the previous page. But he can't offer you, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, any evidence to support his "theory". His only evidence is the fact that saturday is every seventh day on the pagan/papal calendar. That is all he has.

Let me show you the maths: (sic)

29.5 days month complete

30th day = ½ day

1,2,3,4,5,6,7 – by the time you have reached the 6th day you are actually 6-1/2 days in it and then you add the next half day so what time do you start the Sabbath? This shows us that you reach your Sabbath not at sunset but at mid-afternoon as that is when your Sabbath should start. If we strictly stick to the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th cycles then if you count from the last 29.5 days to the next 8th day cycle you arrive at ... ? Well, let's count: The 29.5 Day cycle concludes. OK, 29.5 + half = 30 and a ½ days, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8th day Sabbath. Do you see you end up at 8 ½ days or could be just 8 days if it was a 30 day Lunar cycle so it just does not fit? Remember God never blessed the 8th day nor the 15th but He blessed the 7th Day only and always said count 1,2,3,4,5, and 6 followed by the Sabbath. The moon was not mentioned. [No? Then what is **Genesis 1:14-16** and **Psalms 104:19** all about?]

The half days, as Altaf calls them, were not part of the original calendar of Scripture. They are now and have to be dealt with. We do. They are New Moon days and therefore not considered week days.

In Scripture, the months ALL used to be 30 days in length, for a total of a 360 lunar/solar year. The prophetic year is 360 days long because the lunar-solar year was originally 360 days long. Twelve 30 day months = 360 day year. Here is the evidence for this. **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. **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. If Noah only knew 30 day months, then so did Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the patriarchs until well after King David. The change in the relationship between the earth and the sun and moon took place between the 8th and 7th centuries B.C. as there is no mention historically of a 29 day month or a 29.5 day lunar cycle until after that time.

So there were originally TWO days of New Moon every month. Today (and since the 8th or 7th century B.C.) there are sometimes only ONE day of New Moon because the lunar cycle is 29.5 days long. Naturally, since there is no such thing as a half day, at times that half day is added to the following month making it a 30 day month.

In his paragraph above Altaf wrote:

This shows us that you reach your Sabbath not at sunset but at mid-afternoon as that is when your Sabbath should start.

Altaf is just messing with me, right? If not, this is yet another example that Bro. Altaf does err, not knowing the Scriptures. The information surrounding the crucifixion destroys his “theory” altogether.

Luke 23:54 is the nail in the coffin as far as the NT texts go. The translators rendered it, “As the Sabbath drew on” but a Strong’s concordance will tell you that the phrase “drew on” in the Greek means “to grow light.” If the Sabbath was drawing on as it was beginning to grow light, when did the Sabbath begin? At dawn or 16-18 hours earlier in the middle of the afternoon?

Matthew 28:1 says that the first day of the week did not begin until it began to “dawn”. The first day drew on; it did not begin 16-18 hours previous to that in the middle of the afternoon. **John 20:19** says, the same day, at evening, indicating that the evening is the latter part of the preceding day, not the beginning of the next day. **Mark 4:35** agrees.

Face it friends, it took a great deal of time to bury the man from Galilee. He was on the stake at 9:00 a.m. (third hour of the day). It was dark from noon until 3 p.m. (the sixth to the ninth hours). Then as even was come, Joseph of Arimathaea requested the body. Any point from noon onward could be considered “evening”, but in context, Joseph did not ask for the body until sunset, not shortly before as we have been taught, but sunset. Please read it for yourself...

And now when the even WAS come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,

*Joseph of Arimathaea, an honorable counselor, which also waited for the kingdom of YHVH, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. **Mark 15:42-43***

If “even was come” and it still was not the Sabbath, then the Sabbath certainly did NOT begin in the middle of the afternoon. Since Yahushua was still on the stake at sunset, the Sabbath did NOT begin in the middle of the afternoon. 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.

In his paragraph above Altaf wrote:

Remember God never blessed the 8th day nor the 15th but He blessed the 7th Day only and always said count 1,2,3,4,5, and 6 followed by the Sabbath. The moon was not mentioned.

I’m guessing that Simon Altaf has not read these verses then...

*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***

*On the **eighth day** ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work therein: **Numbers 29:35***

*Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the **eighth day** of the month came they to the porch of YHVH: so they sanctified the house of YHVH in eight days; and in the sixteenth **day** of the first month they made an end. **II Chronicles 29:17***

*Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of Elohim. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the **eighth day** was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner. **Nehemiah 8:18***

Or said another way, Bro. Altaf does err, not knowing the Scriptures.

Admittedly, only one of the verses above is referring to the 8th day of the month, the others are referring to the 22nd day of the month, but if you will look VERY carefully at the Lunar Calendar of Scripture you will discover that if the 22nd day of the month is the Sabbath, so is the eighth. Please see below...

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)

Simon Altaf, if you have never heard it before, you are hearing it now. “The eighth day” is a Hebrew idiom, a figure of speech referring always to a weekly Sabbath. The moon does not have to be mentioned. It was a well known fact that the moon was designed to regulate the weekly Sabbaths.

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

Psalm 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).

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. The HOW will only be answered by going outside and looking at the clock in the heavens and watching for patterns.

To work out this mess the Lunar Sabbath keepers come up with all sorts of juggling. [Hiding? Juggling? I'm incredulous. Simon Altaf hides the fact that he promotes the pagan/papal Gregorian calendar as the Calendar of Scripture and he juggles all manner of traditions in an effort to prove his "theory" correct, holding forth one, then another as evidence, all the while hiding the fact that he has no Scripture to support his conclusions that satyrday is the weekly Sabbath or that the Sabbath is every seventh day in an unbroken cycle of seven day weeks.] First, it was hiding the extra days by arguing is it a molad, sliver, conjunction or something along those lines. [Hidden? This is the backbone of YHVH's Calendar. Hiding the fact that New Moon days are not week days would be counterintuitive, destroying the lunar calendar and the credibility of Lunar Sabbatarians. Altaf speaks in error.] Then some will go so far as to suggest that day starts at sunrise and not sunset - thusly, compounding their error. Error begets error where a Sadduceen day is chosen. Note: Yahushua did not agree with Sadducees on many issues!!!

Then why are **Matthew 28:1, John 20:19, Mark 4:35** and **Luke 23:54** all in agreement, that the days begin at dawn?

Please note that he is back peddling now. Earlier he said that the days should begin in the middle of the afternoon NOT at sunset. Here again is his quote from the last paragraph on p. 13...

"This shows us that you reach your Sabbath not at sunset but at mid-afternoon as that is when your Sabbath should start"

I find it interesting that once again, he presents his tradition as fact because the only Sabbath recognized by anyone in the NT was the Lunar Sabbaths as all the weekly Sabbaths that can be date identified in the NT are found exclusively on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th days of the month. See http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/28-8-15-22-29_Proof.pdf and start in the middle of page 6.

The Sadducees believed in the day starting at sunrise while the Pharisees believed in days starting at sunset. The Pharisees were correct while the Sadducees were wrong. Note also that today's modern Karaite movement has arisen out of the Sadducees. Unlike today many of the Sadducees were in fact enemies of Yahushua at His time so do not be deceived to run after the Sadducees' error. (I am not saying all Karaites are bad, they are not.)

The Sadducees were correct; the Pharisees were wrong. The day in both the OT and the NT begins at dawn. See the study at this link: <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/18-DawnDayStudy.pdf>.

The Jewish argument

The Jews will argue with anyone over anything. I wonder what this is all about.

God said Judah is my lawgiver (Ps 60:7) and, therefore, the Sabbath as organised by the Jewish people is correct.

Psa 60:7 (KJV) Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; **Judah is my lawgiver**;

Wait a minute. The Jews are Edomites, not Judahites. They ADMIT it. Too bad Simon Altaf does not know this. He continues to mislead his readers in his own ignorance. YHVH does not call the educated and knowledgeable, He does not always call the wise. But He does not leave us uneducated, unwise or lacking in knowledge and He certainly does not send us out to lead others in this condition. Being self-appointed to a position of leadership may be done by anyone, but maintaining that position is a different story. If I tried to say something as unsupported as this, my peers (being students of the Word) would rip my comment to shreds.

They went through the exile and came back in the land to establish the 7th day cycle and have faithfully continued to keep it. We find no argument in the Renewed Covenant (NT) at all with the Pharisees ever regarding the Sabbath where Yahushua would ever rebuke them. It did not happen as the Sabbath was a straight 7 days cycle and there was no issue even Yahushua was seen in the Synagogues teaching (Mark 1:21). By rejecting Judah's established Sabbath you actually reject YHWH since He set them to make the jurisdiction of the Moe'dim feasts and the Sabbaths but some Lunar Sabbatarians are calling them bad names. If you would like an example then look at what happened to Korah who also rebelled with his company of men against Moses (Num 16:2), the lawgiver over Israel.

