

Dear Friend,

Greetings in the name of our Father. I and my family are well, and Father willing, will hold fast until He comes. Hope you and yours are the same.

I was glad to receive the march-april 2008 edition of *Cherith Chronicle*. I love challenges to the Creation Calendar, but this was not much of a challenge. I've never been a subscriber to the *Cherith Chronicle*, but have seen quite a few over the years. The studies I've seen in the past from Bob Trefz have always been well written; this was not one of them. I hope you read the entire edition from Bro. Trefz and hope even more so that you will read my entire response. He took 44 pages to say nothing damaging to the Creation Calendar. I would like to use considerably less paper in my rebuttal, but I am not hopeful that I will be successful. As a watchman on the wall, I have to tell the people what I see.

If you read his entire issue and will read my entire response, I think you will immediately notice three things. (1) I will use Scripture to support my position, Trefz quotes the position of the church (and scholars that support the position of the church) and little else. (2) Trefz repeats his position 5-6-8-10 times hoping to persuade the reader that he is telling the truth even without the benefit of corroborating Scripture. This is a form of brain washing. I will use 2-3 witnesses from Scripture—given to prove the truth of *hwh y* —**Genesis 41:32, Deuteronomy 19:15**). (3) Bro. Trefz goes to lengths to point out identifying marks of Messianic Judaism, and then employs the same methods he condemned in Messianic Judaism to prove his own point. I think this is called being a hypocrite. I was amused, then frustrated, then angered while reading this edition because he went on and on repeating errors, lies and half truths, never proving his point with a *thus saith the LORD* (*hwh y*). Did this not concern you?

Friend, there will be people lost because of this issue of the *Cherith Chronicle*. It is that bad. *He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him. Proverbs 18:13.* Bro. Trefz's ignorance (lack of knowledge) of his subject matter is obvious on nearly every page.

Where to start? I could start in a hundred different places, but I think to keep from pulling what's left of my hair out, I will start at the beginning and respond to each point as I go along. The problem with this is that several things I'd like to say will be said out of sequence when building a case for the Creation Calendar, but I hope the Holy Spirit will tie it all together for me. I will quote the *Cherith Chronicle* in **red**. All emphasis (**bold**, underline, *italics*) are Trefz' unless otherwise indicated.

Page 2: *There is no faith on earth anything like the faith of pure, true, Biblical Seventh-day Adventism, which grasps all of heavenly, holy Writ, from the Old Testament to New Testament...to living by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.*

There is no such faith among Adventists now as they disfellowship those who have the faith of the early Adventists. Bro. Trefz presents himself as a member of that pure, true faith, yet he uses the word "Biblical" (Bible) even though that is the name of a pagan goddess. **Exodus 23:13** (part of the Old Testament) is part of the perpetual covenant and says not to utter the names of pagan deities. **Psalm 16:4, Joshua 23:7** (3 witnesses). That command came directly from the mouth of *hwh y*. Fifty miles north of Sidon, Byblos was the name of a Phoenician sea port city where papyrus reeds (for making early parchment) grew. *Biblia* was the name of their fertility goddess and where our Holy "Bible" got its name. So, either the pure, true Structure or Bro. Trefz has fallen short of the standard (or both). In truth, they do not grasp all of heavenly Writ; they are fighting against the standard of *hwh y* as this response will clearly prove. *And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.* 1 Corinthians 8:2

Israel practiced monotheism (had only one deity). Trefz believes in and defends the trinity even though few of our pioneers did. The “pure, true Structure” forsook a portion of the pure, true faith of Israel in 1980 when they officially embraced the Catholic trinity. The end of *Holy, Holy, Holy* (No. 73 in the old 1941 black hymnal) reads “G-d over all who rules eternity.” The end of No. 73 in the NEW (1982) hymnal reads “G-d in three persons, blessed trinity,” which is the way the song was originally written, but SDA’s did not believe in the trinity when the black hymnal was compiled so the verse was altered. By 1980, the Jesuits had infiltrated every Structure.

When people say things like this (the above Trefz quote), they invite scrutiny. I could devote the next dozen pages to the proving the weak points of the Structure and the Independents like Trefz (Sacred Name, Feasts, Colossians 2, etc). Let it be said that I am perfectly capable of fighting fire with fire. Affiliation with no group will save you. Bro. Trefz should devote his attention making sure his doctrine lines up with Scripture rather than with the Structure.

Messianic Judaism itself is being led by Roman orders.

Not sure what this line above has to do with the title *The Lunar Sabbath*, but this is probably so.

Speaking of the Charismatic Pentecostalism and the Messianic Jews, “**of which it is a branch, with interlinear bible in hand, studying day and night, knowing rudimentary Hebrew words,**” Bro. Trefz points out that their enthusiasm for what they’ve found is spreading like “**leprosy through the SDA structure and the Independents.**”

I find it ironic that it is perfectly acceptable when Bro. Trefz wants to impress us with his knowledge of Hebrew words (or Aramaic or Greek) but he ridicules others for doing the same. Once again the pot is calling the kettle black (being a hypocrite).

On **Page 3**, Bro. Trefz lowers his guns on wine, dancing and jewelry. Again, I’m not sure what this has to do with the title of this edition (*The Lunar Sabbath*), but since he brought it up...

While I fully recognize that the priests were not to drink wine (Leviticus 10:9) and the prohibition that came along with a Nazarite vow (**Numbers 6:3**), what are these righteous folks doing....?

Genesis 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and **wine**.³¹⁹⁶ and he *was* the priest of the most high Elohim.

Genesis 27:25 And he (Isaac) said Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my son’s venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought *it* near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him **wine**,³¹⁹⁶ and he drank.

Numbers 28:7 And the drink offering thereof *shall be* the fourth *part* of a hin for the one lamb: in the holy *place* shalt thou cause the strong **wine**⁷⁹⁴¹ to be poured unto *hwh y* for a drink offering.

At the risk of using Hebrew words, here are the Strong’s Concordance definition for these words:

H3196, יַיִן yayin, yah'-yin, From an unused root meaning to *effervesce*; **wine (as fermented)**; by implication *intoxication*: - banqueting, wine, wine [-bibber].

H7941, שֵׁכָר *shêkâr, shay-kawr'*, From H7937; an *intoxicant*, that is, intensely alcoholic *liquor*: - strong drink, + drunkard, strong wine.

If only clean animals could be offered as sacrifice, why did הַחַיָּי accept intensely alcoholic liquor (H#7941) as a drink offering? To really curl your hair, please read **Deuteronomy 14:22-26** to see what you can purchase with your tithe money at certain times. 3196, 7941.

These verses have a totally different meaning for the word *wine* as found in **Genesis 27:28**, and **Numbers 18:12**, et al. This Hebrew word is Strong's H8492 and means the new wine or sweet wine, rarely used to mean fermented wine. I understand the dangers involving the misuse of wine. Its misuse is recorded in Scripture and its misuse is condemned in Scripture, but the folks cited above were not winebibbers. Strong's 7941 (intensely alcoholic liquor) is used 20 times in Scripture, #3196 (intoxicating wine) is used 134 times while #8492 (new wine) is used all of 38 times. The Structure always taught me that all use of intoxicating wine was prohibited in Scripture, but that is not the case. There is a use for it, but always in moderation. Take any/all arguments to the Father; it's His Word. No knock on EGW; but there is no extra credit for a holding to a standard higher than Yah's.

Regarding dancing, please read **Exodus 15:20, I Samuel 18:6, II Samuel 6:14-16, Job 21:11, Psalm 149:3, 150:4, Jeremiah 31:13**, et al. These folks are righteous and they seem not only to know HOW to dance, and WHEN to dance, but more importantly to dance before the Almighty. Bro. Trefz needs to lighten up. No one listed above is doing bump and grind pelvic rubs. I doubt Mrs. White would roll over in her grave if we engaged in the type of dance that the Father apparently accepted as righteous dance. Bro. Trefz does not have to join, but he should stop judging those who have read Yah's word and found another way to work off some righteous steam or to praise our Father.

Regarding jewelry, **please see study**. Trefz continues to tow the party line, acting as if he is scared to examine any issue before the Father, but seems to insist that his interpretation is always correct. "It's not if G-d is on my side, but whether I'm on His." *Abraham Lincoln*. As long as the jewelry is obtained correctly and worn appropriately, no sin has been committed. The Almighty adorns His children, and instructed and permitted Israel to do so, but removed it when they were in apostasy. Once self righteousness and rebellion enters the heart, הַחַיָּי strips His children of their adornment. The Almighty hates sin, not jewelry. You, Friend, will be adorned in the Kingdom. You will wear it proudly and righteously because your Father adorned you. That is the key. Finding and practicing what Scripture actually SAYS about a topic is NOT rebellion. It's called spiritual integrity. If I say something that is not supported in Scripture, I expect you, Friend, to hold my feet to the fire. Thus, I'm holding Bro. Trefz to the same standard as I wish to be held.

Remember that first line about **Seventh-day Adventism, which grasps all of heavenly, holy Writ, from the Old Testament to New Testament...to living by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God?** Well, Bro. Trefz is batting about 0-5 or 0-6 at the moment. And it doesn't get much better.

Page 4. They [conservative Structurites] forget that the papacy is an amalgamation of paganism and obsolete Judaism. They forget that Jesus, throughout his life on earth, battled *against* the very ritualism which they are not imbibing of.

I'm glad he said this. Now Trefz needs to explain why he is shamelessly promoting this amalgamation. You will see what I mean in the coming pages.

Some, jaded, weary, and confused with the battle, actually **believe that they are obtaining “new light”, which is only 2,000 year old error.**

Really now? And what error has he yet been able to prove from Scripture? He hasn't yet used a single text to support his positions, but he expects the discerning reader to simply accept his conclusions without evidence. Rather, he expects the sheeple to blindly accept his offering because a discerning reader would have already laughed him to scorn. (And I'm being nice.)

On **Page 5**, Bro. Trefz mentions “**the religion which crucified Christ.**” I doubt he knows the difference between an Israelite and a Jew, but this is an important issue. The word Jew did not come into use until the Dark Ages. While used in the 1611 KJV, it is not found anywhere in the ancient Hebrew manuscripts. The word Jew only applies to the Khazars, a fierce nomadic tribe that converted to the “faith of Israel” around 700-900 A.D. The Khazars are actually descendants of Esau, and the man from Galilee encountered them as far back as John 8, verses 25-44 specifically, paying close attention to vs. 33, 37 and 38. If they were Israelites (Jacob's sons), then they were in bondage in Egypt, Assyria and Babylon, and the carpenter from Nazareth admits that these men are Abraham's seed.

I admit that the Roman Catholic Church (RCC) is behind the “Celebration” movement in Adventism and more than likely behind the Messianic Jewish movement, but it was not a religion that killed Jesus, who, in reality, broke no religious laws. He was hated and killed by apostate Israelite men, via Rome, because he pointed out their sin. Guns/religions don't kill people, people kill people.

Bro. Trefz really hammers the faith of Israel, calling it Judaism, even though Judaism is actually an amalgamation between the faith of Israel and Babylon (not the RCC). There is little comparison between Messianic Judaism and the people who called for Jesus' blood.

I had no idea that Messianic Judaism was making so much headway into the SDA church. Granted, we have not attended since we were disfellowshipped for wanting to obey **all of heavenly, holy Writ**, and to live **by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God**. (Here, you get disfellowshipped for having a faith like the early Adventists.) There is not much influence in Missouri's rural areas from Messianic Judaism. Jeff Zaremsky must have really opened a can of worms in Florida.

Page 6. A massive attack has arisen from within Messianic Judaism against the Seventh-day Sabbath on two fronts. The second of which is listed as **The Lunar Sabbath, which completely destroys Seventh-day Sabbath keeping.**

Wow. I did not know Messianic Judaism was attacking the Sabbath. Every Messianic Jew I know (and I know plenty) worship on Satyrday and totally reject the Lunar Sabbath. Bro. Trefz says (over and over, and OVER again) that the Lunar Sabbath will destroy Seventh-day Sabbath keeping, but he quotes no Scripture to prove his position. Friend, we still observe the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath. We just don't observe the pagan/papal calendar week.

Page 7. First word on the page, **kippahs**. Here (without a shred of supporting evidence), Bro. Trefz actually tells the truth. Jews today wear the kippah as a tradition, and some Messanic Judaizers think they must also wear them. The kippah was first worn by “Jewish” men who had been persuaded by the Greeks to eat swine. It was called the hat of Hermes and was a sign of apostasy, not of any great piety. The high school/college graduation cap is a combination of the hat of Hermes and the Masonic mortar board. My children will wear one over my dead body. I wish my parents had known.

No doubt many will lose their way completely over the issue of the Lunar Sabbath.

And his evidence is? He offers no corroborating evidence from Scripture, only the words of a man who knows little about his chosen target. Friend, there was a time I respected Bob Trefz. But any man who will condemn a person to hell without showing him his error from Scripture is a religious tyrant (and I'm being nice). I will be more than happy in the pages to come to show you why some will lose their salvation because of Trefz' effort against the Creation Calendar.

The footnote (5) Trefz used on page 7 was from a Messianic Jew. **Lew White** has printed wonderful material on the Name of the Father and the feasts (which Trefz opposes), but is staunchly against the Creation Calendar. Trefz rants for over 40 pages against Messianic Judaism, and then quotes Lew White, one of the biggest Messianic Jewish names in the USA to SUPPORT his own position!! Then has the gall to say, "**We have yet to find one who truly believes and practices the spirit of prophecy.**"

And why should/would they? The spirit of prophecy is a distinctly Adventist work. I doubt a true Messianic Jew has ever heard of **Ellen White** unless they have an Adventist friend or family member. The Almighty said to be no respecter of persons, **Deuteronomy 10:17** and **16:19**, we are all in the same category. Bro. Trefz is narrow-minded man, holding others to a standard not set by h w h y .

Bro. Trefz says at the end of page 7 that Messianic Jews "**depend on the superior ignorance of those they intellectually joust with, armed with their Interlinear Bibles, Strong's, and Tanakhs. Others can present very sophisticated arguments.**"

Here Bro. Trefz describes not only me but himself as well (although I am NOT a Messianic Jew and I do not have a Tanakh other than what is printed in the KJV). It is despicable to Bro. Trefz if I come prepared to defend my faith, but it's OK if he engages me using the same reference material (which he does throughout this material). Talk about a double standard. And just as interestingly, he is depending on the superior ignorance of the sheeple in his reading audience as he nary graces the pages of Holy Writ (in which he believes himself to be so fluent) when presenting against the Lunar Sabbath. Here we are different. I depend on the spiritual integrity of my reading audience. When a true or false doctrine is pointed out and then substantiated in the law and the prophets, I expect my reading audience to respond accordingly.

Page 8. *Do not underestimate the fervor of their incessant study!* I almost had to laugh at this line. At least he is consistent here. I have 44 pages of his in my hand and noticed that he did not study anything at all about the Lunar Sabbath and some of his other targets before he published it.

He lumps all Creation Calendar observers into the same category as the Messianic Jews when he says they, "**unknowingly and unthinkingly rest interpretations of key Biblical passages on the research of historical-critical scholars who are asserting erroneous positions.**"

I know of not a single individual who accepted the Creation Calendar based on the historical-critical work of scholars. Every one of them READ and UNDERSTOOD what Scripture SAYS, not what the Structure told them it said. I recently found out that my name has been published in cyber space as one of the leaders in this Creation Calendar message. I am humbled; I had no idea. I guess others have determined that I know what I'm talking about. All I can say is that Scripture proves that ancient Israel DID observe the Sabbath by the moon. The scholars that Bro. Trefz calls "**historical-critical**" are actually being honest with the evidence. Here is my proof...

Genesis 1:14 says that the two great luminaries would be for (regulate) *signs, seasons, days and years*.

Psalm 104:19 says that the moon was *appointed for seasons*, using the SAME Hebrew word found in **Genesis 1:14**. Mo'edim = set feasts, appointed times.

Leviticus 23:1-3 shows that the weekly Sabbath is the first *feast* (same Hebrew word – Mo'edim) in the list of feasts found in this chapter. MUCH more on this passage later. **Note:** These are 3 witnesses (based on **Isaiah 28:9-10**) saying that the weekly Sabbath is a Mo'edim regulated by the moon.

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

The signs and seasons (mo'edim) are regulated by the lights in the heavens. Friend, can you go outside and look at the sun and tell me which day of the week it is or if it's the Sabbath? If not, then you are not using the Calendar set forth at creation and are not keeping the Sabbaths of הַשַּׁבָּת, because His calendar and His weekly Sabbath is regulated by the lights in the heavens. The sun looks the same every day, the moon, however, is a different story. The sun is like the hour hand of Yah's clock. It tells when a new day begins; the moon is like the minute hand and tells you which day it is.

These “**historical-critical**” scholars below simply agree with the Scripture listed above...

“The New Moon is still, **and the Sabbath originally was, dependent upon the lunar cycle.**” *Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, p. 410. No quote can be clearer than this.*

“...the Hebrew *Sabbathon* ... was celebrated at intervals of seven days, corresponding with changes in the moon's phases...” *Encyclopedia Biblica, p. 4180*

“In the time of the earliest prophets, the New Moon stood in the same line with another lunar observance, the Sabbath. Ezekiel, who curiously enough frequently dates his prophecies on the New Moon ... describes the gate of the inner court of the (new) temple looking eastward as kept shut for the six working days, but opened on the Sabbath and the New Moon.” *Scribner's Dictionary of the Bible (1898 edit.), p. 521*

“The Hebrew month is a lunar month and the quarter of this period—one phase of the moon—appears to have determined the week of seven days.” *Encyclopedia Biblica, p. 4780.*

“... each lunar month was divided into four parts, corresponding to the four phases of the moon. The first week of each month began with the new moon, so that, as the lunar month was one or two days more than four periods of seven days, these *additional days* were not reckoned at all.” *Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, Vol. 10, p. 482. Article “Week.” These additional days are new moon days.*

“...The [early] Hebrews employed lunar seven-day weeks...which ended with special observances on the seventh day but none the less were tied to the moon's course.” *Hutton Webster, in his book, Rest Days, page 254. And why have we never been taught any of this?*

“... the custom of celebrating the Sabbath every 7th day, irrespective of the relationship of the day to the moon's phases, led to a complete *separation* from the ancient view of the Sabbath...” *Encyclopedia Biblica, p. 4179.*

In the article *Shawui Calendar: Ancient Shawui Observance*, we find confirmation of a radical change in Yah's calendar. "The [lunar]...calendar was used by all the original disciples of Yeshua... This original Nazarene lunar-solar calendar was supplanted by a Roman 'planetary week' and calendar in 135 C.E. -- when the 'Bishops of the Circumcision' (i.e. legitimate Nazarene successors to Yeshua) were displaced from Jerusalem. This began a three hundred year controversy concerning the true calendar and correct Sabbath."

"This intimate connection between the week and the month was soon dissolved. It is certain that the week soon followed a development of its own, and it became the custom -- without paying any regard to the days of the month (i.e. the lunar month) -- ...so that the New Moon no longer coincided with the first day [of the month]." *Encyclopedia Biblica*, p. 5290.

"The calendar was originally fixed by observation, and ultimately by calculation. Up to the fall of the Temple (A.D. 70), witnesses who saw the new moon came forward and were strictly examined and if their evidence was accepted the month *was fixed by the priests*. Eventually the authority passed to the Sandedrin and ultimately to the Patriarch. ... Gradually observation gave place to *calculation*. The right to determine the calendar was reserved to the Patriarchate; the Jews of Mesopotamia [Ed.—this is the land of Babylon] tried in vain to establish their own calendar but the prerogative of Palestine was zealously defended. So long as Palestine remained a religious centre, it was naturally to the homeland that the Diaspora looked for its calendar. Uniformity was essential, for if different parts had celebrated feasts on different days confusion would have ensued. It was not until the 4th century A.D. that Babylon fixed the calendar..." *Encyclopedia Britannica: Vol. 4, article "Calendar"*.

"These imported [from Babylon] superstitions eventually led Jewish rabbis to call Saturn *Shabbti*, 'the star of the Sabbath,' [and]...it was not until the first century of our era, when the planetary week had become an established institution, that the Jewish Sabbath seems always to have corresponded to Saturn's Day [Satyrday]." *Hutton Webster* in his book, *Rest Days*, p. 244. **Thus the condemnation in Amos 5:26 was set in stone.**

In **Amos 5:26**, the prophet is recorded as reminding Israel of their apostasy. Israel started worshipping Chiun, a star-god of their own making. In **Acts 7:43**, Stephen quotes Amos and is translated into Greek as saying "Remphan, the star-god..." Chiun and Remphan are the respective Hebrew and Greek words for Saturn. The Sabbath of Scripture is based upon the lunar cycle. Thus, Israel did eventually worship Saturn, their star-god, on his day, but certainly not by Divine command.

"With the development of the importance of the Sabbath as a day of consecration and the emphasis laid upon the significant number seven, the week became more and more divorced from its lunar connection..." *Universal Jewish Encyclopedia: Vol. 10, 1943 edit. Article, "Week,"* p. 482.

"The four quarters of the moon supply an obvious division of the month...it is most significant that in the older parts of the Hebrew scriptures the new moon and the Sabbath are almost invariably mentioned together. The [lunar] month is beyond question an old sacred division of time common to all the semites; even the Arabs, who received the week at quite a late period from the Syrians, greeted the New Moon with religious acclamations. ... We cannot tell [exactly] when the Sabbath became disassociated from the month." *Encyclopedia Biblica*, pp. 4178-4179. **As you can see the adoption of satyrday stems from a rabbinical change under the influence of Babylon. I am simply calling you OUT of Babylon, yet I am considered the enemy of the Sabbath.**

How is it that Scholars cannot tell when the Sabbath was disassociated from the lunar cycle while modern Saturday sabbath keepers in general deny that the Sabbath was ever connected with the moon in the first place?

*The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, My people doth not consider. **Isaiah 1:3***

Messianic Judaism has been a fruitful Petri culture dish in the hands of masterminds, which has bred a host of innovations, from Holy Names, to Feast Days, to revival of Jewish tradition, ... to the abandonment of Protestantism's dangerous idea that every man may interpret [Scripture] himself.

Trefz dragged and dropped the last line above from page 12 (where it fits), then did not edit it to fit his thought here. Trefz (I hope) does not believe that it is dangerous for Protestantism to believe that every man may interpret Scripture for himself (although he certainly takes issue with me for doing so).

Thus a new Messiah was born, a Messiah stripped of Protestant theological thought, a Jewish Messiah, ... Messiah who could not even be called Jesus—it was too Greek; the new Judaistic Messiah would be known as *Yeshua*.

I'm not going to worry about the mispronunciation of the man from Galilee's name. Rather I will focus on Trefz ignorance of Hebrew. (I mean no insult by continually using the term *ignorance*. Trefz simply does not know much about his intended target.) Friend, there is no letter J in Hebrew. Never has been. I am not a Messianic Jew (those are fighting words), and I am no scholar, but if there is no J in the Hebrew alphabet (alephbeth actually), how can his name be Jesus? Is there something criminal in trying to get the truth of this matter? Jesus is NOT even Greek, it's Latin. (See the *SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. 8, p. 584.*) The Greek was Iesous.

The most salient point here is that the man from Galilee **was a Hebrew!** Can anything be clearer than this? He did not have had a Greek or Roman name. To record a gentile name in the temple (where the Father's name was housed, **I Kings 5:5, I Chronicles 22:7-10**) would have been a serious offence.

Later on this page, Bro. Trefz states that a Messianic SDA website says, "**that since 1980 Adventism has been in apostasy.**" I'm going to go out on a limb here and say it was long before that, but they did officially adopt the trinity doctrine near that date and the Jesuits admit that in 1980 every denomination had been successfully infiltrated. Bro. Trefz is in denial of this evidence and says...

Rather, it is a massive Neuro-linguistic Programming maneuver to first *pace*, then *lead*, then *destroy*.

One of the ways to program someone is to repeat over and over (and OVER) something you want the other party to accept and believe. This is the practice employed here by Trefz since he has no evidence other than his own opinion. I would not deny that Messianic Adventism may be involved in some sort of programming/brain washing. Bro. Trefz is too, but is not honest enough to admit it.

Page 10. Lunar Sabbath Theory Erroneously holds that the Week has been Lost and Taken over by the Papacy.

The Lunar Sabbath and lunar weeks have not been taken over by the Papacy. The papacy adopted the pagan seven day planetary week, and all the world (including Trefz and SDA's) wander after the beast. Lunar Sabbatarians hold that the true Sabbath was never (ever) found using the pagan seven day week.

Once again, Bro. Trefz shows the ignorance of his allegations, by his lack of knowledge of history and of what Lunar Sabbatarians believe. For instance, he tells the truth in the following quote, but follows up with a false conclusion (underlined below by me)...

...the only way that one can determine which day is the Creator's Sabbath is by observation of the New Moon, counting eight days [7 actually] from the New Moon to the first Sabbath, or First Quarter phase of the moon, then to the Full Moon, the second Sabbath, and then to the Last Quarter phase (sic), the third Sabbath. This causes the Sabbath to fall on any day of the week, including Sunday.

We do not acknowledge or observe the pagan/papal/Roman/man-made/solar-only Gregorian calendar, yet he seems to think we are observing Sunday from time to time. There is no Sunday on the Father's Calendar. Friend, the Creation Calendar came LONG before the Gregorian (or Julian) calendar. If anything, the pagan Sunday occasionally falls on the Creation Sabbath, not the other way around. Bro. Trefz assumes we honor a pagan deity (Sunday) when that the Sabbath coincides with Sunday. We honor no deity but הוהי. If we worship the sun, Trefz worships Saturn. Trefz, and everyone who observes the Gregorian calendar, honors not only Pope Gregory XIII but one of the seven pagan gods whose names make up the pagan 7 day week. This includes every SDA who does not honor Yah's calendar in the heavens. I am grateful the Father is merciful and winks at our ignorance. My grandparents and yours are safe; the light of this truth did not fall upon them during their prime thinking years, so it was not a test of their faith. The same cannot be said for your generation or mine.

The truth is that the week was already well underway before the moon was even created. The week was four days long when the moon was created.

Please see study entitled, *The Moon Regulated the Weekly Sabbath*. Let me ask you a question. The second month after earth was created (and every subsequent month since has) started with a new moon day. How do you think the first month of earth's history began? If you said with a new moon day, you are right. Before you read the tri-fold, see if you can tell when this new moon day occurred, and which verse in **Genesis 1** records it. Remember, new moon days are dark days, the moon is not illuminated, and that the new moon days are not week days (evidence forthcoming).

The weekly Sabbath has never been lost, but has been faithfully maintained by faithful Seventh-day Sabbath-keepers throughout history.

Bro. Trefz again shows his ignorance, this time of Scripture. Please read **Lamentations 2:6**. Friend, when the Father causes you to forget something, you will have forgotten it indeed. History is littered with Israel's apostasy. **Isaiah 1:13-14** is a second witness where Israel has forgotten the Father's appointed times and are condemned for observing feasts and Sabbaths of their own design (הוהי does not call them "My new moons" or "My appointed feasts"). The weekly Sabbath is the first feast listed in **Leviticus 23**. Much more on this later.

Adventism is the only denomination I know of that tries to say that a 7 day cycle goes all the way back to Creation AND has never been lost or forgotten. So determined are they to be right about Saturday that they ignore or distort the evidence in Scripture AND history. I know. I was one. I was indoctrinated with the best of them. I speak fluent Adventist. Because of this "education," I can be considered a fantastic friend, or one formidable foe. If I were to give a Creation Calendar presentation to an Adventist group, it would almost be as if I were speaking a foreign language because SDA's are taught to speak *Adventist*, they are no longer taught or speak the language of *Sola Scripture*.

For instance...

The manna fell for six days, and the manna was withheld on the Seventh-day Sabbath. ... Ex. 16:26. Tuck away for future reference that *never* was there a six, or eight or nine day week in all those forty years. It was *always a seven day week*, with six days of manna, with no manna on the Seventh-day Sabbath.

Yes, the weeks are seven days long. That is how long the weeks are that we observe. I have never observed an 8 or 9 day week and I have been observing the Creation Calendar for 5-6 years now. There is not a single Creation Calendar (lunar Sabbath) observer that I know who has an 8-9 day week. This only exists in the mind of men like Bro. Trefz who open their mouth against a matter before they hear the evidence (**Proverbs 18:13**).

Ezekiel 46:1 lists the three categories of days. There are 3 other witnesses to the 3 categories of days found in **2 Kings 4:18-23**, **Amos 8:5**, and **Isaiah 66:23**. In these last 3 passages, a third category of day (work days in each instance) is obvious by implication, though not listed by name.

New moon days are not Sabbaths (with the exception of the 7th new moon), the Sabbath and new moon are non-commerce days. A commerce day (work day) not a worship day. The Sabbath and new moon are worship days. Do the math—there are 3 categories of days in Yah's calendar.

Below is how Yah's calendar looks (every month). The new moon days, in **Blue**, are NEVER week days, they are a third category of day. They do not count against the work week. The Sabbaths are in **Red** and of course, the work days are in black. Let's say you are holding a blue, red and black marble.

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Just for the sake of discussion, let's say that the new moon (blue marble) falls on a tuesday. Are the gates of the inner court open or shut? Read **Ezekiel 46:1** again. Tuesday is one of the 6 working days (black marble)—so the gates should be shut, but it's a new moon day, so they should be open. Does this sound like confusion to you? Is הַוַּחַד the author of confusion? In context, is the Sabbath a new moon (blue marble) or are they different? If they were identical, then this verse is redundant.

We don't worship on the work days. The Sabbath and New moons are worship days, but to my knowledge, other than the seventh new moon (the Feast of Trumpets), the new moon days are not Sabbaths. So there are three distinct days in the Creator's calendar. Scripture does not say whether Israel got manna on new moon days or not, so Trefz' point is irrelevant. Neither side has any proof to support whether Israel got manna on new moon day or not, but I am honest enough to admit it. When Scriptural support is lacking, silence is golden. The manna issue does not take away from or injure the Creation Calendar, nor does it prove Trefz' point that Israel observed consecutive 7 day weeks without interruption (by the new moon days).

Page 11. Acceptance of Lunar Sabbath Results in Utter Loss of True Sabbath Keeping.

Once again, Trefz speaks without a shred of support from Scripture. The reason for this is because there IS no Scripture to support him. There is no passage that says that satyrday is the Sabbath, nor is there a passage that says that the Sabbath is EVERY seventh day (in succession). Go ahead and look Friend, but you already know that what I just said is true. The Sabbath is the seventh day of the week. That is all Scripture says, and I agree. That is exactly how we observe the Sabbath, as the seventh day of the work week (as described in Scripture). We also put the new moon days BACK where they belong in the Calendar of heaven. When you do that, the Gregorian calendar, with its solar only, pagan, seven day planetary week, simply blows up.

The ONLY reason Bro. Trefz says that the Sabbath is every seventh day in succession is because the calendar invented by the Catholic Church says so. He calls himself a protestant, but he is no further removed from Rome than the Baptist.

“A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right.” *Thomas Paine*

Read **Isaiah 58:12-14**. There is to be a restoration of all things, but the Sabbath is the only thing mentioned in this passage.

“**In the time of the end every divine institution is to be restored.** The breach made in the law at the time the Sabbath was changed by man, is to be repaired. G-d’s remnant people, standing before the world as reformers, are to show that the law of G-d is the foundation of all enduring reform and that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is to stand as a memorial of creation, a constant reminder of the power of G-d. In clear, distinct lines they are to present the necessity of obedience to all the precepts of the Decalogue. ... They are to co-operate with Him in building up the waste places. They are to be repairers of the breach, restorers of paths to dwell in.” *Prophets and Kings, p. 678*

So, after replacing ONE STONE, going from sunday to satyrday worship, was the breach in the wall completely restored? This quote from EGW says that in the *time of the end*, every divine institution will be restored. Friend, contrary to what we’ve been taught, 1844 was not the time of the end. The time of the end has not yet arrived. The latter days are just that, *days*, not 164 years and counting.

Has Sunday ever been mistaken for the Sabbath? No, it has not! We don’t need to restore the Sabbath from the Great Sunday error. Sunday is no threat to the sovereignty of the Sabbath as it has NEVER been rightly called a Sabbath, nor has it ever been the seventh day of the week.