First, as mentioned above and having already provided the evidence, there is no argument in the OT or the NT—they all observed the lunar Sabbath.

Second, the Sabbath in Scripture is called the seventh day of the week. It is NEVER described as being every seventh day of a repeating seven day cycle.

Third, by rejecting the Jewish Sabbath, I am freeing myself from bondage as the Edomite-Khazars (the only people known as Jews) never had the True Sabbath in the first place.

Finally, the Jews were never in exile, they claim this, and Yahushua agrees while admitting that they were related to Abraham, but were children of Satan. Evidence below.

John 8:32 – Yahushua says that the truth shall make “you” free, speaking to his audience.

John 8:33 – To which the Jews replied, we are Abraham's seed as we were never in bondage to any man.

Please note, this disqualifies these men as Israelites because by this time in history, Israel had been in bondage to Egypt, Babylon AND Assyria.

John 8:34-40 – Yahushua admits that they are Abraham's seed, but rather than accept his message, they seek to kill him.

John 8:41 – Yahushua says that they do the deeds of their father (without naming their father yet). The Jews demand that they were not born of fornication and have only one Father, the Sovereign Elohim.

John 8:42-47 – Yahushua tells these Jews that their father is the devil, a liar and the father of lies.

So, who are these men who are CLEARLY descendants of Abraham, but who were NEVER in bondage?

Only Ishmaelites or Edomites qualify. The Arabians are the descendants of Ishmael and anciently there was no substantial group of Arabians living in the promised land. Ishmael was given his own inheritance which did not overlap Jacob/Israel's territory. The Palestinians are descendants of the Philistines, not related to Abraham. These men arguing with Yahushua are none other than Edomites. These "Jews" may have been Judeans (living in Judah) but they were not Judahites as the tribe of Judah (unlike these men) was in bondage in both Egypt and Babylon.

In the first century A.D., there was a residue of Edomites (also known as Idumaeans, like Herod) living in Israel. In the 6th century B.C., the Edomites had moved northward from Mt. Seir, ultimately settling in the Baltic region in southern Russia. This is not me hiding anything under the rug or juggling false ideas; I am stating the verifiable historical facts.

Please do not be carried by every wind of doctrine that comes your way, use wise and righteous teachers to help you to understand things you do not understand but don't run after the masses. [As Bro. Altaf has disqualified himself as a wise and righteous teacher, I must concur—follow wise and righteous teachers.] If some want to follow the moon then just let them and avoid any arguments, we have enough arguments. We must try to live in peace with all men and that includes believers and unbelievers.

Remember this. The truth does not bring peace and unity; it brings division and a sword. Which is better? To bicker over truth or to agree upon and accept a known error? Most Lunar Sabbath keepers do not look for these arguments. These arguments come to us, just like Bro. Altaf's here. Sure, I could have remained silent, but then the curse placed on the watchmen (who in **Isaiah 56:10** were called dumb dogs that would not bark) will fall upon me.

The message from Simon Altaf is a false teaching, his target audience is Israelites. As a watchman on the wall in Israel, what am I to do? Remain silent? If I do, the blood of his innocent readers will be upon my head (**Ezekiel 33:1-11**). But if I sound the alarm and they heed me not, their blood will be upon their own heads. Here is an excerpt...

So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at My mouth, and warn them from Me.

When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

*Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. **Ezekiel 33:7-9***

Scriptural argument

Exodus 16:4 (AFNHSS) Then אִיִּשָׁר said to Musa (Moses), Behold, I will rain lechem (bread) from shamayim (heavens) for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My Torah, or not.

Some authors insist that this particular test came on the 15th of the month and Israel should have known about the lunar Sabbath and that they were transgressing it.

Here is an interesting fact. **Exodus 16** is the first place the word Sabbath is used in Scripture. Indeed. The Sabbath did occur on the 15th, but the Sabbath in question is the 22nd, the one at the end of the manna test. The manna began on the 16th the calendar would look like this:

New Moon	Manna x 1	Manna x 1	Manna x 1	Manna x 1	Manna x 1	Manna x 2	Sabbath
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30							

After the 15th day of the second month, there would be a 6 day test, underlined above. The day following the double portion of manna was the 22nd day of the second month and the weekly Sabbath. **Exodus 16** calls the day after the double manna the Sabbath. Because the 22nd was the Sabbath, so was the 15th. Here is yet another calendar issue in Scripture that finds an answer in the lunar calendar.

I can tell you one coincidence of the 15th day of the month does not mean it ran the same each month and so this is the pick and choose style of argument.

ONE coincidence? Again, Bro. Altaf proves that he does err, not knowing the Scriptures. **Exodus 12, 16** and **19** reveal that the Sabbaths fell on the 15th of the month for three consecutive months. You've already seen the evidence for **Exodus 16** above.

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. The Sabbath commandment in **Exodus 20:8-11** is linked to Creation week. The Sabbath commandment listed in **Deuteronomy 5:12-15** is linked to the deliverance of Israel. That date was the 15th day of Abib.

Exodus 19:1 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 on the 15th day of the third month. The root word for *Rephidim* means "rest" and this passage says that they arrived at the Wilderness of Sinai the "same day" of this month that they left Egypt (two months earlier). Israel got as far as Succoth on the 15th, and actually left "the land of Egypt" on the 16th, **Numbers 33:3-6**. So Israel arrived at Sinai on the 16th day of the third month and Moses was immediately summoned up the mount (see Jubilees 1:1, below). YHVH told Moses to go back down the mountain and to tell the people to consecrate themselves for on the third day [of the week--the 18th] He would come down on the mount in a cloud, **Exodus 19:10-11**.

If the 18th is the third day, then the 16th is the first day, meaning that the 15th day of the third month is again 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

“And it happened in the first year of the exodus of the children of Israel out of Egypt, in the 3rd month, on the 16th of this month, and YHVH spoke to Moshe saying: “Ascend to me here on the mountain, and I will give to thee the two stone tablets of the law and the commandments; as I have written them, thou shalt make them known.” **Jubilees 1:1.**

Amazing isn't it? There is always harmony in the truth. Bro. Altaf can offer no such harmony because he offers only his tradition as evidence. His tradition will be in harmony with many others who only espouse their tradition as truth, but their harmony will remain in continuous disharmony with Scripture, nature and the historical record.

One author who has been espousing this kind of theology in his book on the Lunar Sabbath presupposes that Abraham never kept the Sabbath neither did any previous ancestors so that his Lunar Sabbath theory can work. Great argument for those who do not know but very foolish precedent for those of us who know very well how Abraham lived.

I'm sure of two things. 1) This Lunar Sabbatarian does not know me. And if so, 2) he no longer believes this to be true. Simon Altaf has reason to jump on this idea from a Lunar Sabbatarian.

I can assure you this is pure conjecture and lack of scriptural and historical (sic) knowledge. In fact I will prove it to you here that Abraham kept the High Holy days and by extension the 7th day Sabbath.

Genesis 18:6-7 (NKJV) So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and **make cakes.**" (7) And Abraham ran to the herd, took **a tender and good calf**, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it.

When Abraham was visited by YHWH rest assured it was the day of Passover which followed a High Holy Day Sabbath, the Passover was on 14th Nissan. YHWH came to Abraham on a special appointed mo'e'dim (sic—mo'edim) which Abraham and Lot were diligently keeping. Let me show you Lot and the feast of Unleavened Bread (High Holy Sabbath) on the 15th of Nissan. Note Abraham also asks Sarah to bake Unleavened Cakes and not leavened ones including the sacrifice of the calf. At Abraham's time it was a calf and not a lamb that was sacrificed. We will also sacrifice a calf in the 3rd Temple and not a lamb, which means we are going back to the ancient pattern of Abraham.

I'm not sure what to say other than to tell the truth. Even when Bro. Altaf is correct, he does not know how to provide Scripture to support his position. This was not Passover when Abraham and Sarah were visited by YHVH. There is nothing in the passage to suggest that it was Passover. If it were, Sarah would have already baked these cakes in preparation for the feast and would NOT have had to have Abraham ask her (or remind her) to bake them.

The statute for the Passover meal is either a lamb or a kid goat; it was NEVER a calf as YHVH does not change. See texts at the top of page 7.

There is a text that proves Abraham was a Sabbath keeper, but it is not **Genesis 18:6-7.**

Because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws. **Genesis 26:5**

Let's look at Lot

Genesis 19: 1-3 (NKJV) Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.(2) And he said, "Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way."

And they said, "No, but we will spend the night in the open square." (3) But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then **he made them a feast**, and baked **Unleavened Bread**, (Matzah) and they ate.

So when God entered our time and space to meet Abraham it was the Passover and the next day it was the feast of **Unleavened Bread**, which Lot was celebrating. This shows the lunar Sabbath man in his book above who argued about the Lunar Sabbath or that Abraham and the previous generations did not keep the Sabbath is clearly in error.

Oh brother. This is a perfect example of circular reasoning. Problem is—none of it is true. If it was Unleavened Bread, this feast would have ALREADY been prepared, Bro. Altaf. Lot would not have needed to bake it for his guests; he would have already prepared it for his OWN family. This is clearly a gesture of hospitality that is noted in all the Israelite patriarchs; it has nothing to do with either Passover or the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

I agree that the Lunar Sabbatarian's book is in error, all the patriarchs observed the Sabbath, but in defending his own position while arguing against this Lunar Sabbatarian, Simon Altaf has taken his error to a new and even lower level.

The Sabbath was kept by Abraham, the Sabbath was kept by Lot, the Sabbath was even kept by Noah, and Adam by extension. Let those who make such foolish claims first bring proof and then I will show you how that was not true but I will only do it in public. No emails and no private room discussions. If you want to wash your dirty laundry then I insist it has to be in public so the body of Messiah can judge us together.

Good policy, but Simon Altaf is not even remotely prepared to defend his position.

This is the difference between a Levite and a non-Levite. We were chosen as the teachers in the first Tabernacle, both Temples and will remain so because God has a covenant with us forever. You will also find Levites operating the 3rd Temple and they won't be needing Christianity's nonsensical four spiritual laws. Remember Judah is the law giver. The Levites stayed with Judah to guide them. Right now some of us are in the nations but there is good reason for that until the Messiah returns.

Oh Levite, where is thy temple? When the Levites who were chosen to serve in the first and second temple proposed false doctrines, such as those embraced and promoted by Simon Altaf, Israel went into apostasy or worse, bondage.

The Levites were not spiritual guides, only the high priest was. Not just Levites were teachers. Anyone with an edifying message for the body of believers qualified as a teacher/prophet. None of the patriarchs before Jacob were Levites, and few after were. None of the disciples or apostles was a Levite either. The Levites were servants in YHVH's temple. Nothing more. Moses was the only Levite on record as being a teacher or prophet, Aaron notwithstanding. The messages from YHVH came to Moses and were delivered by Moses. That said, there were a few Levites who taught one person or a specific king, but no one else is recorded as being his student. Example, priest Jehoiada tutored king Joash (**II Kings 12:2, II Chronicles 24:2**). Only the high priest, not every Levite, had the ear of the king.

God himself gave testimony of Abraham being a good Torah keeper. Well, if he broke the Sabbath then why say he was a good Torah keeper? That demolishes any such arguments that Abraham did not keep the Torah. In fact he spent 39 years with Noah and Shem learning it in Shem's Yeshiva.

Genesis 26:5 (NKJV) "because Abraham **obeyed My voice** (Torah) and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws (Torot)."

I must retract my previous statement. Here Bro. Altaf redeems himself; he does have a text to support Abraham's Sabbath keeping.

He gets the time Abraham spent with Noah and Shem from the Book of Jasher.

Who are you going to believe - God or the people leading you into the Lunar Sabbath?

Well, if these are my only two options, I'm going to accept the people leading me into the Lunar Sabbath because "God" is the name of a false sun deity. I would not follow him anywhere to do anything, for any purpose.

Lunar Sabbatarians build a straw man argument which can be easily refuted and pulled down. Here are two of the classical ones used that the moon is to be used in all moe'dim (Appointed times)

Genesis 1:14 (AFNHSS) Then Elohim said, Let there be lights in the expanse of the shamayim (heavens) to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and **Moe'dim** (feasts: Appointed times), and for days and years:

Psalms 104:19 (AFNHSS) He appointed the moon for seasons: **the sun knows his going down.**

Straw man arguments? These texts flat out SAY that of the two great lights, the moon regulates the mo'edim.

The problem is with those who have an agenda to subvert they will only use one and not the other. So if the passage above speaks about the moon then what about the sun? We know a day cannot be reckoned without either the sun or moon and the same goes for the weekly Sabbath. It is based on the sunset. Why use the moon and not the sun? Also that all the feasts are not calculated using the moon alone is a false assumption.

Lunar Sabbath keepers recognize that the greater light rules the day. What does that have to do with the moon regulating the mo'edim? The sun tells you when a new day begins; the moon tells you which day it is.

It is true, all the feasts are "calculated" (regulated is a better word) using the moon. You cannot count or determine the day of the week, the beginning of the month or the beginning of the year by looking at the sun, which looks the same every day.

Leviticus 23:2-3 (AFNHSS) **2** Speak unto the children of Y'sra'el, and say unto them, **Concerning the Moe'dim** (feasts: Appointed times) of אָזְזָז, which you shall proclaim to be Set-Apart Assemblies, even these are My Feasts. **3** Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, a set-apart assembly; you shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of אָזְזָז in all your dwellings.

Straw man argument? **Leviticus** chapter **23** flat out SAYS that the weekly Sabbath is the first mo'ed (feast) in a long list of mo'edim (feasts).

The Lunar Sabbath keeper argument goes that the weekly Sabbath and regular yearly moe'dim are mentioned in Leviticus 23:2 where the word "feasts" is used therefore the moon must be used in the weekly Sabbath. [Bro. Altaf, does **Genesis 1:14** prove that the calendar of YHVH is regulated by the lights in the heavens? Yes. Does **Psalm 104:19** say that the moon regulates the mo'edim (appointed times)? Yes. Which mo'edim? The CALENDAR mo'edim. Does **Leviticus 23:1-3** prove that the weekly Sabbath is the first time appointed? Yes. Is the Sabbath a calendar appointed time? Yes.] It might seem what they are saying has some truth in it but when we examine the term moe'dim we find the argument collapses. Let me show you how.

Please, take your best shot.

Genesis 21:2 (KJV) For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham^{H85} a son in his old age, at the set time^{H4150} (Moe'dim) of which God had spoken to him.

Please note the same Hebrew term Moe'd is used for the set time when Sarah was to conceive so are we to presuppose that Sarah conceived on a new moon day and hence forth all special births are to happen on the new moons? No, so beware. Ancient Hebrew had a wide array of meanings.

True, Hebrew words can have more than one application. Now, is the day of one's birth a prearranged calendar date that is known ahead of time? NO. No one knows the day of a child's birth in advance, therefore it is not a prearranged calendar date or meeting with YHVH like the Feasts and Sabbaths so it is not regulated by the moon. The Sabbath and Feasts are prearranged calendar events, so they are indeed regulated by the moon.

1 Samuel 9:24 (NKJV) So the cook took up the thigh with its upper part and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, "Here it is, what was kept back. It was **set apart (Mo'ed)** for you. Eat; for until this time it has been kept for you, since I said I invited the people." So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

So once again Samuel presents the thigh of meat to Shaul. This has nothing to do with the new moon. The new moon was not used in assessing all things so this is a fallacy that many people live under. Also only certain new moons are held as special which are commanded while the rest are not. Generally there is no injunction to take time off work on New moon days or to stop working unless a commanded annual feast falls on that day such as the 7th Month first day feast of blowing of Shofars or Rosh Hashana.

Is the piece of meat a set-apart time of convocation with YHVH? No. Therefore a meal is not a prearranged calendar date or meeting with YHVH like the Feasts and Sabbaths so it is not regulated by the moon. The Sabbath and Feasts are prearranged calendar events, so they are indeed regulated by the moon.

No one can look at a calendar and predetermine when a woman will give birth, or when birds will migrate, or when someone will arrive home after a long journey. And each of these is written of in Scripture using the term mo'ed. And NONE of these are segments of the calendar described in **Genesis 1:14**, signs, seasons (mo'edim), days and years. **Genesis 1:14** and **Psalms 104:19** are in reference to mo'edim that ARE regulated by the moon, not mo'edim that have no correspondence whatsoever with the moon. This is not rocket science.

Commanded New Moon rest because of an annual feast

Leviticus 23:24 (NKJV) "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: `In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.

People in Israel in ancient times quite happily worked and carried on with the daily grind and even travelled (**sic**) out to places which if you remember was forbidden for more than a certain distance.