A counterfeit HAS to look a great deal like the original. The first day of the week looks NOTHING like the seventh. However the seventh day of the “wrong” calendar might fool a LOT of good people. So why does the Sabbath need to be restored? Because of the great satyrday error!

Bro. Trefz goes on to say that keeping “**the Lunar Sabbath ...destroys the prophetic understanding of the Sabbath-Sunday issue of the seal of God and the Mark of the Beast...**”

Bro. Trefz implies that satyrday is this Sabbath in the quote above. I agree that the seal of *h w h y* is the keeping of the Sabbath and the Mark of the Beast is the keeping of any spurious Sabbath (every day of the pagan week is named after a false deity). The problem is that Scripture does not say that satyrday is the Sabbath. Scripture pays no homage to ANY day on the pagan calendar.

Page 13. *Gone is the immersement in Luther, Calvin, Knox, Wesley, Miller, Andrews, White. It is all replaced with Kippahs, Jewish Dancing, Holy Names, Menorahs, Feast Days. (...and now with some, even Lunar Sabbaths).*

There is nothing about Kippahs, Jewish Dancing or the use of Menorahs (other than in the holy place) in Scripture. There is dancing of course, but not the Jewish Dancing Trefz is referring to here. I understand his frustration if Judaism is creeping into Adventism. I hate Judaism with a **Purple Passion**. But the Father does have a Holy Name (**Leviticus 20:3, I Chronicles 16:10, Psalm 103:1**, et al). Do you know what it is? **Proverbs 30:4**. Bro. Trefz doesn't—to his own shame.

Psalm 145:21 *My mouth shall speak the praise of הוהי: and let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever.* Forever is not over yet.

Ezekiel 39:7 *So will I make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let them pollute My holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am הוהי, the Holy One in Israel.*

What group is Bro. Trefz in? Both “My people Israel” and “the heathen” will know the Holy Name of הוהי. Bro. Trefz seems to think that this knowledge is not necessary. Is there a third group? Bro. Trefz is fighting against הוהי and will dearly regret these words because the Father is returning for His people Israel, not Adventists. Sorry, those were Yah's words, not mine. Only the Adventists that behave like Israelites will be saved. Israelites observed the commandments, statutes and judgments of הוהי. Israelites (when they were not in apostasy) knew and used his Holy Name and observed His feast days and knew, understood and practiced the Creation Calendar. What is a remnant Friend? A remnant looks exactly like the first part of the material. The original Israel and Adventism have a few similarities, but Adventism is certainly not a carbon copy remnant of Israel (which is what a remnant is supposed to be). Not close enough to be considered “My people Israel”, but close enough to show people the way if they are willing to look forward and not look back.

In comments on Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 the position is taken that the “servant” is the entire Jewish people or a pious minority of the Jews.

Isaiah 53 records the brutal treatment of “Yah's servant” which is generally accepted to be the NT Jesus. Trefz assumes that **Isaiah 53** is about Jesus, but has not taken the time to examine the evidence.

Problem: In Isaiah chapters 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 48, 49, and 52 this same servant is named Israel (the nation). **Worse Problem:** All the foul treatment is written in the past tense, not future. How many other Messianic prophecies are written in the past tense? **Worst problem:** In **Isaiah 53:10**, this servant has children. How many children did Jesus have?

The thought presented by Bro. Trefz is not a Messianic Jewish or Lunar Sabbatarian position. It is simply what Scripture says (contrary to the tradition of men) and is therefore truth for all to accept.

Bro. Trefz ignorance of Scripture is once again open for all who have eyes to see. Does Bro. Trefz write to sheeple, or students of Yah's word? Granted, I have a college education (though not in the study of Scripture), but the KJV was written at a 5th grade reading level. I can read **Isaiah 53:10**, I recognize past, present and future tenses and I can see what name Isaiah gave the servant he wrote about so extensively (**Isaiah 41:8-9, 42:19-24, 43:1-11, 44:1, 44:21, 45:4, 48:20, 49:3, 52:4-13**).

Page 14. Regarding Messianic Judaism, Bro. Trefz says, **It is not a Christian religion in the final analysis.**

Agreed, although being a “Chr-stian” is not something to aspire to. Chr-st means *Anointed* (same as Messiah), but Chr-st (Cristos) is the name of a Greek deity. Chr-stian means *Chr-st-like*. Why would any of us want to be like a pagan deity? Call me a *Believer, Child of the King* or *Follower of the Most High*. Interestingly, it is **very** Chr-stian to keep Chr-stmas, Easter, and worship Chr-st, etc. If the name fits, wear it. Yah says to learn not the way of the heathen, (**Jeremiah 10:1-5, Leviticus 18:3, Deuteronomy 12:30-31**), so I and my family gave up heathen practices. We will wait and watch for real Messiah, one who’s title is NOT Chr-st.

Yeshua has given Rabbinic authority to his followers to make or break rules.

I realize that Bro. Trefz is quoting a man with whom he disagrees. I disagree with the quote too. And I know of no Messianic Jew who believes that Jesus changed any laws, so I have no idea where this author comes up with his claim. That said—the new wine in old wineskins has nothing to do with Judaism as Bro. Trefz goes on to try to prove on this page. We are all old wineskins (we have all been indoctrinated in the doctrines of men). If we would see the kingdom (from the INSIDE), we must have that new wine, but not without first having a heart transplant.

Friend, please read perhaps for the first time **Jeremiah 31:31-33, Ezekiel 11:19** AND verse **20, Ezekiel 36:26** AND verse **27**. This new heart enables us to endure the new wine, the new (old) truths.

Page 15. Bro. Trefz states that the Adventist **must know and love the terrain of the Bible, Christ, and the Sabbath, and he must not be ignorant of the devil’s devices...**

I am nearly speechless. The word Bible is one of the devil’s devices, so is the word Chr-st. Both are the names of pagan deities and both have been snuck into the realm of true believers and pretenders alike. Bro. Trefz himself is ignorant of both these devices of the devil (to break Yah’s covenant in **Exodus 23:13**) while waving his fist in my face (as this line is taken from a quote that we need to know our enemy and still be a militant body of believers). I don’t know whether to laugh or cry.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. The seventh-day Sabbath has to do with memory, with embedding a deep, unmoveable (sic), holy spiritual memory in the soul and character... The Sabbath memory is involved in sealing the soul to God, a settling into the truth intellectually and spiritually.

I believe some or all of the above is an EGW quote but Bro. Trefz has not intellectually come to anything regarding the Lunar Sabbath. He is afraid of it without understanding it or those who adhere to it. As long as he is biased against it without understanding, he is neither capable nor qualified to speak against it.

Indeed, the Sabbath command begins with the word *Remember*. SDA’s and every other satyrday keeper have looked back only as far as the modern Jew, and no farther. The Jews keep satyrday, so that must be the Sabbath—is their thinking. **Lamentations 2:6** said that Israel would forget the Sabbath, and so they did. So whatever day they came up with on their own is sure to be wrong.

Here is a quote from a modern Jew who is actually not afraid to tell the truth...

“A continuous seven-day cycle that runs throughout history paying no attention whatsoever to the moon and its phases is a distinctly Jewish invention. Moreover, the dissociation of the seven-day week from nature has been one of the most significant contributions of Judaism to civilization. ... [Lunar weeks and continuous weeks] actually represent two fundamentally distinct modes of temporal organization of human life, the former involving partial adaptation to nature, and the latter stressing total emancipation from it. The invention of the continuous week was therefore one of the most significant breakthroughs in human beings’ attempts to break away from being prisoners of nature and create a social world of their own.” Eviator Zerubavel, in his book *The Seven Day Circle: The History and Meaning of the Week*.

Note: the break from nature was also a break from Yah’s law as **Genesis 1:14-16** clearly links the natural cycles of two great luminaries to the measurement of time. Please note that Zerubavel claims that this seven-day week that has been emancipated from nature (where it originated) was from Judaism. Why does Trefz observe and promote the week and Sabbath of Judaism, the target of his ire?

Please also note that “Jews” did not exist in history by that name until around the 9th century A.D. Zerubavel is well aware of the distinction between Jewish and Hebrew. In Scripture, Abraham’s descendants are Hebrews, also called Israelites. The word “Jew” is used in the KJV because it was written in 1611, well after this term came to mean all of Jacob’s descendants, which is ridiculous because the Jews (Khazars) are Esau’s descendants, not Jacob’s. But because the Khazars adopted the faith of Israel, they BECAME Israel to everybody else after the real Israelites were dispersed in 70 A.D. The Talmud is a combination of Babylonian Jewish and Khazarish theology. These rabbis added all that garbage to the Torah. See **Deuteronomy 4:2**.

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

“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.

Back to the word *Remember* in the fourth commandment. Indeed, Israel worshiped on Satyrday. **Amos**, speaking to Israel in **5:26** says, *But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves*. Amos sees a day where Israel worships a star-god that they would make for themselves.

Before Stephen was stoned, he quoted Amos in Acts 7:43...*Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon*.

Chiun and Remphan are Hebrew and Greek (respectively) for Saturn. So Israel’s satyrday worship was noted in both the OT and the NT. Israel forgot the true Sabbath of הַשַּׁבָּת and thus went looking for another. It is this “other” Sabbath that all other Sabbath keepers now keep by virtue of modern Jews with the assumption that these “Jews” have never lost sight of the original Sabbath!

We still regard the seventh-day as the Sabbath of the Supreme Being, the Sabbath established at Creation. We are simply returning to the original once we discovered the Gregorian calendar we were observing was a counterfeit. We have evidence that a lunar-solar calendar is the truth. We are still waiting for evidence to the contrary. Here is more evidence proving the Sabbath of the Jews is false...

Do this word study with your concordance. **Isaiah 13:21** says... *But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.*

*The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest. **Isaiah 34:14***

In both cases, the Hebrew word here translated as satyr is Strong's H8163.

It would seem that the Father stopped Israel's Satyrday observance early on. Speaking to Israel after their deliverance from Egypt, הוהי said... *And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations. **Leviticus 17:7**.* Notice the word for devils (below).

*And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, 8163 after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute forever unto them throughout their generations. **Same Strong's Hebrew word, H 8163, Satyrs.***

Jeroboam and his sons were later cursed for leading Israel BACK into idolatry. **II Chronicles 11:15** says... *And he [Jeroboam] ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, 8163 and for the calves which he had made. **Same Strong's Hebrew word, H 8163, Satyrs.***

Jeroboam brought back what הוהי had removed from Israel in **Leviticus 17**. And nearly every time Jeroboam's name is mentioned thereafter it is followed by the statement, *who has made my people Israel to sin*. Amos reminded Israel of their Satyrday idolatry, Stephen repeated it and it got him killed. Sister Ellen knew more about this subject than she is given credit for as well...

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

A satyr is half-man, half-goat, the universal symbol for Satan himself. In spite of themselves, SDA's worship on a day dedicated to Satan, every week. I hope you are willing to examine why the Father calls satyrday worship idolatry. Please examine this. It is not rebellion, it is the reform that Sister White and our forefather's started, but were not permitted to finish because of our unbelief.

Examine what Sister Ellen has to say about the restoration of all things. And notice that the Sabbath is the only thing mentioned in **Isaiah 58:12-14**. Contrary to Adventist belief, the time of the end did not begin in 1844. We are just getting to the last days. All you have to do is read what the prophets say about the last days, latter days, etc. The events they tell of have not happened yet. This “restoration” is a last day event.

Page 16. Here Bro. Trefz trots out some scholars that he feels support his position about the Creation Calendar and again asserts that the Lunar Sabbath was created to destroy the seventh-day Sabbath, which is preposterous considering that the Lunar Sabbath upholds the seventh-day Sabbath. What Bro. Trefz and men like him assume is that the Gregorian seventh day has gone all the way back to creation. It does not—real, live historical **evidence** forthcoming at the appropriate time.

Bro. Trefz quotes Hasel, “The oldest astrological hypotheses suggested that the Sabbath originated in Babylon in connection with astrological observations. ...”

There are older references than Babylon for lunar Sabbath keeping. **Genesis 1** was written about a period that took place long before Babylon. Immanuel Velikovsky, in his work, found that all ancient nations observed a lunar solar calendar (at the same time) and that suddenly, within about a 40 year period of time, they all had different calendars, except the Hebrews, which retained the lunar-solar calendar with minor modifications. The reason for this should be self evident. All men had the same tongue until the Tower of Babel. When they were dispersed, all the language groups took with them the only calendar they knew—the Creation Calendar. First they were worshipping false deities using the language of heaven (used in the Garden of Eden), and after the confusion of the languages, they continued to worship their pagan deities using the only calendar they knew. So הַוְיָ dented His clock slightly, knowing that His people would continue to observe the Creation Calendar to the best of their ability and also knowing full well that the heathens, having no fear of הַוְיָ, would not.

So, yes, Babylon observed a lunar calendar and had lunar Sabbaths. They got them from one of two sources. From Adam down to Noah to Ham to Cush to Nimrod is one route, the other is through Daniel. He was loved dearly and affected, and was respected by, three different kings. Is it possible that he did NOT leave behind a legacy of the Creation Calendar of Israel?

So what if Babylon observed a lunar Sabbath. Witches bathe. Should we not take showers because witches do? Babylon eventually perverted the Creation Calendar, but they did observe it at one time.

Immediately at the end of this last sentence of Dr. Hasel’s quote he has a footnote where he lists scholars who advanced the lunar Sabbath theory.

Trefz on **page 17**, blames these scholars for creating the pool of information from which the Jesuits could then draw from in order to get Messianic Judaism to destroy Seventh-day Sabbath keeping.

I find it terribly amusing that it is OK for Bro. Trefz to use scholars to support his position, but Creation Calendar observers cannot. Those with a double standard will fall. I also find it amusing that Bro. Trefz insists that we went looking for historical evidence and simply accepted the scholars’ word for it. Friend, I never even thought about historical evidence until a non-believing friend said, “Where is the paper trail? This would be more convincing if there were some historical evidence.” I was only sharing where Scripture proves that the Sabbath is based on the cycles of the moon, but that was not enough for some of the nay-sayers. So we went out and found the historical evidence. Now we are accused of relying completely on these historical-critical scholars when it was the study of **Scripture** that landed us here in the first place! These men are not looking to be enlightened, they are looking to protect their tithe base, and to keep the sheeple in the dark. And the sheeple, for their part, want their teachers to preach smooth things to their itching ears.

Those that have ears to hear, let them hear. Yah have mercy on the rest. They will need it.

Bro. Trefz quotes a great deal from a friend of mine, Ryan VanDenburgh. Ryan has put out some good information on the Creation Sabbath for Adventists. We met in cyberspace early on and shared much with each other on the Creation Calendar. At this point, I can't remember who shared what with whom. But one line VanDenburgh is credited with, I totally agree with...

“Of course encyclopedias are not the basis of our faith. But unless Scripture indicates otherwise, their testimony should be given due consideration.”

Bro. Trefz harps on the dates of the historical quotes. These dates are from the late 1800's all the way to 1932 by the German scholars and up to 1973 by French and English scholars. Trefz blames them for this attack on saturday as the Sabbath. Has it never occurred to him that the Father in heaven was trying to get Sabbath keepers to press onward, that the light would advance, and so sent men to investigate the Sabbath? The late 1800's was prime SDA time. The structure rejected the 1888 message (which included the statutes and feasts), thus they were unable, unprepared to accept the Sabbath message that hwh y sent at that time.

Friend, right in **the ferment over the lunar Sabbath** the SDA structure examined this issue for themselves. In 1938, Grace Amadon was part of an SDA research committee appointed by the General Conference to examine when the crucifixion took place (and other calendar issues). SDA's believe Calvary took place over a friday, saturday, sunday weekend. But SDA's also believe that the year this took place in was 31 A.D. A very simple search would reveal if this was so. So, they counted by 7 all the way back to 31 A.D. and found that Passover (which has always based on the lunar cycle) fell on what we would now call wednesday, not friday. The only other years that scholars feel the crucifixion could have taken place are 30 and 33 A.D. If you count backward by 7 to both of those years, Passover fell on what we now call sunday, not friday.