Israel traveled about 30 miles on the Sabbath of Unleavened Bread, moving from Rameses to Succoth (**Numbers 33:3-5**). And where in Torah does it tell how far one can travel on the Sabbath? It is not there. The concept of a Sabbath day's journey is the invention of the rabbis found only in the Talmud. Would you like to see what the rabbis said in the Talmud about the Torah?

Rabbi Ismael, Rabbi Chambar, et al wrote:

“The teachings of the Talmud stand above all other laws. They are more important than the laws of Moses.”

Trach Mechilla:

“Jehovah Himself studies the Talmud standing; He has such respect for that book.”

Rabbi Menachem commentary on fifth book:

“The decisions of the Talmud are words of the living God. Jehovah Himself asks the opinions of the earthly rabbis when there are difficult affairs in heaven.”

Michna Sanhedryn 11:3:

“It is more wicked to question the words of the rabbis than those of the Torah.”

This is the group of men with whom Simon Altaf equates himself.

There is ONE verse in Torah that seems to limit the movement of an Israelite on the Sabbath. And in context it is a prohibition against BREAKING the Sabbath. If you leave home with the express purpose of breaking the Sabbath, it is better to stay home. If you leave home on the Sabbath with no other goal than to get from point A to point B, where is the prohibition? Here is the passage in question. Regarding the attempted gathering of manna on the Sabbath...

And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

And YHVH said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? See, for that YHVH hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

*So the people rested on the seventh day. **Exodus 16:27-30***

In context it was about leaving the house on the Sabbath in express disobedience to a command of YHVH, and these instructions are never mentioned again in Scripture. The Sabbath day's journey found in the Talmud, and the only allusion to it is found in the New Testament.

Ezra 7:9 (NKJV) On the **first day of the first month** he began his journey from Babylon, and on the **first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem**, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

Ezra was a lawgiver he was a priest who understood the Torah very well and how much he could walk. Note he travelled (**sic**) on the New moon day so beware that you do not come into deceit to think that every new moon is special, the reality is its not.

Please note that Ezra probably did not travel on the Sabbath as he makes no record of it, and there is no prohibition against traveling on New Moon. Only the seventh New Moon is a Sabbath (Feast of Trumpets). Ezra did not travel on the seventh New Moon, therefore Altaf's argument is made in vain.

The other doctrine running around is that Sabbath was on fixed days yearly in the following way:

ABID IYAR SIVAN TAMMUZ AB ELUL

1,8,15,22,29. 6,13,20,27. 4, 5,12,19,26. 3,10,17,24. 1,8,15,22,29. 6,13,20,27.28,29,30, + 3, days.

TISRI BUL CHISLEU TIBETH SHEBAT ADAR

1,8,15,22,29. 6,13,20,27 4,11,18,25. 2,9,16,23 30. 7,14,21,28. 5,12,19,26,27,28,29,30.+ 2 days

Huh? This is a doctrine I have never heard of. It is certainly not from a Lunar Sabbatarian.

The weekly Sabbaths of every month are the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. The first day of the month is never a weekly Sabbath. The seventh New Moon (Trumpets) is a Sabbath, but that is an annual Sabbath. In fact, YHVH placed three speed bumps in His calendar that destroy all man-made calendars.

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

Abib 10, the Passover lamb must be purchased so Abib 10 is a commerce or work day, every year. 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 of Abib 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 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 and 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 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 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 first month. Since the 14th of Abib can never fall on the weekly Sabbath, neither can the 7th, 21st or 28th days of the first month. Since the 16th of Abib can never fall on the weekly Sabbath, neither can the 2nd, 9th or 23rd days of the first month. Since the Sabbaths in the first month can NEVER fall on days 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24 or 28, that is a pretty BIG dent in the days of the first 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!

All I am going to say is to give you the following verse.

Psalms 60:7 (NKJV) Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is the helmet for My head; **Judah is My lawgiver.**

And Judah observed the Creation Calendar with its Lunar Sabbaths. If he didn't, then might I ask why the only dates identified for any weekly Sabbath in either the OT or the NT are found on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th days of the month? And if someone somewhere has not observed the ordinances of the moon, then we are all in BIG trouble. See top half of page 12 above.

Now you can either decide to believe what God has said about Judah or you can run after these groups for the rest of your life. It's really your choice. This is why God had teachers and Rabbis who would decide matters of law. [YHVH ordained the rabbis to decide matters of the law? Don't make me laugh. The quotes at the top of p. 24 above from the Talmud (the writings of these "rabbis") prove otherwise. The high priest decided matters of the law. A rabbi could be from any tribe as all the word rabbi means is "my master". And Matthew 23:8 says to NEVER accept the title rabbi as there is only ONE Master (YHVH), and that Messiah and the disciples were all brethren. Rabbi is NOT synonymous with Levite. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rabbi>.] When you have lay people deciding matters of God's law then chaos is the order of the day. So be warned. I was chosen by God over 11 years ago when I was minding my own business in a Japanese Merchant bank in London called Nomura International and He called me out by voice and chose me simply because I was from the line of the priestly clan while my whole family today is Muslim so why choose a Muslim and try to confuse him with the 7th day as lunar? You won't win. [He's right. If there is one man more stiffnecked than a Jew, it's a Muslim.] He did not confuse me with such bad teachings, he told me what days were what and has not once in my speech with him said to me, "Simon, you are keeping the wrong Sabbath." In fact he commanded me to teach the 7th day and to stay away from all pagan days of Christendom. [And here was a clue that Simon Altaf did not catch. The pagan days of Christendom are all found on the pagan/papal calendar. Why do you suppose YHVH told you that, Bro. Altaf? Why do you avoid the pagan holidays on a pagan/papal calendar but think you can worship YHVH on a Sabbath using the same pagan/papal calendar that was created for the express purpose of worshipping false gods? YHVH DID tell Simon he was using the wrong calendar, he just did not listen, going of a whoring after a false calendar, and teaching others to do likewise.] I do not need to lie because my first talk with him in 1998 was, "Should I keep Christmas?" and He told me, "No."

I wonder what Simon Altaf would have been told if he had asked "God" (the Scandinavian sun deity) if he should keep satyrday as the weekly Sabbath? "God" is the god of sunday worshippers. YHVH is the Elohim of the True Sabbath, and it is THIS Sabbath that His children gravitate toward once they are exposed to it.

I want to point out that in 70 CE both the House of Shammai and the House of Hillel had a dispute about something and then a Bat Kol (Voice from heaven) was heard that said that both these schools speak are the words of God but the School of Hillel Rules from this day and the school of Hillel has ruled since that day as you can see the school of Shammai has just disappeared over time. The Jewish people are quite correct in their Sabbath observance and in many other things they have already made halacha (way of conduct) which is fine. Some things may appear to go a bit too far but they are in essence trying to protect the Torah. Remember they are the lawgiver so either you agree with YHWH's lawgiver or you don't. Yes, it's true they do not have a revelation of the Messiah but this is how it is meant to be so once again what has been established and practiced for over 2000 years I can tell you is correct. If you want sanity in your lives I suggest you go to a Jewish Synagogue and avoid all these bad teachers teaching bad doctrines and, yes, I do mean the Orthodox/Sephardic Synagogues.

Now we have enough evidence to cast Altaf aside as a false teacher. I can no longer call this man my brother.

Friends, Hillel II **changed** the calendar of YHVH in A.D. 341. Rome did not want Easter to ever fall on Passover but could never figure out how the Hebrew calendar worked so they forced Hillel II upon pain of death to "fix" the Hebrew calendar (meaning to alter or change, not repair).

The Hebrew calendar was not broken, and NO MAN can change the law of YHVH. The Creator's calendar is written in the Torah and in the heavens were no man can mess with it.

Deuteronomy 4:2 *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.*

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

Ecclesiastes 3:14 *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.*

Malachi 3:6 *For I am YHVH, I change not.*

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, YHVH never gave any man the authority to change His law. Simon Altat proclaims that YHVH gave that authority to the house of Hillel. I would like to ask how this transpired since the Bright Light of Shekinah no longer resided in the Most Set-Apart Place in the Temple as of A.D. 70. The presence of YHVH no longer resided in the Temple, the disciples and apostles were scattered or dead and Jerusalem and the Temple had been destroyed by Titus.

Hillel the Elder (the head of the House of Hillel) was born in Babylon in 110 B.C. and was associated with the development of the Mishna and the Talmud (both rabbinic writings). See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hillel_the_Elder. The writings of the rabbis and the House of Hillel are blasphemous. And THIS is the house that Simon Altat proclaims speaks the "words of God." The words of God perhaps (the Scandinavian sun deity), but not the Words of YHVH.

Here are some more thoughts from the Talmud that was developed by the House of Hillel...

The Talmud says:

"When you go to war do not go as the first, but as the last, so that you may return as the first. Five things has Kanaan recommended to his sons: 'Love each other, love the robbery, hate your masters and never tell the truth.'" Pesachim F., p. 113B

"How to interpret the word 'robbery.' A goy [non-Jew] is forbidden to steal, rob or take woman slaves, even from a goy or a Jew. But a Jew is NOT forbidden to do all this to a goy." Tosefta, Abda Zara, VIII [Remember: When they say "Jew" they mean Khazar, not Judean or Judahite.]

The Talmud says:

"It is forbidden to disclose the secrets of the law. He who would do it would be as guilty as though he destroyed the whole world." Jaktut Chadasz, p. 171.

"To communicate anything to a goy [non-Jew] about our religious relations would be equal to killing of all Jews, for if the goyim knew what we teach about them they would kill us openly." Libbre David, p. 37.

The Talmud says:

"The Jews are human beings, but the nations of the world are not human being nothing but beasts." Baba Mecia, p. 114.

The Talmud says:

“When a goy kills a goy [non-Jew] or a Jew he is responsible; but if a Jew kills a goy he is NOT responsible.” Tosefta, Aboda Zara, p. 8.

“A Jew is permitted to rape, cheat and perjure himself but he must take care that he is not found out, so that Israel may not suffer.” Schulchan Aruch, Jore Dia.

“A Gentile girl who is three years old can be violated.” Aboda Zara, 37a.

“A Jew may violate, but not marry a non-Jewish girl.” Gad, Shas, 2:2

As further evidence that Simon Altaf is not a brother to the body of believers, he stated above:

Yes, it's true they do not have a revelation of the Messiah but this is how it is meant to be so once again what has been established and practiced for over 2000 years I can tell you is correct. If you want sanity in your lives I suggest you go to a Jewish Synagogue and avoid all these bad teachers teaching bad doctrines and, yes, I do mean the Orthodox/Sephardic Synagogues.

He wants us, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, to become indoctrinated by the teachings of the rabbis and calls someone promoting the Lunar Sabbath a bad teacher. *Come now, let us reason together.* My shadow will darken the doorway of a synagogue when hell freezes over.

The Nail in the coffin for Lunar Sabbatarians

The following is cited trying to obscure the truth and confuse the people into believing a lunar Sabbath:

Rabbi Louis Finklestein of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, was selected by the Kehillas (Jewish Communities) of the World as one of the 120 top Jews who best represented “a lamp of Judaism” to the world. In a letter to Dr. L. E. Froom, dated Feb. 20, 1939, Finklestein readily admitted, “The present Jewish calendar was fixed in the fourth century.” (3) Maimonides and most other Jewish chronologers agree that the modern Jewish calendar is based upon the “mean motions of the sun and moon, the true [calendar] having been set aside.” (4)

This is not obscure or confusing, this is a Jewish man admitting that the original calendar of Yah was fixed (meaning affixed, altered, changed). Jewish scholars and teachers are not alone in this admittance. It is common knowledge—the original Hebrew calendar was based on the lights in the heavens. Above, Finklestein is in reference to Hillel II affixing the calendar of Yah in A.D. 341 (the 4th century).

The New Moon is still, and the Sabbath originally was, dependent upon the lunar cycle ... Originally, the New Moon was celebrated in the same way as the Sabbath; gradually it became less important while the Sabbath became more and more a day of religion and humanity, of religious meditation and instruction, of peace and delight of the soul. (5)

How is it possible to misunderstand this quote? It is not possible to refute it or to gainsay it. It is a historical fact.

(3) Box 6, Folder 4; Grace Amadon Collection, (Collection 154), Center for Adventist Research Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

(4) Maimonides, *Kiddusch Ha-hodesch*, Tr. Mahler, Wein, 1889, emphasis supplied.

(5) “Holidays”, *Universal Jewish Encyclopedia*, 1899 ed.,p. 41.

Note this is incorrectly quoted to prove what has not been the case.

Let us now examine what the Jewish custodians of the true faith of Judaism have to really say on the truth of the non-Lunar Sabbath in their Torah, the first five books of Moses, documented in any Chumash which can be purchased from www.artscroll.org.

The Jews have never had the true faith. Judaism is not the faith of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Judaism is a half pagan religion created by the rabbis who refused to return to Israel with Ezra and Nehemiah. The Khazars, later known as Jews, adopted Judaism as their religion a little over a thousand years ago. The legitimate Israelites had long been scattered to the four corners of the earth so the only representatives the King of the Khazars found when they were interviewing for their new state religion were the Babylonian Rabbis. They interviewed delegates from Islam, Catholicism and Judaism, choosing Judaism as their state religion. That is why there are eggs on the Jew's table at Passover, and the Jews observe the sabbath from sundown friday to sundown satyrday, and their months from the first visible crescent (along with many other pagan Babylonian traditions). These are traditions that cannot be found in the Torah because they are the (pagan) traditions of the Babylonian rabbis that were later adopted by the Jews.

In fact, Judaism is the mother of all harlots, not the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church adopted parts of Judaism, not the other way around. Judaism was the first partly true, partly false religion; the Catholic Church came MANY year later. All of Protestantism came from the Catholic church, being daughter churches of the papacy. Judeo-christian simply means part Judaism, part Catholicism. And which came first? Judaism--*the mother of all harlots*. And Simon Altaf wants you to get your true doctrines from the Jewish custodians of Judaism, men who are not Israelites who have adopted the half pagan religion of the Babylonian rabbis.

This is such a slap in the face to any true believer that I'm not sure what to say. I am deeply offended which may cause me to speak the truth without mixture. Frankly, Altaf's challenge is like Aaron making the golden calf. Toward whom should you be more offended? Aaron for making the idol, leading the children of Israel astray, or Moses for getting angry at his brothers treachery and breaking the tablets of stone?

Chumash footnotes on Chapter 12 of Shemoth (Exodus)

It says re: The Jewish Calendar

The Jewish calendar is based on the moon, and it is regulated by the sun.

It continues:

The Torah provides that Rosh Chodesh (NEW Moon) can be proclaimed ONLY by the rabbinic court on the basis of two witnesses who testify that they have observed the re-appearance of the moon. [Were this me, I would have provided the proof from the Torah. Altaf does not because the Torah says no such thing. In fact the word rabbi is not found in the Old Testament.] The members of such a court must have the semichah, or ordination, that was conferred by teachers upon their students, generation after generation, FROM THE TIME OF MOSES. [Must have? Where are these instructions in Torah?] This requirement is derived from the word in Hebrew meaning "to you" in Ch 12:2, which was addressed to Moses and Aaron, from which the Sages inferred that those deciding on the new moon must have the same legal status that they had.

The Chumash footnotes of Shemoth (Exodus) are not Torah; they are the rabbis' comments on the Torah. To obey the words of the rabbis is contrary to **Deuteronomy 4:2**, adding to the law.

After the destruction of the Second Temple, the level of scholarship needed to qualify for this ordination gradually ceased to exist, due to persecutions and dispersions. Had it reached a point where there was no one left who qualified for semichah, it would have been impossible to proclaim new months, and if that happened, the Jewish calendar could not have continued. [That's funny, YHVH gave me eyes and a brain. I can read and comprehend and I can tell when a new month begins. Considering the fact that the Torah says nothing about having a group of Jewish rabbis agree that a new month has begun, I feel quite comfortable and completely qualified to call the New Moon for my family.] TO AVOID this catastrophe, in the year 4119 (358-9 C.E.) the court of Hillel II promulgated a calendar FOR ALL SUCEEDING CENTURIES, based on the calculations that had HISTORICALLY been used to corroborate the testimony of witnesses to the new moon.

Hillel II changed the way the ancient Hebrew calendar worked, again running afoul of **Deuteronomy 4:2**, adding to and diminishing aught from the law. The catastrophe 1700 years ago was for Hillel II to alter one jot or tittle of the Creation Calendar. A catastrophe today would be for you to follow the path of Simon Altaf.

Furthermore it states:

The currently used names of the months are of Babylonian origin, and came into use among Jews only after the destruction of the First Temple. Those names were RETAINED as a REMINDER of the REDEMPTION from Babylon, which resulted in the building of the Second Temple

And where is the command from YHVH to “retain” the Babylonian names of the months?