Over the next year or so, this SDA committee found that Israel observed a lunar solar calendar, and that the Sabbath was based on the cycles of the moon. Grace Amadon was an Adventist astronomer and scholar; she was the expert on the panel. She wrote hundreds of pages of letters by hand to scholars all over the world and received hundreds of pages of letters in response, all saying the same thing. Passover did not take place on friday in any of the years offered for consideration. The Grace Amadon Collection is about 6,000 pages long. A Lunar Sabbath observer fell upon it by chance and, by the grace of hwh y, got it copied (paid about \$1800 for it out of her own pocket) and is making it available. www.4angelspublications.com/amadon.html and www.4angelspublications.com/rcfr.html Now if the SDA Structure tries to bury it, or denies its existence, they will eat their own words.

When WWII broke out, the committee was disbanded without their conclusions ever being shared with the laity and never reconvened for an official tabling of the issues. In those 6,000 pages, full support for Israel's lunar Sabbath is documented. I have learned that it was none other than M. L. Andreasen who later determined that lunar Sabbath keeping would be too confusing, and the matter was dropped. (I have the letter.) Our SDA committee came to the SAME conclusion as these scholars (and ONE man put the issue to rest). I find it a stench in my nostrils for Bro. Trefz to accuse us of following after scholars when we are following Scripture first. I believe that these scholars, and the committee that Grace Amadon sat on, were sent by hwh y Himself because they independently found the SAME thing—*Israel observed the weekly Sabbath based on the cycle of the moon*. We would not need the writings of men if we would read Scripture. Bro. Trefz blames the devil for this continuity. I give credit to the Spirit of Yah. The adversary is not that organized. He brings confusion, not coherency.

Page 18. Bro. Trefz pounces on VanDenburgh because some of the scholars he quotes deny the inspiration of Scripture. As I said, if these scholarly works do not disagree with Scripture, they should be given due consideration, regardless of the author's personal piety. The heavenly Father can use whatever vessel He chooses. He used an ass to speak the truth to Balaam. Who is Bro. Trefz to complain about the messengers employed by the Almighty? Yah used to use Bro. Trefz. Right now, there is more truth in the mouth of Balaam's donkey than his.

Page 19. Henry Ford's newspaper, the Dearborn Independent, wrote often about "the Jewish Question"

I don't know whether Ford questioned the Sabbath, but I know for a fact that he found out who the "Jews" were. He used oceans of ink and forests of trees in order to reveal the Khazars as frauds. Ford knew who the "Jews" were and exposed them. Bro. Trefz does not know who the "Jews" are, and so he goes wandering after their spurious Sabbath.

Page 20. Other important strands emerge in the issue: the Lunar Sabbath advocates seek to assert the ceremonial law lunar calendar found in Leviticus 23 as an argument for their theory. *It must be remembered that Roman Catholicism has taken the position that the Fourth Commandment is part of the Ceremonial Law, not the Moral Law. This Roman Catholic position lays the groundwork for shifting the weekly Seventh-day Sabbath onto a ceremonial footing, a position and platform which the Lunar Sabbath advocates have built upon. Therefore the hand of Rome must be investigated in this issue.*

...This is one of the most powerful reasons to raise the question as to whether the Jesuits, Rome's scholars, are the powerful driving elements of Messianic Judaism, and in particular, the Lunar Sabbath.

Once again I have to scratch my head in wonder at the ignorance of Bro. Trefz. He does not understand the ceremonial law, where that terminology came from, what Lunar Sabbath advocates believe, or the origin of the Lunar Sabbath.

I will try to be brief.

1. The term "ceremonial law" is not in Scripture. The phrase was coined by Catholic lawyer and scholar, Thomas Aquinas in the early 13th century. The pope commissioned him to help stem the Reformation so he started looking up the Latin roots of the words of Jerome's Vulgate.

Aquinas made an interesting discovery which has been bequeathed to Protestantism. The original Hebrew word for *statute* was translated into Latin as *caerimnia*. Our English word "ceremony" comes from the Latin root word "caerimnia" which means *statute*. [Middle English *ceremonie*, **from Latin caerimnia, religious rite.**] Aquinas argument was that the Sabbath and feasts are a package. And in this he was correct, to divorce them is to change the word and intent of the Hebrew original. The Protestants were just as hostile to the "Jewish feasts" as the papacy thus Aquinas made progress in stemming the tide of the Reformation. Protestants found they had common ground [with the RCC] and this is where Protestants got their disregard for the Sabbath. They hated the feasts and were glad to learn that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment was perpetually linked to the feasts. This they believed made this law temporary as the "Law of Moses" and could summarily be dismissed. The problem with this position is that it is actually Yah's law, not the "Law" of Moses.

Remember, Scripture is the standard for our discussion and there is no such thing as the Moral law or the Ceremonial Law in Scripture. The law of הַחֹדֶק has three divisions: commandments, statutes and judgments. All are part of the Law of the Universe. As believers on this end of history, we have a decision to make. Will we summarily dismiss Yah's statutes too or will we align ourselves in obedience? Abraham and the man from Galilee are perfect examples of obedience. **Genesis 26:5** and Matthew 5:17-18. The bad news is that Adventists have no reason for their arrogance or ignorance...

“We are to become familiar with the Levitical law in all its bearings; for it contains rules that **must be obeyed**; it contains the instruction that if studied will enable us to understand better the rule of faith and practice that we are to follow in our dealings with one another. No soul has any excuse for being in darkness.” *SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. 1, p. 1110.*

“Chr-st gave to Moses religious precepts which were to govern the everyday life. These statutes were explicitly given to guard the ten commandments. They were not shadowy types to pass away with the death of Chr-st. They were to be binding upon man in every age as long as time should last.” *SDA Bible Commentary, Vol.1, p. 1104*

Something that guards the Ten Commandments cannot BE the Ten Commandments.

“G-d has given us probationary time in order that it may be made manifest whether we will be loyal, obedient children, rendering obedience to His Commandments, **His Statutes**, and His Laws, or whether we will persist in following a course of disobedience, and prove ourselves unworthy of eternal life.” *Review & Herald, 10-9-1894*

Does it look like the feasts and other statutes have been nailed to the cross? Adventists have NO excuse for their slothful ideology. Get out there and obey. I find it disgusting that Adventists along with other Protestants have UNnailed the statutes that they wish to keep. The statutes of tithing, the clean and unclean health laws, pouring out the left over blood (grape juice), burning the left over unleavened bread are all statutes that Adventism has removed from the cross. The first one lines their pockets, the last three have something to do with the sacrificial law, yet they have been retained.

*But you [Bro. Trefz, Adventists, Protestants] are departed out of the way; you have caused many to stumble at the law; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith הַחֹדֶק of hosts. Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as you have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law. **Malachi 2:8-9***

2. Lunar Calendar advocates do not use Catholic terminology regarding the Lunar Sabbath. Bro. Trefz spends over 40 pages trying to prove the lunar link to the Jesuits, and then uses Catholic terms to define his own beliefs. Friend, the terms Ceremonial Law and Moral Law are Catholic terms. They created them; they define them. In a debate, whoever defines the terminology wins the debate. Here Bro. Trefz defers to Aquinas, unceremoniously handing him the victory. Bro. Trefz is not even a Protestant here. If Trefz was a true Protestant, he would be arguing his position using the division of law found in *Sola Scriptura*: commandments, statutes and judgments, instead of the Catholic position.

3. To show his loyalty and deference to the RCC, Bro. Trefz agrees that the annual festivals are part of the “Ceremonial Law”, and are therefore somehow to be disregarded. It is **Leviticus 23** that proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that the weekly and annual Sabbaths (appointed times) are perpetually linked together. They are neither ceremonial nor moral. They are part of the commandments, statutes and judgments handed down the mountain from the Father to Moses.

The covenant is found from **Exodus 20:1 to 23:33**. In **Exodus 24:3** and vs. **7**, we find the people ratifying the covenant. When Moses first came down, he spoke the words of הוֹרָאָה in their ears and they agreed (**Ex 24:3**). Then Moses stayed up late writing down the same instructions and read them the following morning (**Ex 24:4-7**). Again the people agreed. **Exodus 23:14-17** shows the annual feasts to be a part of the perpetual covenant along with the Sabbath of the 4th commandment (**Ex 20:8-11**). The feasts were also written on the tablets of stone. **Exodus 32:15** shows that there were instructions written on the BACK of the tablets of stone. **Deuteronomy 9:9, 9:11, and 9:15** (see Hebrews 9:4) show that the tablets of stone are also called the *tables of the covenant*. So the Ten Commandments are on the front and the rest is on the back. The Father has a long habit of writing on the back of things. See also **Ezekiel 2:9-10** and Revelation 5:1.

Moses has several written works included in Scripture, at last count, Bro. Trefz has none. I will take **Leviticus 23** at face value without torturing the passage as Bro. Trefz does later.

Page 21. Rome teaches that the Sabbath Commandment Belongs Not to the Moral, But the Ceremonial Law.

Yes, they teach this, but that does not make it so. The deadly trap that is set here is that it was Rome that “created” the Ceremonial Law. By agreeing to the terminology, Adventism (and Bro. Trefz) fall all over themselves agreeing with the Catholic Church that the feasts are part of the ceremonial law, and agree that they were nailed to the cross, **not** realizing that they are sawing off the limb behind them after they have climbed out on it. The Sabbath and the feasts are perpetually linked. Protestantism at least was smart enough to get on the other side of the limb, chopping off the Sabbath with the feasts.

Let me explain it this way. I guess Bestiality, Homosexuality, Fornication, and Incest are acceptable. NO? Why not? The Ten Commandments say NOTHING about these things. These are four more statutes that Adventism and Bro. Trefz have UNnailed from the cross and don’t even understand what they are doing (being partial in the law). The 7th commandment is about adultery (cheating on one’s spouse); it has nothing to do with sex with animals, same sex partners, unmarried sex or sex with a near kinsman. But if you keep yourself sexually pure by observing ALL the sex laws (they are all statutes), the seventh commandment is automatically observed. Note how clearly the statutes regarding sexual purity GUARD the 7th commandment? The statutes regarding the feasts, land Sabbaths and Jubilee cycle are all Sabbath institutions that guard the 4th commandment.

“But the time when the observance of the Sabbath was to be removed is that same time when the other Hebrew rites and ceremonies were abrogated, namely, at the death of Christ...”

Here, quoting the Catechism, Bro. Trefz is indignant that the Sabbath has also been nailed to the cross along with the other statutes, but he has allowed the RCC to define the terms. Why is he getting angry with them? FACT: the Sabbath and the feasts ARE linked together in Scripture. The issue is that the feasts and statutes (and Sabbath) have not been nailed to anything.

Page 22. Rome is taking people who want to sincerely believe in the Sabbath, who are led to think that they are discovering new light while they are being led to abandon solid truth, bamboozle them with a barrage of Hebrew terms and names and unfamiliar history and obscure calendric materials, change the meaning of Colossians 2:14 to revive the keeping of the ceremonial law, move the weekly, Seventh-day Sabbath onto the basis of the ceremonial law and the lunar cycle in the name of opposing Roman Catholicism and exalting the Creator, and wind up making nonsense of Sabbath-keeping.

Oh boy. This is going to take a while. I agree that Rome is involved with all these things, but that does not make their conclusions true. It is not what Lunar Sabbatarians do or believe though.

Bamboozle them with a barrage of Hebrew terms and names: Here is another classic example of the pot calling the kettle black. What is Bro. Trefz doing on pages 7 (Tanakh, Yahushua), 9 (Yeshua), 13 (Yeshua), 14 (Yeshua, Mishna, Talmud, Gemaras), 24 (Shabat), 26, 27, 29 (Greek phrase), 36, 38, 39, 40 (*hendiadys* is a Greek word), 41 (Yahweh)? A few of these are used by default as Bro. Trefz is quoting someone or it is part of the name of a reference, but most are unforced, they are Bro. Trefz' own words.

Bamboozle them with a barrage of ... unfamiliar history and obscure calendric materials: Again, the pot calls the kettle black. I'm not sure what his definition of obscure is, but there are dozens of quotes in this edition of *Cherith Chronicle* by authors I have never heard of or do not have access to.

Now, let's talk about Colossians 2:14 and see who has changed the original meaning. **Please see enclosed Colossians 2 material.** Rome, Adventism, Protestantism and Bro. Trefz are all wrong; it is they who have changed the meaning of Colossians 2. Rome started it by creating a false definition (ceremonial and moral law) and as long as a person uses this terminology, they are going to come to the same false conclusion as Rome. If Paul had attempted to get rid of ANY portion of the Torah (the law) he would have been a false teacher. **Deuteronomy 4:2.** See Matthew 5:17-18 again. Now go outside. Look up. Look down. If heaven and earth are still there, the law (Torah) stands.

The great Seventh-day Sabbath, the memorial of creation, going back in unbroken chain to that very first Creation Seventh-day Sabbath of Genesis 2 ...

Where does Scripture say that the Sabbath is the memorial of Creation? I'd like 2-3 witnesses please.

Exodus 3:15 says that the Name of the Father is His memorial. **Exodus 12:14** says that Passover is a memorial. **Leviticus 23:24** says that the first day of the seventh month is a memorial annual Sabbath (Feast of trumpets). There are dozens of memorials listed in Scripture. The weekly Sabbath is not one of them. **Isaiah 8:20.**

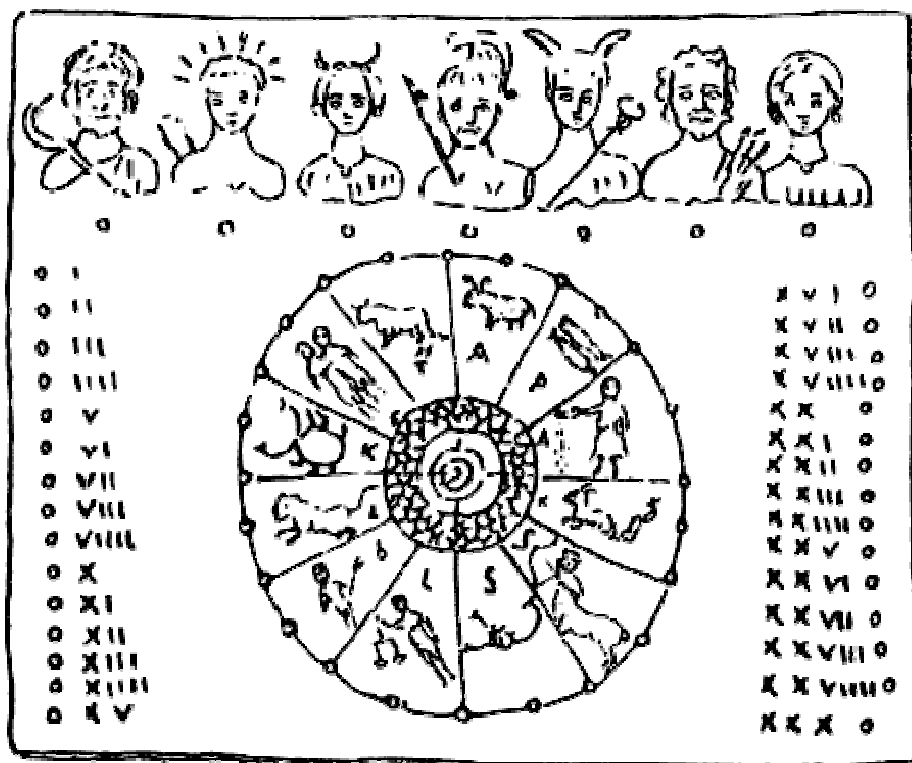
Where does Scripture say that the seven day week is an unbroken chain all the way back to creation? I'd like 2-3 witnesses please. All Scripture says is that the week is seven days long and that the Sabbath is the seventh day of the week. It never says that these weeks are chained together. The only reason supposedly intelligent men believe that the weeks are chained together in this manner is because of the Gregorian calendar in use presently. They look back no further than 1582. The Julian calendar (in use in New Testament times) was an EIGHT day market calendar week.

The Seven Day Week and the Seventh-day Sabbath Both Go Back to Creation.

Agreed, but the seven day weeks are not an unbroken chain.