Surely the Sovereign YHVH will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets. Amos 3:7

Footnote on Ch Exodus 12:6 from the Chumash

The Sages explain that the four-day interval was part of the miracle of redemption. The Egyptians saw their gods- lambs and kids- tethered to the beds of the Yisraelites and asked, "What is the purpose of this"? The Yisraelites explained that the animals were being prepared for the slaughter as offerings to God. The Egyptians were furious, but, miraculously, they were powerless to intervene. Because this happened on the tenth day of Nissan, WHICH WAS THE SHABBATH THAT YEAR, the Shabbath before Pesach is called Shabbath HaGadol (The Great Shabbath), in commemoration of that miracle.

The 10th of Abib is the day to select the lamb, to purchase one if you do not own one already. Abib 10 has NEVER fallen on the Sabbath.

This clearly proves that the Feast of Pesach (Passover) was not on a weekly Sabbath as many state!

Few Lunar Sabbatarians hold this position, and most repent of this once they realize that Abib 14 is the preparation day for the Feast of Unleavened Bread and can NEVER be the Sabbath.

We also know from this historical evidence that Yahushua was hung on the tree on 'Wednesday' and not on Friday as taught by Catholics and Christians, which was the 4th day of that week, Aviv 14, Pesach!!!

Oh great, another error by our resident false historian!! And where is this evidence? There is no historical evidence that proves Yahushua was murdered on a w-day and there are three different ways to disprove Altaf's false doctrine. They are below. In fact, the only support for this idea is to rearrange the calendar to permit Yahushua to have 3 days and 3 nights in the grave. Four ways if you include the false 3 days, 3 nights in the grave doctrine.

1. Rome was not using the pagan seven day planetary week in the first century. They had an 8 day market calendar denoted with the letters A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H. Here is a first century Roman calendar...



2. The years A.D. 30, 31 or 33 are the only years in earth's history (according to scholars) in which the crucifixion could have taken place. Passover is ALWAYS the 14th day of the first month and will ALWAYS be attended by a full moon. The lunar cycle has not changed since the first century so it is VERY easy for moon phase calculators to go forward or backward in time to predict or discover the lunar phase on any given date. If the Gregorian calendar is extrapolated back into time (to the first century—an era when Rome did not employ a calendar using a wednesday or a seven day week), the full moon and therefore Passover can be identified.

Passover would have been on the pagan th-day in 30 A.D. if the Gregorian calendar were in use in the first century. On the pagan mo-day in 31 A.D, and on the pagan th-day in 33 A.D.

What this proves is that there were no fri-sat-sun weekend Passovers on ANY of the dates, covering all the suspected years of the crucifixion, or w-day crucifixions. 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, which proves Israel was not using the pagan/papal calendar.

3. If the 14th of Abib fell on a w-day (a day that did not exist in first century Rome), then the 17th would be the weekly Sabbath. If the 17th is the Sabbath, so then is the 10th day of Abib...

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And as already proven, the 10th, 14th and 16th days of the month can never be the weekly Sabbath as each of these dates are commanded work/commerce days. The 10th day of Abib is a work/commerce day, the day to set aside to select/purchase the Passover Lamb. If you did not own a lamb, you had to go and purchase one on THIS particular day, destroying Simon Altaf's conclusion.

I won't bring up the error of the 3 days and 3 nights in the grave (the 4th thing that disproves a wednesday crucifixion) as it is a lengthy bit of rebuttal unless Altaf attempts to prove saturday is the Sabbath using this false doctrine as evidence. Long story short, if you will look at the calendar model at the bottom of the previous page, you can see why the 3 days and 3 nights in the grave is a false doctrine as it demands that the 10th day of Abib is the Sabbath during the month of the crucifixion.

This proves Israel never kept the Lunar Sabbath as advocated and also citing the testimony of somebody in the 20th century many hundreds of years later and incorrectly making a point and trying to retrofit a Sabbath is indeed questionable.

What Simon Altaf has yet to prove and will never be able to prove is that Israel was using the Roman calendar in the first century. The reasons he cannot prove this is because Rome did not employ a 7 day calendar week in the first century and did not have a w-day on their calendar. And as a trump card, Altaf already KNOWS that Israel was not using the Roman calendar because he knows full well that in the 4th century (some 300 years after Yahushua) Hillel II changed, at Rome's command, the *Hebrew* calendar in use at that time.

Now your belief in the Messiah is your personal belief and that will not hinder you from sitting and studying in the Synagogues. You do not need to talk about your personal life as that is personal and the Jews do not have a problem with your belief as they also expect the Messiah to return soon.

Let me tell you categorically that God has rejected doctrines coming out of Christendom on Torah and these run away groups making up new doctrines as they do not have the right to make Torah law. Here is proof:

Psalm 78:9-10 (NKJV) The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, Turned back in the day of battle. (10) They **did not keep the covenant of God**; They refused to **walk in His law**,

I am stunned. Altaf demands that christianity has no authority to make Torah law, yet insists that morally degenerate Jewish rabbis do.

Do you see who did not keep the Torah and to this day refuse to keep it? These are the Christians still living in dogmatic error and on top many of these groups now come up with erroneous doctrines which YHWH has rejected such as the pre trib rapture.

Psalm 78:67-68 (NKJV) Moreover **He rejected the tent of Joseph**, And did not **choose the tribe of Ephraim**, (68) But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved.

I can't speak for all Lunar Sabbatarians, but many of them are no longer practicing christians. They are no longer welcome in their home churches because of their feast keeping, their use of the Sacred Name, and as of late, their use of the Creation Calendar and Lunar Sabbath. These "christains" are being called and are coming out of Babylon and the churches are powerless to stop the hemorrhaging because all they have to offer is their tradition. The churches have no answers for the Light the body of believers is finding. Neither does Simon Altaf.

Now hopefully you can see why Yahushua came for Joseph the ten tribes and why God rejected the tents of Joseph (Christianity) because they refuse to obey His Torah (Law) but instead He chose Judah as His lawgiver and we the Levites are His priests forever not just a season. We exist and I am testimony to God's faithful even being in England where he called me back.

I agree, the Almighty has rejected christianity. It is a half pagan religion. But YHVH has rejected Judaism on the same principle.

The Levites were to serve in the Temple of YHVH. No Temple, no priests. I believe the Levites will once again serve in the temple of YHVH, but that time has not come, therefore, the Levites (including Simon Altaf if he is a Levite) have no status at this time. They are still scattered and being punished along with the other tribes Israel for their apostasy. In truth, if the Levites were the spiritual leaders of Israel, they bear the greater guilt for Israel's many apostasies.

Psa 60:7 (KJV) Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; **Judah *is* my lawgiver**

Also to finish Judah is the lawgiver and no runaway groups of people set new laws so if you reject Judah's established laws of which the weekly Sabbath is a well documented law then, of course, you have rejected God who has appointed him.

Then why is Judah not proclaiming the calendar of **Genesis 1**? And why is Simon Altaf speaking out of both sides of his mouth, showing his double mindedness? Judah and Levi are two separate tribes. Judah cannot be Yah's lawgiver if the Levites are the lawgivers. Goes both ways. Levi cannot be Yah's lawgiver if Judah is the lawgiver.

Three times (so far) Altaf has used **Psalms 60:7** to prove that Judah is YHVH's lawgiver, yet in the middle of p. 17, Altaf says Moses was Israel's lawgiver. Moses was from Levi, not Judah.

Near the bottom of p. 24, Altaf says that Ezra was a lawgiver. **Ezra 7:1-5** proves Ezra's lineage back to Aaron. Aaron was a Levite, not from Judah.

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. James 1:8

Wherefore the Sovereign said, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour Me, but have removed their heart far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the precept of men: **Isaiah 29:13**

As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. II Peter 3:16

If I start covering every point the article will become very big and I do not want to make it reams and reams of pages so I have only covered what I thought were the pertinent points.

Simon, when were you going to give your proof that satyrday is the Sabbath of YHVH? When were you going to offer your evidence that the weekly Sabbath is the seventh day in an unbroken cycle of seven day weeks? And, when do you intend to offer valid evidence against the Lunar Sabbath? So far, all we have seen are your traditions offered as evidence, just as I predicted on the first page.

Addendum

Joshua 6 problem how do we address this?

A personal friend insists that he has found the loophole in the Bible that Sabbath was always on the Lunar cycle and insists that this is solid proof for a lunar Sabbath.

Jos 6:12 (KJV) And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

Jos 6:13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

Jos 6:14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

Jos 6:15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

Jos 6:16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

This passage is being cited as the holy grail for all Lunar Sabbatarians that since Joshua attacked on the 7th day surely this could not be a weekly Sabbath and therefore they must have rested on the 8th day of the week making the Lunar Sabbath the only way to live.

I don't know about holy grail, but it is certainly a passage men like Simon Altaf cannot answer.