Bro. Trefz quotes The Encyclopedia Britannica on page 22, which states that the week has no reference to any celestial motions. And indeed, the pagan seven day planetary week does not owe its seven day cycle to any celestial motions. It is this seven day cycle that the Gregorian calendar employs, not the one found in **Genesis 1.**

For about 150 years, there was a calendar struggle in the Roman Empire. The returning soldiers had picked up Mithraism in their travels and after returning to civilian life, started a calendar revolt. The Julian calendar in the 1st and 2nd centuries was an 8 day market calendar week, not a 7 day week. This is why no one can find a fri-sat-sun crucifixion weekend anywhere in history. The current 7 day week does not evenly go into an 8 day week that Rome had 2000 years ago. Well, the citizens finally found a friend in Constantine. The people wanted to adopt the pagan 7 day planetary week and they wanted to worship Mithra, the Persian sun god. So in 321 A.D. Constantine venerated the day of the sun. Every SDA has heard this story. But SDA the powers that be have deceitfully kept out the part that would undermine their proposed doctrine. The pagan seven day week went like this: Satyrday, Sun day, Moon day, Mars' Day, Mercury's Day, Jupiter's Day, and lastly, Venus' Day. The first day of the week was satyrday, not sunday. Please see the pencil sketch of the clay tablet calendar...



You can see Saturn's sickle (he was the god of agriculture), the sun's rays, the moon is a female. You can see Mar's spear (he was the god of war), Mercury's wings (think FTD), Jupiter's trident and the lovely Miss Venus. IN THAT ORDER. I have a photo of this clay tablet.

Ancient pagans were terrified of Saturn, a terrible, cruel god, so to appease him, Saturn was worshipped first. Constantine couldn't care less about Saturn so when venerating the sun, he bumped satyrday from the coveted number one column to the seventh, enabling Mithra (the sun god) to move into the vacated number one column. Satyrday is only the seventh day of the week by virtue of Emperor Constantine. You can count backward by seven all you want, Bro. Trefz. In 321 A.D., your count will blow up as satyrday was the first day of the pagan planetary week prior to that time, and Rome employed an 8 day week prior to that time. This is not obscure history. It is not hidden from anyone with eyes to see. Study to show yourself approved Bro. Trefz.

To see how the heavenly Father's week was employed by Israel, **please go back to pages 6-7.**

The reference from Odom (pp 22-23) is irrelevant as he is trying to cram a square peg (the pagan seven day planetary week) into a round hole (the seven day week established at Creation and recorded in Scripture). Herein lies the rub. Everyone assumes that consecutive 7 day weeks go back all the way to creation because that is the week we have NOW. Friends, the Gregorian calendar is only 426 years old, not 6000 years old. The Almighty does not need Pope Gregory XIII and Jesuit astronomer Christopher Clavius to create a calendar to preserve His weekly Sabbath. He wrote His calendar in the heavens were man cannot mess with it.

Page 23. God Made the Lunar Cycle So That It Would Not Fit the Lunar Sabbath Theory.

Perhaps someone should tell h w h y that. In truth, He established His calendar in the heavens so that man's apostate calendar(s) would not fit the one He established in Torah. See evidence on next page.

...making at least one week in the lunar cycle a little more than 8 ½ days long ... breaking the weekly cycle of six days rest (sic—I think he means “six days work”) followed by the Seventh-day Sabbath.

Please see page 10. There is no such thing as a half day in any one's calendar. This ½ day period in the lunar cycle is not an issue. Indeed, the lunar cycle is presently about 29.5 days long. This is why the Hebrew months were 29 or 30 days long. There is no such thing as a half day. Educate yourself Bro. Trefz.

Lunar Sabbath People Keep Sunday When the Moon Dictates.

No we do not. There is no pagan sunday on the Father's calendar. We keep the Sabbath when the luminaries in the heavens dictate, but that is the seventh day of the Father's week. We do not give a hoot what the papists and their sheeple are doing with their calendar.

What will be the position of these [lunar Sabbath] people when the Mark of the Beast is enforced?

We will protest. Satyrday Sabbatarians, on the other hand, are already keeping their counterfeit calendar, so it matters not to the Pope, or the Adversary whether you keep satyrday or sunday. They are both days on Satan's calendar and satyrday is named after satan himself (a satyr is half man, half goat). The dual counterfeit trap has been set and the sheeple fall into it. There is no right answer on the pagan/papal calendar.

Tying the weekly Seventh-day Sabbath to the lunar cycle has no basis whatsoever in [Scripture], but is an utter perversion of the distinction between the moral and ceremonial laws...

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

Please read **Isaiah 28:9-10**; then read **Genesis 1:14**, **Psalms 104:19** and **Leviticus 23:1-3** (paying attention to the words *seasons* and *feasts*). Then for good measure, read **Genesis 1:14** with **Exodus 31:13**, **Ezekiel 20:12** and **20:20** (paying attention to the words *sign* or *signs*).

Trefz has repeatedly said that a consecutive 7 day count goes all the way back to Creation. Bro. Trefz, please tell me which day of the seven day battle around Jericho was the Seventh-day Sabbath?

Please also explain the following. Abib 10, 14 and 16 are commanded work days. Abib 10 was the day to set aside the Passover lamb. If you did not own a lamb, you had to purchase one (this is what was going on in the temple courtyard when the man from Galilee went Postal on the merchants. There is no legislation in Torah permitting one to purchase this lamb on either the 9th or the 11th if Abib 10 just “happened” to fall on a satyrday. It had to be purchased on the 10th.

Abib 14 is Passover day. It is always preparation day for Abib 15, the first day Sabbath of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. It was preparation day 2000 years ago (just as it is/was every year).

Abib 16 is wavesheaf day. After the first handful of barley was accepted by the Father, Israel could begin to harvest the rest of this grain. Josephus states that Israel began the barley harvest on Abib 16.

According to the consecutive 7 day theory, every few years, either the 10th, 14th or 16th of Abib will fall on a satyrday. So, Israel could break the Sabbath by buying and selling lambs, cleaning their houses getting ready for the Feast of Unleavened Bread and harvesting the barley crop? Don't you think the heavenly Father could come up with a calendar that was not full of contradictions or confusion? Please don't say that the work designated for these days took precedent over the Sabbath command or is considered “holy” work. THAT is utter foolishness.

Above are 4 contradictions to the notion that the seven consecutive day weeks run all the way back to creation. Here is the Creator's calendar month. It looks like this EVERY month.

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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Israel did not break the Sabbath by marching around Jericho because this march began on new moon day and went from day one to day 7 OF THE MONTH. See the book of Jasher 88:14-17. Every Sabbath that can be date identified in Scripture is found on the 8th, 15th, 22nd or 29th days of the month.

Also notice that the 10th, 14th and 16th are not in the seventh column. They never are. These three commanded work days are proof that the Sabbaths are not on a consecutive 7 day count. At one point, Adventism, Protestantism and Catholicism were not around to nail these dates to anything and Israel observed them without disobeying the Sabbath, every year.

The Lunar Cycle...causes the person to *break* the real unbroken Seventh-day Sabbath that goes back to Creation Week.

Chapter and verse. I'd like 2-3 witnesses that say the weeks are unbroken in Scripture.

This means that some weeks would have more than seven days, and some weeks would have less than seven days.

Chapter and verse. I'd like 2-3 witnesses that say that there are weeks with more or less than 7 days. Please look at the calendar above. I see 1-2 new moon days every month and 4 seven day weeks. Counting from the dark phase of the moon (new moon), the first quarter moon announces the 8th day, the full moon announces the 15th day, the 3rd quarter moon announces the 22nd day and a sliver or no moon at all precedes the 29th day announcing all as the seventh-day Sabbath of הַשַּׁבָּת. It (the moon) does so every month. Why? **Psalm 89:37**. The moon is a more faithful witness than Bob Trefz.

Page 24. Utterly destroys the Third Angels' (sic) Message which warns against the Mark of the Beast, for eventually, sooner or later, the person keeping the lunar Sabbath will be keeping a Sabbath on the first day of the week.

I find it odd that he's worried about lunar Sabbath keepers "sooner or later" keeping a Sabbath on the first day of the week, when Trefz and all other satyrday Sabbatarians observe the first day of the pagan planetary week—every week—calling it the Sabbath. The change Constantine made to the calendar in 321 A.D. when he moved satyrday from the first column of the calendar to the seventh (making way for Sunday to move to the coveted number one column) did not alter the order of the days. This 7 day week DOES count backward in the same order to well before Babylon rose to prominence.

Bro. Trefz speaks disparagingly of our worship of the Creator via the Creation Calendar when he worships in vain, observing the commandments and doctrines of men. Satyrday is ONLY the seventh day of the week by virtue of Constantine*. It had been the first day of the pagan seven day planetary week for 1,100 years previous to that.

* There is some discussion about who is responsible for this change. But the fact that satyrday was (and still is really) the first day of the week stands.

In *Shawui Sabbath: Ancient Sabbath Observance*, the author states... "Early historical records clearly confirm that very early Gentile Christians also kept the same Sabbath Calendar as the...Nazarenes. This practice was first changed by Bishop Sixtus in 126 A.D. and later officially changed by a royal Roman decree from the emperor Constantine. Observance of the Sabbath day was made illegal and observance of a "Sunday" of a fixed week was made mandatory for all except farmers. Previous to this time the Roman Saturday was the first day of the Roman week. The veneration of the Sun in the second century A.D. began to pressure Roman culture to *change* the first day of their week from Saturday to Sunday."

Here is a 2nd witness that satyrday was originally the 1st day of the pagan seven day planetary week...

Talking about the time prior to the Diaspora, Hutton Webster tells us that, "An old and still common theory derives the Sabbath institution from the worship of Saturn after which planet the first day of the astrological week received its designation. The theory is untenable for more than one reason. In the first place the Hebrews did not name their weekdays after the planets, but indicated them by ordinal numbers. In the second place Saturn's day began the planetary week, while the Jewish [Hebrew] Sabbath was regarded as the last day of the seven, a suitable position for a rest day. And in the third place neither the Hebrews nor any other Oriental people ever worshipped the planet Saturn as god and observed his day as a festival." *Rest Days*, p. 243. [Webster did not know about **Amos 5:26** et al.]

Also, our Sabbath never falls on the pagan Sunday. Sunday occasionally falls on the Creation Sabbath.

Is utterly incompatible with the Fourth Commandment, which says nothing about establishing the weekly, Seventh-day Sabbath on a lunar cycle, but rather **establishes the Seventh-day Sabbath on the seven day cycle of Creation Week.**

Stands in direct violation of the Fourth Commandment which declares that **the Seventh-day Sabbath is tied directly to Creation, Creation week, and God's blessing of the Seventh-day Sabbath.**

Israel was delivered from Egypt on the 15th of Abib. Later, **Leviticus 23:6-8** reveals that Abib 15 is a Sabbath, the first day of the seven days of Unleavened Bread. Granted, **Exodus 20:8-11** links the Sabbath to Creation week, but **Deuteronomy 5:12-15** links the Sabbath to the deliverance from Egypt. So, either there are two different Sabbaths, or there is only ONE that is not only defined as the seventh day of the first week, but also the day Israel was delivered from Egypt (Abib 15). The Sabbaths are always on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th days of the month, every month, from Creation until today.

Causes a person to keep the Sabbath on a day that is not sanctified by God, i.e. Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, etc.

Again, we do not worship on pagan days of the week; we worship on the Sabbaths as set apart at Creation. It would be funny if it weren't so very, very sad but Bro. Trefz vilifies Creation Calendar observers for worshipping on pagan days that were not sanctified by *hwh y*, yet he feels smug and safe worshipping by a CALENDAR that was not sanctified by the *hwh y*.

When Constantine was emperor, he changed Saturday to the seventh day of the week. Whoever is in charge is in charge of the calendar. The calendar you observe tells you when to work and when to worship. WHEN you worship tells heaven and the on-looking universe WHO you worship.

Bro. Trefz, please re-read **Genesis 1:14-16**. The lights in the heavens regulate the signs, seasons, days and years. The Sabbath is a day. On page 6, Scripture reveals that the Sabbath is not only a *mo'edim* (feast, season) it is also an *owth* (a sign, signal or beacon). The Sabbath is a sign, season AND a day, yet Trefz thinks that neither of the greater lights in the heavens regulate it (other than the sun telling us when it begins and ends). He thinks all you need to do is count backward by seven and you will end up with Saturday all the way back to Creation, there is no need for the lights in the heavens. I think he just diminished aught from the law [Torah]. **Deuteronomy 4:2**. Friend, I'd put some distance between you and Trefz as there are curses that will fall on him for his slothful arrogance. Since the sun looks the same every day, it seems prudent to accept the account found in Yah's Word that the Sabbath is a feast that is regulated by the moon (**Genesis 1:14, Psalm 104:19, Leviticus 23:1-3**).

But that would mean recanting the slanderous things he has written about Creation Calendar observers, and accepting what Scripture says about the Sabbath. Time will tell if spiritual integrity will overcome his personal pride of conviction. If he had written a smear campaign about JUST Messianic Judaism (which is what this material is really about), Trefz would not even have raised an eyebrow from me, but judgment day will tell who started what, and who defended his position with 2-3 witnesses. Some of you won't have to wait that long. Examine the evidence, and judge for yourselves.

Utterly scrambles end-time events...

If it does, then so does Daniel. Daniel's *time, times and dividing of time* is based on the original lunar-solar year, a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months. $12 \times 30 = 360$. The 1260, 1290 and 1335 day prophecies are all based on a lunar-solar year, not a solar only, pagan/papal/Roman/man-made calendar. Israel did not observe the 2000 year old Julian or 426 year old Gregorian calendars 2,700 years ago in Daniel's day. They were observing the same calendar that Adam, the patriarchs and prophets observed. When Israel was in apostasy, they worshipped the sun and perhaps other gods, observing counterfeit calendars. Israel certainly worshipped on satyrday when Jeroboam became king.

So you see how the cards are stacked. This is not rebellion as Bro. Trefz would have you believe; it is Sabbath reform. We ARE keeping the Seventh-day Sabbath. I am defending the calendar as ordained at Creation, and as observed by the patriarchs and prophets. Trefz is defending the sabbath of Jeroboam and the calendars of pagans and popes. Gentlemen, start your engines.

On June 3 came the Last Quarter of the lunar cycle; On June 10 came the New Moon; On June 18 came the First Quarter eight days later; On June 24 came the Full Moon six days later; On July 2 came the Last Quarter, eight days later; On July 10 came the New Moon eight days later.

Once again, Trefz, and the man he's quoting, know nothing about the Lunar Calendar or how the moon looks to announce the respective Sabbaths. Let me explain...

Chartrand is incorrect about June 3. The astronomical last quarter moon was on 6-2-02 at 7:06 p.m. cst. He has access to the same information I have, so this error is inexcusable if he was writing from the Americas. But, interestingly enough, 6-3-02 WAS the third Sabbath of that month, even though Chartrand is not trying to prove or disprove the Creation Calendar. Please see next page as you read.

June 10 was the day that conjunction took place, but it was not new moon day, it was the last Sabbath of the month. It began in the old month before conjunction took place. New moon day was 6-11-02, they NEVER begin in the old month. The first day of the month always begins in the new month.







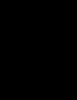






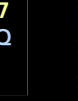











June 18 was NOT the first quarter moon, 6-17-02 at 7:30 p.m. C.S.T. was the astronomical first quarter moon. So the cycle was not 8 days later, it was seven. Chartrand's error is again regrettable.

June 24 is indeed the astronomical full moon, but considering the error above, it is not 6 days later; it is 7 days after the 6-17-02.

July 2 is actually the Third Quarter Moon, not the Last Quarter. But what Chartrand does not know and Trefz does not acknowledge is that the First Quarter and Full moon does not occur ON their Sabbaths. They are to be observed at sunset and **announce** the **next** day as the Sabbath. On the calendar month below, the 18th and 25th days are the weekly Sabbaths based on the Creation Calendar and are announced by the first quarter and full moon, respectively, the evening before.

Back to the point at hand, the Third Quarter moon and Fourth Quarter moon (which may be visible as the last sliver) announce the last two Sabbaths of the month and they are to be observed at dawn (over head and on the eastern horizon respectively). So, even though Trefz is trying to show there to be 6 and/or 8 days between the phases, he fails miserably because he knows NOTHING about the observed phases and WHEN they are observed in order to announce the Sabbaths. The date 7-2-02 is the Sabbath, but the Sabbath previous was 6-25-02 as that was the date announced by the full moon that occurred on the 24th at even, so this is seven days since the last Sabbath, not 8 as Trefz indicates.