Answer: [\[Really? We shall see...\]](#) When we look at the book of Yashar (Jasher) it says the following:

Yashar 88:14-18 And it was in the second month, on the first day of the month, that אֵלֶּיֶם said to Yahushua, rise up, behold I have given Yericho into your hand with all the people there; and all your fighting men shall go round the city, once each day, thus shall you do for six days.

15 And the priests shall blow upon trumpets, and when you shall hear the sound of the shofarim, all the people shall give a great shout that the walls of the city shall fall down; all the people shall go up every man against his opponent.

16 And Yahushua did so according to all that אֵלֶּיֶם had commanded him.

17 And on the seventh day they went round the city seven times, and the priests blew upon shofrim.

18 And at the seventh round, Yahushua said to the people, shout, for אֵלֶּיֶם has delivered the whole city into our hands.

On a casual examination of this one can see that maybe the Lunar Sabbath keepers have won the argument based on one scripture; however, on close examination this is not the case as we shall see shortly.

The book of Yashar helps us to see that the March started on the 1st day of the second month of Ziv or called Iyyar after the exile in Babylon (Iraq). Let us then assume that the march was on day 1 or new moon day. [\[Why must we assume this? Jasher flat out says that the battle/siege started on the first day of the month. If that is not New Moon, I don't know what is.\]](#) This itself contradicts Lunar people in that the New Moon is a separate day. But one can see it isn't always the case. This first of all demolishes the New moon separate day theory. Now let us continue to examine the rest.

Oh brother. The famous last words of a desperate man.

Yes, the New Moon is a third category of day. It is not a week day, but it IS a day of the month and is immediately followed by the first week of the month. Does Altaf actually think that we do not at all recognize New Moon days in the calendar month? That they count for nothing? If so he is foolishly mistaken.

We can see if we open our eyes a bit that the fallacy is in the reading of the text by lunar keepers. They are assuming it as follows using our common time frame for illustration purposes only notice that Monday, Tuesday, etc. did not exist back then it was only day 1, day 2 etc:

Day 1 – Sunday

Day 2 – Monday

Day 3 – Tuesday

Day 4 – Wednesday

Day 5 – Thursday

Day 6 – Friday

Day 7 – Saturday

Day 8 – The battle followed in the morning followed by the Lunar Sabbath

This is merely assumed but not factually correct. So keep reading.

He's right. This is not factually correct. Lunar Sabbath keepers believe that this was a seven day battle/siege, not a nine day affair. Please note that Altaf has Israel beginning this 7 day march on day one. But rather than end the battle on day seven (saturday), he says that they continued their daily marches on day 8, which was then followed by the Sabbath the following day (Day 9 one would suppose).

What Lunar Sabbatarian believes that? None of us.

They then assume that Joshua 6:16 came to play on the 7th day which only leaves the 8th day for rest thus fitting in with the Lunar Sabbath cycle. Now let me give you my reasons why this is not true.

Why is Simon Altaf still arguing against this? He only recognizes consecutive 7 day weeks. He does not recognize the New Moon as a third category of day. His New Moon days can fall during the work week, contrary to Scripture.

If there is a seven day battle/siege on Altaf's calendar, one of those days has to be *his* Sabbath. *That* is the point. This is what proves that saturday is NOT the weekly Sabbath because YHWH never sent Israel into battle ON the Sabbath. *Period.*

The only thing Simon Altaf will succeed in proving using this flawed logic and doctrine is his own utter lack of knowledge of the Creator's Calendar. If this seems harsh, let's let him play out his scenario and see how many times he shoots himself in the foot...

Day 1 of the New Moon does not have to be Sunday that year but it could have been Thursday. Now let me show you what happens.

Bullet #1—**Ezekiel 46:1** says that the gates to the inner court are only opened on the New Moons and Sabbath, but shut on all SIX work days. If memory serves me, th-day is one of the six work days, meaning the gates will be SHUT. Since they are shut, it cannot be a New Moon day. *Period*. Please note, I DID NOT SHOOT Simon Altaf. He shot himself in the foot. All I did was predict it.

Day 1 of the Month Ziv – Thursday night and Friday daytime until sunset.

Bullet #2—The days in Scripture begin at dawn. See the study at this web address: <http://www.creationcalendar.com/CalendarIssue/18-DawnDayStudy.pdf>.

Bullet #3—In this scenario, their first march around Jericho would be on f-day, not th-day because they did not march around Jericho during the night. Altaf must be confusing Gideon's night time attack on the Midianites with the march around Jericho. Either that or he does not know the difference between thursDAY and friDAY.

By the way, f-day is also one of the six work days, so Bullet #1 still applies. He did not miss with his first shot.

Day 2 – Friday eve to Saturday – Sabbath

Bullet #4—Simon Altaf has the GALL to say that Israel marched around Jericho on the Sabbath? In full battle array? Carrying every weapon at their disposal? Carrying the Ark of the Covenant to boot? On a full tilt adrenalin rush as only Joshua knew that the men would march around the city for seven days? He never told his men. All he told them was to remain silent until he gave them the signal. If you don't believe me, read **Joshua 6** for yourself.

Day 3 – Sunday eve to Monday eve

Bullet #5—This should be satyrday evening to sunday evening. To wit: If Day 1 is th-day eve to f-day eve. Day 2 must therefore be f-day eve to satyrday eve. Day 3 must therefore be satyrday eve to sunday eve. He screwed up his own calendar count. He's trying to force the seven day battle/siege to end on a f-day so satyrday can be the following day, but in his folly, his count actually ends on a th-day, making f-day his Sabbath. Don't believe me? Finish out what he started. Day 4 would be sun eve to mon eve. Day 5 would be mon eve to tue eve. Day 6 would be tue eve to wed eve. Day 7, the day Israel marched around Jericho 7 times would be wed eve to thur eve. That is the end of his calendar model (corrected for Altaf's oversight). And if you will read below, he says that the Sabbath followed the Seventh day of the battle. That would be thur eve to fri evening

Day 4 – Monday eve to Tuesday eve

Day 5 – Tuesday eve to Wed Eve

Day 6 – Wednesday eve to Thursday eve

Day 7 - Thursday eve to Friday Eve

The Priests pick up the ark on Friday morning Day 7 at Dawn of that month of Iyyar [th-day morning actually with the correction for Altaf's oversight, but I digress] and march around the city 7 times then the walls fall down and the attack begins ending that day with victory and the weekly Sabbath of rest.

Bullet #6—On a friday. He's calling this Sabbath on a friday.

Day 8 for us is the normal weekly Sabbath which starts on Friday sunset because Thursday (Day 7) would finish on Friday sunset before the new Hebrew day began.

Bullet #7—If day 8 of the month is the Sabbath, then the first day of the battle would have also began on a Sabbath. Looks like this...

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	

Simon called the first day of the battle a th-day, even though it was actually a f-day since he erroneously begins his days at night and Israel did not march around Jericho on his th-day night, they would have marched around it the following day (f-day in his example).

Seven bullet holes. Even I did not think it would be this bad. Altaf's folly apparently knows no end. This folly is totally unforced. No one is making him utter such nonsense. I can see accidentally shooting yourself twice in the foot, but SEVEN times? That is astounding.

He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray. Proverbs 5:23

He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him. Proverbs 18:13

Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly in him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour. Ecclesiastes 10:1

Some of you who have it ingrained in you that it must be a Lunar Sabbath may think my timeline is in error, [Yes, it is very much in error, but not because of anything ingrained in me. Common sense, the ability to add and to reason is evidence enough.] this is because you may think that did not the priests blow the trumpets and march around the city on a Sabbath on day 2 earlier in my chart above then how can this be? Did not YHWH violate the Sabbath is the common assumption but flawed at that.

Exodus 16:29 (AFNHSS) See, for אַיָּאֵז has given you the Sabbath, therefore He gives you on the sixth day lechem (bread) for two days; let every man remain in his place. let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

Who decides how much distance to walk on the Sabbath day?

Wrong question. Who decides that it is OK to prepare to engage in battle on the Sabbath? THAT is the question. War is work. This was a battle that YHVH Almighty sent Israel into, so unless YHVH is the author of confusion, He would NOT have sent Israel into battle on the Sabbath.

It is ignorant to think that this is a matter of how far the soldiers and priests had to walk around the city on the Sabbath (and that is where Altaf is going with this line of thinking) because YHVH would not have had them engage the enemy on the Sabbath in the first place.

The rabbinic law on how much to walk was debated and instituted based on Joshua 3:4 estimated to be 2000 cubits or around 3000 feet.

Since when does rabbinic law define or explain the Torah?