July 10 is the day that conjunction takes place, but it too began in the old month and is not the first day of the month on the Creation Calendar. Bro. Trefz is busy looking at a printed version of a man-made calendar. We are outside looking up at the luminaries in the heavens. Yah wrote His calendar in the heavens were man could not mess with it. New moon day is 7-11-08 in 2002.

June 2002						
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July 2002						
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Bro. Trefz tries to say that there are 8 days between the Third Quarter moon and the last Sabbath of the month, but 7-11-02 is new moon day, not the Sabbath. The last Sabbath of this month fell on 7-9-02, which is exactly 7 days since the last Sabbath, not 8 as Bro. Trefz indicates. The 10th and 11th days of this month are the two days of new moon, the 11th being the first day of the new month.

While this may sound confusing, my youngest son understood it perfectly at 4 years of age.

What Bro. Trefz tries to use to show that Creation Calendar observers do not have 7 day weeks is actually a perfect example of the simplicity and perfection of the Creation Calendar. The two calendar months Trefz selected do not prove his point; they prove his ignorance of his subject matter.

I will spell it out a different way. The following is a representation of the Creation Calendar month in question using the dates on the Gregorian calendar referred to by Bro. Trefz. New moon below is 6-11-02

						6-03
6-04	6-05	6-06	6-07	6-08	6-09	6-10
						6-11
6-12	6-13	6-14	6-15	6-16	6-17	6-18
6-19	6-20	6-21	6-22	6-23	6-24	6-25
6-26	6-27	6-28	6-29	6-30	7-01	7-02
7-03	7-04	7-05	7-06	7-07	7-08	7-09
						7-10
						7-11

Please refer to the two calendars above. The date 6-3-02 was announced by a Third Quarter moon overhead at dawn. The last waning crescent moon was not seen the morning of 6-10-02 (but it was still the fourth Sabbath of the month), meaning that it was going to be a one day new moon.

NEW MONTH: The First Quarter moon was seen overhead at sunset on 6-17-02, announcing 6-18-02 as the first Sabbath of the month. The Full Moon was seen to the east as the sun set on 6-24-02, announcing 6-25-02 as the second Sabbath of the month. The Third Quarter moon was seen overhead at dawn the morning of 7-02-02 announcing that day as the third Sabbath of the month. The waning crescent moon was seen the morning of 7-09-02, announcing that day as the 4th Sabbath of the month.

Do you see any 6 or 8 day weeks above? Notice that all 4 dates fall on the Gregorian tuesdays which did not exist at Creation when the moon was set apart to keep time. The sun tells you when a new day begins, but the moon tells you what day it is. If satyrdays are the Sabbath, and all you have to do is count 1-2-3-4-5-6-7, then SDA's and Trefz have a serious problem. Nature is the first gospel.

Let's say Trefz and I had met 10 years ago before h w h y pulled the scales off my eyes, and I still worshipped on the pagan satyrday. Now let's suppose that Trefz and I decide that he is going to go all the way around the world on a long journey, and he will meet me in one year. When he returns, he says, "Happy Sabbath!" To which I would respond, "What do you mean? The Sabbath was yesterday." Whether he went east or west around the world, he would either be a day late or a day early, and BOTH of us would have been counting 1-2-3-4-5-6-7. The problem is the Sabbath isn't every seven days (which are ruled by the sun); it is regulated by the phases of the moon.

Now let's say Bob and I were on a ship in a storm for a fortnight (a la Paul) before we were finally ship wrecked. We had no idea how long we have lain in the surf of a deserted (or uncivilized) island before we regained consciousness. Unless Bro. Trefz has a pagan native come tell him which god they are worshipping that day or finds a papal calendar and someone points to the date, he will have NO IDEA what day it is. But within 48 hours, I would know what day it was and when the Sabbath would be. Reason? He has to look at the sun (which won't help him because it only tells you when the new day begins and when the year begins) and counts 1-2-3-4-5-6-7, but I am looking at the moon, which enters a different phase approximately every 7 days. Trefz is leaning on the arm of flesh; I am relying on the heavenly Father's faithful witness. **Psalm 89:37.**

*The Seventh-day Sabbath was instituted **before** any lunar cycle had occurred, thus there was no way that it was based on the New Moon. **The very first Seventh-day Sabbath was not determined by the lunar cycle and came three days after the moon was created.***

Really now? If the second month after the earth was created began with a new moon (and it did), what do you supposed the FIRST month of earth's history began with? Is the Father THAT disorganized? Come now, let us reason together.

What was the first thing created during Creation? If you said light, try reading **Genesis 1:1** again.

In the beginning, Elohim created the heavens and the earth,

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim moved upon the face of the waters.

And Elohim said, Let there be light... And there was light.

And Elohim saw the light, that it was good: and Elohim divided the light from the darkness.

*And Elohim called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. **Genesis 1:1-5***

What did הוהי make first? Friend, if you said light, did you miss the Creation event that occurred prior to the creation of light? It says, "*In the beginning, Elohim **CREATED** heaven and earth.*" This was a **time consuming event** that took place. Obviously, there were many things created prior to first day of the week when light was created. The first thing created (as far as humans are concerned) was *The heavens and the earth!* However, it does not say, "and the evening and the morning were the ____ day," after this first creation event. Why? Because the sun had not been created yet.

Is there any light in the universe that does not have a source? It would be ridiculous to say that the Father was the light source during day one because He **is** a Being of light. On day one of earth's Creation Week He didn't create the light that emanates from Himself. The light referred to in **Genesis 1** separated light from darkness, created Day and Night, with 24 hour cycles as a result. The light from הוהי does not separate day from night. The book of Revelation (**21:25**, and **22:5**) says that where the Father is—there is no night there.

Then when we read about the "first day" of the Creation WEEK, Elohim said, "*Let there be light,*" and *there was light... And the evening and the morning were the first day.* What light regulates the day? There is only one luminary in the cosmos, as seen from earth, that can regulate an evening and morning; that can divide light from darkness, and cause night and day to come upon the earth.

The SUN!

Isn't it interesting that after Elohim created light, then and ONLY then was there an evening and a morning that made the first day. "Houston, we have a problem..." How can we have a "day" as seen from earth before the sun was "created" on day four? Interestingly, there is an evening and morning for the second day of creation and an evening and a morning for the third day of creation all **BEFORE** the sun was made on day four. Days are each regulated by the sun! How is this possible? ANSWER: The evidence from Scripture reveals that the sun was ignited on DAY ONE!

Friends, הוהי created the **heaven** and the earth on this un-numbered creation event that took place before the "first day". Earth was without form and void. Evidently the other heavenly bodies must not have been in much better shape. On this un-numbered creation event the Creator put into place all the material He would need, then He advanced upon this material for six days before He rested.

Evidently, after this un-numbered creation event, the sun was just a big ball of gas, then on day one... PHOOM! The Almighty lit the sun. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

I know what you are thinking... "I've never HEARD of such a thing. Scripture doesn't say that." Yes, it does. Not in English, but the underlying Hebrew supports this understanding.

The star in our solar system is our only major source of light. Is it not also rightly said that this star is the **only** light source that could possibly separate day from night on this earth? So as strange as it sounds, it appears that the other heavenly bodies were created at the same moment that this blob of earth was initially created. This is made evident by the phrase: *In the beginning, Elohim made the heavens and the earth.* So הוהי lit the sun on the first day of creation therefore creating light (and Day and Night as a result). The proof for such an odd statement is found in the language used in the *fourth day* creation account:

And Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

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

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

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

*And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. **Genesis 1:14-19***

This word "made" (Strong's H# 6213) is used several times during the creation week. This is the Hebrew word *asah*, (ah-saw). While it can mean that something was created from scratch, it can also mean advanced upon or appointed. For example: *He appointed (asah) the moon for seasons...* **Psalm 104:19**. Here David very nearly quotes **Genesis 1:14**, only he's very specific about the role of the moon. *Seasons* here in **Psalm 104:19** is the same Hebrew word found in **Genesis 1:14**; *mo'edim*, meaning appointed times or set feasts.

What this proves is that the new moon days are dark days (after the 4 weeks are complete, all the dark days are new moon days), the moon is not illuminated. **Genesis 1:1** was new moon day. Scripture may not say as much, but nature (the first gospel) does. The second month began with a "dark moon" new moon day, so therefore, did the first.

I agree that in **Lev 23:38** that there is a distinction made between the weekly and the annual, but there is no distinction made in the introduction as Trefz alleges. Even THESE are my feasts...six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is the Sabbath. THAT is describing the weekly appointed time (Mo'edim for feast). It does not say to not forget the Sabbath as Trefz alleges in this passage, it describes this weekly engagement as a feast, clearly, plainly and simply.

The literary style is simple enough for a child. Bro. Trefz tortures the text into saying what it does not say ink on the page. Amazing.

Bro. Trefz goes on to announce that the Jewish Study Bible says that there is a **distinction between the weekly Sabbath and the annual holy days**.

Of course they are different. One is weekly, one is annual. There is a distinct difference, but they are found on the same luni-solar calendar. They are all part of the Sabbath institution (including the land Sabbaths and Jubilee cycle) as presented to Adventism by Stephen Haskel in his book, *The Cross and its Shadow*, pp. 106 and 249.

The Jewish Study Bible ... used by many Messianic Jews, in its notes under Leviticus 23:38 indicates that the Sabbath law in verse 3 was not originally part of the chapter.

Trefz believes that Messianic Judaism is of Catholic origin, but he apparently believes everything they print. He is actually trying to use the literary work of his intended target to defend HIS position. I am almost speechless, although I shouldn't be. At least Trefz is consistent. He is (allegedly) 100% anti-Catholic, yet uses Catholic terminology to defend his position as well. Bro. Trefz, have you read **Deuteronomy 4:2** lately? There were no Messianic Jews around when the Dead Sea scrolls were written or found. And there were certainly no Messianic Jews around when the Masoretic text was written. That verse 3 is found in Leviticus 23 has NOTHING to do with Messianic Jews, it has something to do with Yah's instruction for His people.

This is all very significant because the Lunar Sabbath advocates seek to lump the weekly Seventh-day Sabbath in with the ceremonial lunar calculations of Leviticus 23.

Here Trefz tells a lie, and then tells the truth. Lunar Sabbath advocates do not seek to lump the weekly appointed time in with the annual ones. They are different. But I am terribly pleased that Trefz admits that the appointed times in Leviticus 23 are found by the lunar cycle, because verse 3 shows that the weekly Sabbath is the FIRST one on the list of appointed times. They are listed in the order that man would observe them (by the lunar cycle) in any given year, starting with the weekly Sabbath.

It is crucial to note that *nowhere here in His introduction, in His treatment of the weekly Seventh-day Sabbath, does God call the weekly Sabbath a מועד (mo'ed), a term used to describe the ceremonial feasts. Let me repeat: Nowhere in verse three, the verse about the weekly Seventh-day Sabbath, does the word מועד appear.*

God is simply reminding Israel of the weekly Seventh-day Sabbath...

Very cleverly Bro. Trefz paints a picture with which every student of the Torah HAS to agree. Indeed, nowhere in verse three does הַשַּׁבָּת call the weekly Sabbath a Mo'ed. He does however, call it a Mo'ed in verse 2 though (twice). So the sum total: Trefz tells the truth in order to propagate a lie.

If the Almighty is trying to remind Israel of the weekly Sabbath, why does He not say “remember” ANYWHERE in this passage? He already reminded them of the weekly Sabbath in **Exodus 20**. Here הַשַּׁבָּת is making a VERY clear statement that is muddled because of the Catholic terminology employed throughout this edition of the *Cherith Chronicle*. There are no ceremonial Sabbaths found anywhere in Scripture. This is a foreign phrase in all of Scripture. They are simply annual rest days.

Page 27. Then after reminding Israel that the new ceremonial feasts and ceremonial Sabbaths did not replace or affect the weekly Seventh-day Sabbath, G-d returns to the matter of instructing Israel about the ceremonial feast and their ceremonial Sabbaths:

“**These** are the feasts (מוֹעֲדֵי) of the LORD, even these holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons (מוֹעֲדֵם). ⁵In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD’S Passover...”
Leviticus 23:4-5.

Trefz got his Hebrew from Green’s Interlinear (sort of). His first Hebrew word ends with a letter i, the second ends with a letter c. When a Hebrew word ends with an “i”, the “i” is a possessive pronoun, meaning (in this case) “My feasts”, or in context, Yah’s feasts, the SAME word that is used twice in verse 2. Trefz is not impressed with our use of Hebrew. I, at least, do not butcher the original intent.

Please re-read **Leviticus 23:4-5** above. Now if he could explain the following...

² Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning the feasts (Mo’edim) of הַשַּׁבָּת*, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, *even these are My feasts (Mo’edim)*.

³ Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day *is* the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work *therein*: it *is* the sabbath of הַשַּׁבָּת in all your dwellings. **Leviticus 23:2-3**

Sounds like the introduction to the weekly Sabbath is almost exactly like that of the annual feasts found in verse 4. Where does it say the Father is trying to separate the Sabbath from the annual feasts in this verse? This is Scripture, Bro. Trefz. It is not your toy to manipulate in any manner you please.

After Reminding Israel of the Seventh-day Sabbath, Only Then Does God Proceed With “These are the feasts of the Lord.”

This is an absolute lie. See **Leviticus 23:2-3** above.

Page 28. Jesuit Biblical Interpretation of Colossians 2:14 Provides the Theological Basis for Messianic Judaism, the Feast Day Movement, and the Lunar Sabbath.

The apostate Chr-stian interpretation that Trefz espouses is equally incorrect. **Please see enclosed.** The RCC and Protestantism nail everything; Adventism nails only the annual festivals. I am assuming that Bro. Trefz is saying that the understanding that we have of Colossians 2:14 is from the Jesuits. If so, the implication is slanderous as we claim that the law stands as written. The Jesuits claim that THEY nailed the feasts to the stake; they do not give Paul the credit as Trefz does.

“The Catholic Church abolished not only the Sabbath, but all the other Jewish festivals.” In a letter by THOMAS ENRIGHT, C.S.S.R. Want a second witness? “If you want to know the days to keep, go to the Catholic Church, not to the Mosaic Law. We have power to put down feast days, and we have power to institute feast days.” CARDINAL JAMES GIBBONS, in the Catholic Catechism

Those who have been and are being called out of Babylon have been shown the truth of this matter. Scripture does not support Trefz and any honest inquiry will prove this to be so.

This doctoral dissertation [that removed the objection to the restoration of the feast days] conveniently appearing in the time frame of 1975, just when it was needed by Messianic Judaism, removed the interpretation that the “handwriting of ordinances” of Colossians 2:14 referred to the ceremonial law.

Certain Adventist New Testament professors at the Seminary shifted their interpretation of Colossians 2:14 in 1975, based on this doctoral dissertation, rejecting the interpretation endorsed by the Spirit of Prophecy that the ceremonial law is the handwriting of ordinances, and replacing it with the concept of the “record of our debt.”

Messianic Jews seized upon this interpretation...

1. There is no such thing as a ceremonial law in Scripture.
2. Trefz gives entirely too much credit to SDA scholars as Judaism is too stiff-necked in its own self-righteousness to accept any doctrine but that of the rabbis. No decision ever made by the General Conference or SDA scholars has ever affected Judaism or effected any change in their doctrine. Either Trefz is desperate or delusional. He goes from one irrational, unsubstantiated thought to the next with the ease of one who actually expects his readers to believe him. Which frightens the daylights out of me...WHO are these readers who keep supporting him with their tithe? (A statute Trefz un-nails.)
3. It apparently has never occurred to Trefz that this change in understanding of Colossians was from the Father Himself, correcting the collective consciousness of believers everywhere. He sows His seed broadcast. The soil will prove itself. Considering Trefz stand against it, the seed sown by h w h y fell on thorny ground, choked out by Trefz’ own theology.
4. You mean THIS Spirit of Prophecy...? These quotes (below) all show that the statutes are still binding. The feasts are statutes. It is the sacrificial law that is meant by the term ceremonial law in EGW’s writings. The RCC apply a different meaning—the law of Moses.

“Chr-st gave to Moses religious precepts which were to govern the everyday life. These statutes were explicitly given to guard the ten commandments. They were not shadowy types to pass away with the death of Chr-st. They were to be binding upon man in every age as long as time should last.” *SDA Bible Commentary, Vol.1, p. 1104*

“We are to become familiar with the Levitical law in all its bearings; for it contains rules that must be obeyed; it contains the instruction that if studied will enable us to understand better the rule of faith and practice that we are to follow in our dealings with one another. No soul has any excuse for being in darkness.” *EGW SDABC, Vol. 1, p. 1110.*

“Let those who believe the word of the L-rd read the instructions contained in Leviticus and Deuteronomy.” *T6 273*

“The covenant that G-d made with His people at Sinai is to be our refuge and defense. The L-rd said to Moses:--(Quotes **Exodus 19:3b-6a, 19:7, and 24:3b**) This covenant is of just as much force today as it was when the L-rd made it with ancient Israel.” *Southern Watchman, March 1, 1904. (SDA Bible Commentary, Vol 1, p. 1103)* [This covenant contains the annual feasts, Exodus 23:14-17.](#)

“What nation is there so great, who hath G-d so nigh unto them, as the L-rd our G-d is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?” How many pass over these words of Moses as though they were meaningless, and continue to heap reproach and derision on divine institutions. How many trample on the divine law, the righteous judgments and statutes which were committed to G-d's ancient people. *Signs of the Times 8/25/1887*

“Not everyone that sayest unto me, L-rd, L-rd, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.’ What is the will of the Father? That we keep His commandments. Chr-st, to enforce the will of His Father, became the author of the statutes and precepts given through Moses to the people of G-d. Chr-stians who extol Chr-st, but array themselves against the law governing the Jewish people, array Chr-st against Chr-st.” *Review & Herald, 5-6-1875*

“G-d has given us probationary time in order that it may be made manifest whether we will be loyal , obedient children, rendering obedience to His Commandments, His Statutes, and His Laws, or whether we will persist in following a course of disobedience, and prove ourselves unworthy of eternal life.” *Review & Herald, 10-9-1894*

“Again the people were reminded of the sacred obligation of the Sabbath. Yearly feasts were appointed, . . . The object of these regulations was stated: they proceeded from no exercise of mere arbitrary sovereignty; all were given for the good of Israel.

“These laws were to be recorded by Moses, and carefully treasured as the foundation of the national law, and, with the ten precepts which they were given to illustrate, the condition of the fulfillment of G-d’s promises to Israel.” *PP, p. 311* **Amazing!!! See Leviticus 23.**

G-d will not take into his kingdom and give eternal life to those who will not come under his laws and statutes in this life. *Signs of the Times 9/8/1887*

Does Trefz honestly expect to be saved while committing the same sin that Satan was cast out for?

Remember (same word that the 4th commandment starts with) *ye the Law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, **with the statutes and judgments.** Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of הַשְּׁמֵטָה: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. **Malachi 4:4-6***

Here this passage says to REMEMBER the statues and judgments as well. This is an end time prophecy. Prophecy is something Trefz prides himself in (date setting and all). How is Trefz going to answer הַשְּׁמֵטָה since he is trying to undo what הַשְּׁמֵטָה wants us to remember in these last days?

...which seeks to place the Sabbath on a ceremonial footing by calculating its observance based on the New Moon. *This placing of the Sabbath on the basis of the ceremonial law is Roman Catholic theology.*

See what I mean by his repeating things (ceremonial law) over and over and OVER. Trefz' whole premise is false, built upon false doctrine. But basing the Sabbath on the observance of the new moon is not.

Page 29. Bro. Trefz quotes **Deuteronomy 31:24-26** reminding us that the words of this law that were written and put on the side of the ark were *there for a witness against thee*.

I disagree with his premise. They are not against us; they are a WITNESS against us—only IF we transgress them. All laws are against us, but ONLY if we break them. Since keeping the Ten Commandments is against my human nature, the Ten Commandments fit into this same category: a witness against me if I transgress them.

Keeping the statutes is good, they were written for us for our own good. They are NOT against us. See **Deuteronomy 6:24**, **Deuteronomy 10:13**, and **Nehemiah 9:13**. I'm not just making this up.

“....Moses had this in view when he said to Israel, ‘Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the L-rd my G-d commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep, therefore, and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations which shall hear **all these statutes**, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath G-d so nigh unto them, as the L-rd our G-d is in all things that we call upon him for? and what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?’“ *Signs of the Times June 17, 1880*

Page 30. *Seventh-day Adventism accepted the great truth that the ceremonial law was nailed to the cross.*

That is true. Blessedly, some of them are coming out of the darkness and into the light regarding Colossians 2:14.

...how Christ would, by his death, bring about the end of the ceremonial law in the midst of the week...

*“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and **in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease...**” Daniel 9:27*

And WHAT does the word sacrifice mean? (A Blood sacrifice) And WHAT does the word oblation mean? (An offering, usually bloodless).

And WHERE does it mention the annual feasts in this passage? If the annual feasts are meant, then so is the weekly Sabbath because there were DOUBLE sacrifices offered on the weekly Sabbath (**Numbers 28:9-10**). The fact is that the feasts are not mentioned at all, only the sacrificial ordinances are. A sacrifice is something that is performed/offered ON a feast day; it is NOT the feast day itself.

...Jesuit-trained Bacchiocchi in the 1990's, who would then induce Armstrong's Worldwide Church of God to elevate the feast days to the level of the Sabbath, and then throw both out.

I am inclined to agree that Sam Bacchiocchi is Jesuit trained; however, the WWCG had been keeping the feasts since the 1930's. Sam had nothing to do with their feast keeping. And Sam's influence was only with his book *From Sabbath to Sunday* (which had nothing to do with the feasts) and this influence ended long before the WWCG gave up their Sabbath and festival doctrines.

Page 32. The Bible teaches that there are two laws—the Moral Law of the Ten Commandments... And the Ceremonial Law, which is *shadowy, ...temporary—in force until the death of Christ...*

Where does Bro. Trefz get this? Oh yes, now I remember. He's teaching the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church. Scripture teaches a three fold division of Law, the Commandments, Statutes and Judgments. **Leviticus 26:15** (read the rest of the chapter too), **Deuteronomy 5:31, 6:1, 7:11, 8:11, 11:1, 26:17, 30:16, I Kings 2:3, 8:58, and Nehemiah 9:13.**

Bro. Trefz, this passage was written for you. [I] *have dealt very corruptly against Thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which Thou commandedst Thy servant Moses.* **Nehemiah 1:7**

Page 33. Two Laws, Clear and Distinct From Each Other.

Three laws, see above.

It is regrettable that Sister White fell for this doctrine from Rome (as Trefz follows the above title with a quote from *RH 5-6-1875*). She never claimed infallibility though, remember?

Also quoting EGW, Trefz continues: "*After the crucifixion, it was a denial of Christ for the Jews to continue to offer burnt offerings and sacrifices which were typical of his death.*"

Sister White a little later explains what she means by this when she says, "*Hence the ceremonial law ceased to be of force at the death of Chr-st.*" *Signs of the Times, 7-29-1886*

Sister White indicates that the ceremonial law is the sacrificial law. Does Trefz see any of us sacrificing goats or oxen, offering burnt offerings for our sin? We are not, so he needs to stand down. We are keeping the feasts. These are appointed times; they are not burnt offerings. As mentioned above, if Calvary did away with the feasts, then the weekly Sabbath must also be abandoned because of the double sacrifices offered on the Sabbath.

If Trefz wants to bark up the correct tree, he can bark at those who have done away with the Sabbaths AND the feasts because of Calvary because only the sacrifices and oblations were to come to an end. **Daniel 9:27** says nothing about the appointed times. The weekly Sabbath is the first appointed time.

I will bark at Trefz because he is partial in the law. **Malachi 2:8-9.** Trefz has made the commandment of h w h y of none effect because of his tradition—Matthew 15:6, Mark 7:13.

Page 34. I guess I'm not shocked that Trefz cannot see the truth of this matter even though he PRINTED it in this own publication. And I quote...

Then all the sacrificial offerings were to cease. It is this law that Chr-st "took ... out of the way, nailing it to his cross. PP 365

What part of this doesn't Bro. Trefz understand? An appointed time is TIME, a day that you spend with the Father. You cannot sacrifice a day. A day will not fit onto an altar. You cannot catch the blood of a day and pour it out at the base of the altar.

'Till heaven and earth pass, on jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.'
Matthew 5:17-18

What part of this verse quoted in *PP 365* doesn't Bro. Trefz understand? Sister White goes on to say that the law of *hwh y* is as immutable as His throne. It is forever. The Sabbath and feasts are both part of the perpetual covenant of *hwh y*. Trefz is not only in denial of this fact, he is also teaching others to disobey the immutable law of *hwh y*. So long has Trefz been using Catholic terminology that he can now only defend himself using Catholic doctrine. He is in agreement with the RCC and is fighting against *hwh y*. Contrary to Catholicism, none of the law has been done away with.

Sister White said that blending the ceremonial law (which she explains is the sacrificial law) with the moral was a perversion. Even though she borrowed these terms from Catholicism, she is in essence correct. The blood of sacrifices *hwh y* does not want. (**Psalm 40:6, Psalm 51:16-17, Proverbs 21:3, Hosea 6:6**). He wants a broken and contrite heart (**1 Samuel 15:22, Jeremiah 7:22-23, Micah 6:6-8**) in obedience to his law.

The Seventh-day Sabbath Has Never Been Lost Since Creation Week When God Established It.

Trefz is repeating himself again (repeating himself again). It doesn't matter how many times he says it; it is still a lie. If he was referring to the Sabbath of Creation, I would agree with him, but he's referring to saturday, and every seventh-day in succession all the way back to Creation.

I agree that the REAL Sabbath of Creation has never been lost entirely (even though Israel forgot it). **Jeremiah 31:35-36** clearly reveals that the ordinances of the moon (the Sabbaths, feasts, new moons, etc) have not been lost entirely. For if these ordinances cease, then Israel will cease from being a nation before the Father forever. The Father is returning only for Israelites (adopted or born) so if these ordinances have ever been completely lost, then the Father has no one to return for. So I agree with the spirit of Trefz' statement, just not the day he is promoting.

It [the Sabbath] was kept for two thousand five hundred years before there ever was a ceremonial law, which was temporary...

I agree that the sacrificial law is temporary if ever desired at all (see above passages), but Trefz' timeline is quite wrong. Adventism teaches that the sacrificial law was instituted right after the fall; Moses wrote it all down 2,500 years later.

Page 35. Then, the entire nation of Israel in Egypt was keeping the Seventh-day Sabbath, for it was an issue between Pharaoh and Israel, before the Exodus.

Show me. I live in Missouri. Trefz makes a statement, but offers no Scriptural support. As I've said, I do not recall seeing in Scripture the book of Bob. The word *Sabbath* is not mentioned in Scripture in relation to the nation of Israel until **Exodus 16** a month after the exodus. The issue between Israel and Pharaoh was over a sacrifice Moses wanted to lead Israel into the wilderness to offer (**Exodus 3:18, 5:3, and 8:27**). Three witnesses. It had NOTHING to do with the weekly Sabbath.

This perfect weekly cycle [during the 40 years in the wilderness] was reinforced by God, without an extra day and a half-plus every month.

As I said earlier, Scripture is silent about the new moon days during the wilderness sojourn, so silence is golden. I know that they were observed as the new moons are the beginnings of every month in Scripture, but we have no other information. So the perfect weekly cycle (one that repeats without interruption) is in force only in the mind of men like Bob Trefz as the new moon days are clearly described as a third category of day, NOT a week day, elsewhere in Scripture.

Furthermore, the New Moon was not a Sabbath-type rest day, for work was required on it that was forbidden on the Sabbath. See Exodus 40 and Haggai 1:1, 2, 8, 12.

Agreed. Only the 7th New Moon is a Sabbath, The Feast of Trumpets. Here I owe Bro. Trefz a debt of gratitude. I have long known that the Father asked Israel to erect the desert tabernacle and lay the foundation of the temple on new moon day but had not taken the time to find the passages that say as much. Trefz did this homework for me. Thank you.

He [the Creator] tied the Seventh-day Sabbath directly to Creation Week...

He also tied it directly to the day of the Exodus, which was Abib 15. (**Deuteronomy 5:12-15**).

Page 36. [The Sabbath] rests solely upon the seven day cycle that goes back to, and is anchored in, Creation Week.

Yes, we've heard this over and over again, and are still waiting for the Scriptural evidence. [Cue music from the game show: *Jeopardy*]

J. N. Andrews Quotes Bliss: Week Not Indicated By Phases of Moon.

Andrews was an extremely bright and intelligent mind. Sylvester Bliss, however intelligent, simply got it wrong. The SDA research committee in 1938 (with Grace Amadon) found just the opposite to be true. Perhaps they examined all the evidence rather than just quote the commonly held belief of the day as Bliss (and by extension, Andrews) seems to have done.

I found the quote by Andrews, *History of the Sabbath and the First day of the Week* to be refreshingly enlightened though. Regardless of Andrews bias and position against the Sabbath being regulated by the phases of the moon, his introduction to the text he quoted and the text itself proves exactly that...

That the reckoning of the week was rightly kept, is evident from the fact that in the wilderness of Sin the people of their own accord gathered a double portion of manna on the sixth day. And Moses said to them, "To-morrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord." Ex 16:22.

Thank you Bro. Trefz, you just proved the Creation Calendar. The Almighty came down on the 15th day of the second month and tells them about the manna. He said that at even (of the 15th) they would get quail and in the morning (the 16th) they would get manna. Israel would get manna for 6 days, they were to collect a double portion on the 6th day because the following day would be the Sabbath.

Please see the following calendar month...

						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>	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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The week in question is underlined. As you can see, Israel collected manna for 6 days (from the 16th to the 21st). Israel collected a double portion on the 21st because “To-morrow” (the 22nd of the month) was the Sabbath. As we have been saying, the 8th, 15th, 22 and 29th days of the month are the Sabbaths. Since the 15th and 22nd days of the month are the Sabbaths this month (in **Exodus 16**) so are the 8th and 29th days the Sabbath.

The Jews kept the knowledge of what day was the Seventh-day Sabbath all through the captivity.

Huh? Then why did the Father have them go to Mt. Sinai? Israel was not able to keep the Sabbath in captivity. They were not free to worship as they were taught and quickly forgot the Sabbaths. That is what the prophets were for, to reinstruct Israel after their many apostasies and captivities. Daniel was not always free to PRAY as he wanted during his time in Babylon. What makes Bro. Trefz think that he was free to worship as he pleased? Again, Trefz offers no supporting Scripture. Still can't figure out how he can use 44 pages of paper and not have the courtesy of proving his point with Scripture.

Page 37. Josephus: “There is not one city, Greek or barbarian, nor a single nation, to which our [Jewish] (sic) custom of abstaining from work on the seventh day has not spread.”

There were no Jews in Josephus' day. Bro. Trefz should have put **[Hebrew]** there in this sentence.

And I agree with Josephus. Notice that Josephus did not say that it was the Hebrew custom to abstain from work “every” seven days, only that they abstain on the seventh day [of the week]. These were lunar weeks. Josephus observed the lunar Sabbath. So did Philo. So did the Essenes. So did Paul. All of them observed the Creation Calendar AFTER Calvary. **Please see enclosed studies.**

*In the article **Shawui Calendar: Ancient Shawui Observance**, we find confirmation of a radical change in Yah's calendar. “The [lunar]...calendar was used by all the original disciples of Yeshua... This original Nazarene lunar-solar calendar was supplanted by a Roman "planetary week" and calendar in 135 C.E. -- when the "Bishops of the Circumcision" (i.e. legitimate Nazarene successors to Yeshua) were displaced from Jerusalem. This began a three hundred year controversy concerning the true calendar and correct Sabbath.”*

“The calendar was originally fixed by observation, and ultimately by calculation. Up to the fall of the Temple (A.D. 70), witnesses who saw the new moon came forward and were strictly examined and if their evidence was accepted the month *was fixed by the priests*. Eventually the authority passed to the Sandedrin and ultimately to the Patriarch. ... Gradually observation gave place to *calculation*. The right to determine the calendar was reserved to the Patriarchate; the Jews of Mesopotamia [Ed.—this is the land of Babylon] tried in vain to establish their own calendar but the prerogative of Palestine was zealously defended. So long as Palestine remained a religious centre, it was naturally to the homeland that the Diaspora looked for its calendar. Uniformity was essential, for if different parts had celebrated feasts on different days confusion would have ensued. It was not until the 4th century A.D. that Babylon fixed the calendar...” *Encyclopedia Britannica: Vol. 4, article “Calendar”*.