Yahushua 3:4 (AFNHSS) Yet there shall be a space between you and it, **about three thousand feet** behind it: do not come near it that you may know the way by which you must go: for you have not traveled this way before.

This is also mentioned in Acts 1:4

Ma'aseh ha Shilichim (Acts) 1:12 (AFNHSS) Then they returned to Yerushalim from the mountain called Olives, which is from Yerushalim a Sabbath day's journey.

I can't believe I am reading what I just read. And Simon Altaf actually BELIEVES he knows what he is talking about. **Joshua 3:4** is about how far the children of Israel were to walk behind the Ark of the Covenant while crossing the Jordan. It has NOTHING to do with the weekly Sabbath and therefore offers no commentary whatsoever on the rabbinic "Sabbath day's journey." Israel did not cross the Jordan on the Sabbath.

Talk about convoluted and ill-conceived reasoning. Over the past 38 pages, Simon Altaf has accused Lunar Sabbatarians of the following...

- Brushing aside evidence
- Hidding evidence under the carpet
- Not admitting errors due to pride and ego issues
- Twisting the meaning of words
- Having preconceived notions of what Scripture says
- Juggling evidence
- Being carried away by every wind of doctrine
- Offering pure conjecture as evidence
- Lacking Scriptural and historical knowledge
- Offering Straw man arguments
- Having an agenda to subvert
- Being bad teachers teaching bad doctrines
- Making up new doctrines

Altaf mangles the meaning of **Joshua 3:4** like he just did yet feels qualified to cast the above stones at Lunar Sabbatarians. I don't know whether to laugh or cry.

Joshua 6:9-10 tells us that the whole of Israel was present but were not allowed to make a sound because only the priests were allowed to blow the Shofars. **The critical piece of information in this is that they were allowed to walk to the limits but not attack even on a regular Sabbath day.** [And where is this critical evidence found? There is no such thing as a Sabbath's day's journey in Torah. Israel would not enter into battle on the Sabbath. War and the preparation for war is work.] **The law that stipulated how much to walk was debated and decided much later. However, Joshua 3:4 gives us 3000 feet going one way and then coming back would add another 3000 feet.**

Again, **Joshua 3:4** has NOTHING to do with a Sabbath day's journey. Only in the mind of a man desperate to find anything that remotely sounds like evidence to support his false conclusion does the 3000 feet (2000 cubits) spoken of in Joshua take on any reference to the Sabbath or the rabbinic Sabbath's days journey. Even if Israel DID cross the Jordan on the Sabbath, the rabbis would still have no case because the 3000 feet was how far the children of Israel were to stay BEHIND the Ark of the Covenant as they crossed the Jordan. It had NOTHING to do with the distance they could travel on the Sabbath.

The law existed that said you could not walk certain distances and was not concluded until much later after so many debates. We simply do not know what distances were acceptable in Joshua's time but we assume that to be 3000 feet based on Joshua's reading of the text but this could have been more depending on many factors; however, the city of Jericho was small and did not encompass a large distance. If you ever go there you will see that is the case as I have personally seen the city.

That is all fine and well, but there is no such thing as a Sabbath's day's journey, and even if there were, this statute would not be invoked to cover the sin of engaging in battle on the Sabbath.

The distances continued to be debated between Pharisees and was doubled twice once to 4000 cubits then to 8000 cubits which was if you travelled 4000 cubits from a point A to point B then you would also return back to point A so $4000+4000=8000$ cubits in the city limits.

In fact if we apply the Torah to this [What Torah? Why does Altaf keep invoking the Torah but never offering us a text?] then I can tell you that if Jericho spanned let us assume 30 miles and had buildings all the way through then halacha says you can walk all the way to these buildings (housing using our modern vernacular) because in the ancient days anything that was outside the walled cities was the desert or wilderness.

Here is what Chabad says on this issue.

And what book does Chabad have included in the Hebrew Scriptures?

http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/484235/jewish/How-far-am-I-allowed-to-walkon-Shabbat.htm

A. Because driving, biking, blading, skateboarding or other device-driven means of transportation are prohibited on Shabbat, we walk rather than commute to synagogue. However, even walking on Shabbat has its limits.

B. Negative Mitzvah #321 sets the maximum walking range from one's city to 2,000 cubits (3,049.5 feet, 0.596 miles (960 meters). [However, this measurement starts 70 2/3 cubits (112.24 ft.) from the city limits.] Practically speaking, this means that you may not walk a straight line more than .598 miles (3161.74 ft.) in any direction in the wilds outside your city limits.

Where does it say this in Torah?

C. "City limits" are not defined by the map you carry in your glove compartment. *Halachah* considers all contiguous housing to be part of the same city. Therefore it would be permitted to walk hundreds of miles, from city to city, as long as the whole way is populated.

Where does it say this in Torah?

D. Therefore, this Mitzvah is usually not practicable if you live in the suburbs, and certainly if you live in any big city. Why? Because when God gave the Torah thousands of years ago, almost all of civilization lived in walled cities, with nothing but wilderness surrounding them. Today, you can walk for miles on end without seeing a single field or forest. Houses are everywhere, and cities just blend into each other with no spaces between, so you can't really set where civilization ends and wilderness begins. However, if you live in Montana, Vermont or other place with lots of raw country, the techum , (sic) or perimeter, rule is very much in force and one needs to be careful.

Oh brother. One needs to be careful alright. Beware of men claiming to be Levites bearing false doctrines.

I hope you can see what I am deriving at. [Clearly. There is a train wreck waiting at the end of Altaf's musings.] The priests in Joshua's time were allowed to march around the city limits even on the weekly 7th day Sabbath and it was lawful for them to blow the shofarim (Trumpets) on the Sabbath so there was no sin committed hence the battle actually occurred one day before the weekly Sabbath and ended upon the weekly Sabbath. It is how you read data and interpret it that matters. One can easily be confused that they marched for seven days ending up on the Lunar Sabbath and that would be simple miscalculation not understanding the laws of the Bible and trying to force a lunar Sabbath.

There would have been no sin to march around Jericho if one was going on a nature walk on the Sabbath, sharing the beauty of nature with your children. But that is not what either the priests or the soldiers were doing. Altaf knows it. I know it. And you, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, know it as well.

War is work. If driving, biking, roller blading, skateboarding is prohibited on the Sabbath, Israel would have been forbidden to engage in preparations of war on the Sabbath. I think that is pretty clear. Altaf is trying to use the old bait and switch tactic on his readers. Keep their attention elsewhere so they will not see the real issue. This was a seven day siege. One of those days would have been the weekly Sabbath if Altaf's calendar model were used by ancient Israel. He's just hoping his readers are easily duped. My hope is that his readers will become enlightened.

Here is a calendar model that accurately portrays the events in Joshua 6...

March x 1	March x 1	March x 1	March x 1	March x 1	March x 1	March x 7	Sabbath
New Moon	Work day	Work day	Work day	Work day	Work day	Work day	Sabbath
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)							

If you would like to see another seven day battle situation that denies Altaf's flaccid attempt to explain Israel's march around Jericho, try reading **I Kings 20**. Here is an excerpt...

And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Benhadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.

And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

And there came a man of Elohim, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, “Thus saith YHVH, Because the Syrians have said, ‘YHVH is Elohim of the hills, but He is not Elohim of the valleys,’ therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am YHVH.”

*And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day. **I Kings 20:26-29***

On the Sabbath, all Israel was to go to the tabernacle to worship. Here, the men are IN THE FIELD, pitched against the enemy, and on the seventh day of posturing, the battle is joined—a great slaughter. This battle was attended by a man of Yah, who came with a message of encouragement from YHVH. So this battle was a sanctioned event. But does YHVH EVER break, bend or ignore His own law? No. Clearly this battle also began on New Moon.

Here again is a calendar model that permits this seven battle to take place without breaking the law...

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Pitched	Pitched	Pitched	Pitched	Pitched	Pitched	Joined	Sabbath
New Moon	Work day	Work day	Work day	Work day	Work day	Work day	Sabbath
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, what is your verdict? Did Simon Altaf prove that satyrday is the Sabbath? Did he prove that the Sabbath is the seventh day of an unbroken cycle of seven day weeks? Did he offer any damning evidence against the Lunar Sabbath? If you cannot honestly say “no” to all three counts, I invite you to join Simon Altaf because he must clearly be a better judge of Scripture, nature and the historical record than I. His contact information is below.

YHWH bless you
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Rabbi means “my master.” Altaf makes the claim to be my master (or wishes me to address him as such) when I have but ONE Master, YHVH. Some say that rabbi means master of the Torah or the law. Has Simon Altaf proved himself to be a master of the Torah?

The defense rests.

Respectfully submitted,

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