“These imported [from Babylon] superstitions eventually led Jewish rabbis to call Saturn *Shabbti*, “the star of the Sabbath,” [and]...it was not until the first century of our era, when the planetary week had become an established institution, that the Jewish Sabbath seems always to have corresponded to Saturn’s Day [Satyrday].” *Hutton Webster* in his book, *Rest Days*, p. 244.

The weekly Sabbath ...is not anchored in any movement of heavenly bodies such as the moon other than the sun with its evening-morning daily sequence.

Here Trefz commits another gaffe. He at first says that the Sabbath is not regulated by the lights in the heavens, (well, except the sun with its daily cycle). Last I knew, the sun was a light in the heaven, so Trefz IS reading **Genesis 1:14**, he just doesn’t like what he’s reading. And he is loathe to read the rest of Scripture to figure out what **Genesis 1:14** might mean.

His position has already been debunked by the tale of two satyrday sabbath keeping men, one going around the world and later meeting on the Sabbath. If all they do is count evening-morning daily sequences, they will be ONE full day off for the Sabbath when they reunite. And if one man makes another trip around the earth in the same direction, they will be TWO days off in their Sabbath reckoning. This is because they are linking the Sabbath WITH THE SUN. This is the wrong luminary folks. The moon regulates the appointed times (**Psalm 104:19**), the Sabbath is the FIRST appointed time (**Leviticus 23:1-3**). The sun only tells when a new day begins (and it is not at even—*When does the Day Begin study*), it is not equipped to tell you what day it is.

Referring to both Roman and pagan sunday worship, Trefz says, “Neither of these rival sabbaths was anchored in any lunar cycle.”

This is true. May I ask why satyrday Trefz Sabbath IS anchored to the same calendar system as the Roman and pagan sunday?

Page 38. Referring to Constantine’s sunday law in 321 A.D., Trefz says, “And none of it had the slightest thing to do with a lunar cycle.”

Perhaps you would like to turn back to **page 22**. In a sense, Trefz is right. Constantine’s business had nothing to do with a lunar cycle. Rome was not keeping the Calendar established at Creation anyway. The Creation Calendar Sabbath does have something to do with the lunar cycle, but this is not the Sabbath Trefz is referring to. So why Trefz is so zealously defending the calendar change Constantine instituted in 321 A.D., when he seems to be against Rome? Say, Bro. Trefz, whose side are you on any way?

Talk about the pot calling the kettle black...

The Lunar Sabbath people are attacking the faithful observers of the Seventh-day Sabbath that goes back to that first Sabbath in creation week as deluded followers of the papacy... Thus the Lunar Sabbath advocates accuse true Seventh-day Sabbath-keepers who base their Sabbath keeping on that first Sabbath, hallowed by God on the seventh day of Creation Week, of *the very first thing they, of all people, are not guilty of.*

First of all, satyrday as the seventh day of the week goes all the way back to 321 A.D., not Creation.

Second, the “true Seventh-day Sabbath-keepers who base their Sabbath keeping on that first Sabbath, hallowed by God on the seventh day of Creation Week,” (saturday sabbath keepers) are keeping their Sabbath by the calendar system created by Rome (**Daniel 7:25**, Revelation 13:3), not the Creator.

Third, the papacy does not support the lunar calendar Sabbath, so we are not deluded followers of the papacy. See the second point above to learn who the deluded party is.

Fourth, who attacked whom? I never even thought to enlighten Trefz to his ignorance until he brought this fight into my living room. I have never attacked a Sabbath keeper. I have attacked the false Sabbath system and make no apologies for it. If you feel you have been hit by my attack, perhaps you should put some distance between yourself and my intended target. Any shrapnel wounds you have sustained will have to heal on their own. There is battle going on over the true Sabbath. Now, Bro. Trefz, unless you have something educated to say, sit down and be quiet. **Proverbs 18:13**.

Whoops, I see it is already too late.

The Lunar Sabbath advocates point to Daniel 7:25, and argue, “See, the papacy was to change times and laws. That means the papacy was to change the way of calculating the time for the week, shifting it away from G-d’s lunar calendar, and onto a papal calendar.” Apart from the fact that this argument is patently false, because the papacy never changed the weekly cycle...”

Trefz goes on to show his knowledge of Aramaic. Should I be impressed?

We never said that the papacy changed the weekly cycle. Constantine did. The papacy was just getting established in the 4th century. But Constantine’s calendar alteration was of a religious nature and it was he who gave his throne to the Bishop of Rome. So **Daniel 7:25** is very appropriately used for this argument.

Page 39. *Times* (זמני the word in Aramaic means set, appointed, fixed times) is the property of the Ten Commandment Law in the Fourth Commandment...

Thus understanding the *hendiadys*, one would translate this part of Daniel 7:25 in this way:

“And he shall attempt to change the Law, yes, *the times part of the Law*, that is, *the part of the Law dealing with time*.” Daniel 7:25

Here Trefz employs an obscure translation. The same thing he accused Messianic Jews of doing and condemned them for it. **Job 27:8, Proverbs 11:9, Isaiah 9:17**. Adventism does not employ this translation, they recognize that times and laws are two distinct things that the Beast would think to change.

Note that this commandment declares, “**Six** days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work”, *not seven days, or five days, as it works out at times in the Lunar Sabbath theory...*

Lunar weeks are seven days long. Six for work. One for the Sabbath. There are no 6 or 8 day weeks with a lunar calendar. Trefz is speaking before he hears the matter (again).

Trefz quotes the standard SDA line from the Convert's Catechism...*Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?*

A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday...

Please see the two quotes at the very top of page 35. Here the papacy cleverly gives Saturday some credibility by claiming to have changed the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday, but the Sabbath was never ON Saturday. This is a ruse, a dual counterfeit. Saturday was originally the FIRST day of the week that Constantine adopted for Rome, not the seventh. When you play with fire you get burned. When you sleep with Rome, you wake up impregnated with false doctrine.

Come out of Babylon my friends.

Page 40. There are 1.530588 days left over every lunar month which messes up the seven day week, every month.

This is an absolute lie (told in ignorance). They are not left over. This extra day (or two) every month are new moon days. **Ezekiel 46:1** reveals new moon days to NOT be days of the work week, they are days that fall into a third category and do not interfere with the work week at all.

Bro. Trefz also mocks our “**just look up**” line of encouragement on this page, saying that atmospheric conditions will interfere with lunar observance, so therefore this method should be disregarded. Of course his answer is to look at a pagan/papal/Roman/man-made/solar-only calendar, (to lean on the arm of flesh), and he wants you to ignore David's exhortation found in **Psalm 89:37**, that the moon is a faithful witness.

If you are faithfully watching the moon, if you cannot see it for days or a week at a time, you will still know what day it is because you have been following it all along. Bob's concern is only valid for a first time Lunar Calendar observer. It is very discouraging to be convicted of the truth of this matter, then go out and find chem trails or a thunderstorm blocking your view.

In an Attempt to Solve the Problem, Some Lunar Sabbath Advocates Set Aside Three Days for the First Sabbath.

Quoting *Beware of the Lunar Sabbath*: Some say, if we were Adam we would rest on the eighth day, and then rest on the ninth day also if the moon isn't in the crescent phase yet. ... **To allow that pattern to be interrupted is to walk away from keeping the Sabbath on the one specific day that Yahweh made holy, the seventh day!**

What absolute rubbish. You count seven days from new moon. That is the Sabbath, the eighth day of the month. You don't have to wait for the moon. It will be there even if you cannot see it due to atmospheric conditions.

No one ever sets aside three days for the first Sabbath of the month (the 8th day). There is only one Sabbath at the end of the first complete week. Trefz should have written this about the fourth Sabbath of the month (which is followed by 1 or 2 new moon days). Some have accused us of having 2-3 Sabbaths in a row at THAT phase, not the first quarter phase. The answer is that the days are not all Sabbaths. Only the 29th day of the month is the Sabbath, the other days are new moon days.

Page 41. Still quoting from Beware of the Lunar Sabbath: “Yahweh made one specific day holy and one day only. He did no work for six days and rested on the seventh day.”

I trust that last sentence is a typo.

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Now Trefz has proven himself a liar. See underlined above. The Elijah message is given WITH the statutes and judgments of our heavenly Father.

Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. **Malachi 4:4-6***

In this last day prophecy, the Law of Moses (that Trefz wants nailed to the cross) is to be remembered (same as the Sabbath command). Attending this will be the statutes and judgments (that Trefz say were done away with at Calvary). As noted earlier, Trefz is fighting against the Lord; he is not giving the Elijah message. He's not even close.

In acknowledgement of this contradiction, some Lunar Sabbath observers have started referring to the leftover days at the end of the month as “non-days.”

They are days (in the sun), they are just not week days. If you can read, **Ezekiel 46:1** tells you this, so does **II Kings 4:23**, **Isaiah 66:22-23** and **Amos 8:5**. Trefz is sadly misinformed and now slanderous for accusing us of something we do not believe. He is a false witness and is stirring up strife among the brethren.

Page 42. The Lunar Sabbath people seek to *demean* the Seventh-day Sabbath by inferring that it was Rome that set up the seven day week, which is a false premise, and that the person who operates according to the current calendar in use around the world is following the pope, because it is called the *Gregorian* calendar because of a correction in the time keeping took place during the pontificate of Pope Gregory.

Here Trefz mixes apples and oranges. Rome converted to the pagan seven day planetary week between the first and 4th centuries, with Constantine making it official in 321 A.D. Prior to that, Rome had an EIGHT day market calendar week. Below is a picture. During the time the man from Galilee is said to have walked this earth, Rome had an EIGHT day week. Not seven. The changes the Pope made to the calendar were not to the calendar established by the Creator (6,000 years ago) it was corrections made to the Julian calendar which was set up in 46 B.C.



The months are along the top, and count downward. Notice that the weeks are A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H. Also, two thousand years ago, January and April had 29 days, so did the 6th month, 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th months. Rome even has a 13th month (called an intercalary month) just like Israel had developed after h why dented His clock—1500 years before Rome came onto the historical landscape.

In typical fashion of fanaticism, the Lunar Sabbath adherents seek to mock the observers of the true seventh-day Biblical Sabbath. Here is a taste of their mockery:

“So you believe no one was observing the Sabbath on the correct day until Christopher Clavius, a Jesuit astronomer and Pope Gregory XIII created their calendar in 1582?”

It would have been nice to put this quote in context. It went like this... **When is the Seventh-day Sabbath?**

“Well, it’s Saturday, of course!”

Is it really? Is that what Scripture says?

“Well Saturday is the seventh day of the week.”

But when is the seventh-day Sabbath? Whose week are you using? What is a week in Scripture?

“A week is six working days and a Sabbath. Saturday is the seventh day of the week.”

Indeed, a week is 6 days and a Sabbath, but Saturday is the seventh day of *whose* week?

“Well, we observe the Gregorian calendar and Saturday is the seventh day of the week.”

I see. The Gregorian calendar, which was established in 1582, is the calendar you observe to keep the Seventh-day Sabbath, which was established at Creation. And this makes sense to you? Do you trust this papal calendar? Has Rome ever thought to change times and laws? So you believe no one was observing the Sabbath on the correct day until Christopher Clavius, a Jesuit astronomer and Pope Gregory XIII created their calendar in 1582? The Creator entrusted the *papacy* to preserve His Sabbath for us?

I know, because I wrote it. Can you answer these questions? Are they honest questions? Was I mocking anyone? Nay, I was attempting to educate everyone who would happen upon this study. *The truth will lose nothing by close investigation.* The flip side of the EGW quote is that a false doctrine will be overturned by close investigation. This, sadly, Trefz and men like him have no desire to do. Rather they cast stones at the assembly of hwh y thinking they do hwh y service.

“Already there has been too much printed in regard to the persecution of the Sabbathkeepers . . . , and those who are bitter against the law of G-d, trampling it under their feet, are all the more in earnest to make human laws a power. Their religious prejudice and bigotry would lead them to do any act of violence, verily thinking they were in G-d's service, for they are in great error. A blind zeal under false religious theories is the most violent and merciless. *EGW, The Southern Work, p. 74*

“Thinking themselves to be wise, they became fools. As men do to-day, so they did then, and used the very intellect that G-d had given them to brand with falsehood His eternal truth.” *EGW, Sabbath-School Worker, 12-1-01894*

Trefz continues (not knowing how close to perdition he really is)... **This mocking question demonstrates a complete lack of comprehension about calendar adjustments. First of all, the adherents of the true Seventh-day Sabbath handed down from Creation and Creation week believe that the Seventh-day Sabbath was faithfully kept throughout history.**

I agree, the True Sabbath was kept, but this Sabbath was not Saturday as Trefz supposes. Has he yet shown you in Scripture that Saturday is the Sabbath? Has he yet shown you in Scripture that the weeks are a consecutive 7 day count all the way back to Creation? Has he an answer for the 7 consecutive day Battle of Jericho or the three fixed date work days that the Father has recorded in Scripture to cause every false calendar system to fail?

I did not think so.

Bro. Trefz, please explain to me what I lack. In 153 B.C., a Roman emperor changed the first of the year from March 1 to January 1. (*The Creator's year starts in the spring, not the dead of winter—Exodus 12:2, et al.*) In 46 B.C., Julius Caesar removed the new moon from the calculation of the months which get their name from the MOON. Hello? (*The Creator's months all begin with New Moon day—Numbers 10:10, Isaiah 66:23, et al.*) In 321 A.D., Constantine venerated the sun, not supplanting the observance of the seventh-day which Rome did not observe, but bringing to prominence the first day. In doing so, Constantine moved Saturday from the first column to the seventh, making way for the venerated day of the sun. (*The Creator's 7 day week is not to be confused with the pagan 7 day planetary week—He changes not, Malachi 3:6, Numbers 23:19, Psalm 89:34, James 1:17, et al.*) In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII lopped off 10 days from the Julian calendar because it was 11 minutes and 14 seconds long every year, culminating in an accumulated 10 days in nearly 1600 years since 46 B.C. (*If the Father's calendar needs correcting, He will correct it Himself. He wrote it in the heavens were man cannot mess with it.*)

These changes altered the Creation Calendar neither one jot, nor one tittle.

Shift From the Julian to the Gregorian Calendar Did Not Affect the Weekly Cycle.

“There has been one change in the calendar since the New Testament times, from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar, under which we live today. ...” Nichol, p. 204

According to the material I’ve witnessed, there have been two. The FIRST of which everyone seems blind to. **Constantine, 321 A.D.** Be a Berean.

And I quite disagree that none of these changes altered the seven day week. A change from the eight day Roman Republican Market Calendar week to the pagan seven day planetary week would have very much altered a 7 day count all the way back to creation.

Thought: Why do people think that the Father preserved His calendar on man-made calendars?

“Month. A division of the year derived from the period required by the moon to pass through its 4 phases, as from one new moon to the next.” *SDA Bible Commentary, Vol 8, p. 757.*

“Moon. The chief luminary ordained by the Creator “to rule the night” (Gen 1:16, Ps 136:9) and to mark off time periods (Gen 1:14, 16). The Hebrew calendar, like that of most ancient nations, was based on the repeated circuit of the moon around the earth as marked off my successive new moons.” *SDA Bible Commentary, Vol 8, p. 758.*

If Adventism has accepted the 1888 message and later had had the chance in 1938 to see the material now available in the Grace Amadon collection, Trefz would be with me rather than against me.

The National Sunday Law may be closer than any of us realize. These attacks should make us lift the Seventh-day Sabbath higher than ever.

We are. We are lifting it back into the Calendar in the heavens where h w h y put it in the first place and removing it from the hands of men like Emperors, Popes and Bob Trefz.

I hope you stayed with me. Sorry this took longer than I wanted. Please remember ONE THING. This is Sabbath reform, not rebellion. *To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. Isaiah 8:20.* Bro. Trefz brought no Scripture to support his conclusions. You’ve heard that old line, *never bring a knife to a gun fight.* Well, Bro. Trefz did not come prepared to defend himself at all, but I come with the sword (Word) of h w h y.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve h w h y , choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods [or doctrines] which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods [or doctrines] of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve h w h y . Joshua 24:15

In His grip,

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