

SABBATH EXCUSES EXAMINED AND ANSWERED – PART 2

People claim that no one really knows when the original seventh day of the week falls on today. So they then declare that each person is free to decide for themselves which day of the week they will keep sacred to God as His Sabbath, and Sunday is as good as any other day to keep.

Yet there has been no time lost since creation took place all the way up to the present time. So the same seven day weekly cycle established at creation is the same seven day weekly cycle we continue to observe today, even though the names of the days of the week have been changed depending on the calendar used!

“Some of these (the Jews and also many Christians) accept the week as of divine institution, with which it is unlawful to tamper; others, without these scruples, still feel that it is useful to maintain a time-unit that, unlike all others, has proceeded in an absolutely invariable manner since what may be called the dawn of history.” Nature, article titled Our Astronomical Column, London, #127, June 6, 1931, p 869.

“By calculating the eclipses, it can be proven that no time has been lost and that the creation days were seven, divided into twenty-four hours each.” Dr. Frank Edgar Hinkley, The Watchman Magazine, July, 1926 (Dr. Hinkley was a well-known astronomer at the Harvard Observatory).

“In spite of all of our dickerings with the Calendar, it is patent that the human race never lost the Septenary [seven-day] sequence of Week days and that the Sabbath of these latter times comes down to us from Adam, through the ages, without a single lapse.” Joshua’s Long Day and the Dial of Ahaz, Part 1 - Discussion, The Week Unbroken, p 78-79, by Dr. Charles Adiel Lewis Totten, published by The Our Race Publishing Company, New Haven, Connecticut, 1890 (Dr Totten was Professor of Military Science, Yale University).

When the calendar was changed from the Julian to the Gregorian, back in the sixteenth century, it was discovered that the Julian calendar was off 10 days from the actual solar year. But the same weekly seven day cycle was not altered even though 10 days were added to the Gregorian calendar. Thursday, October 4, 1582 in the Julian calendar, was immediately followed by Friday, October 15, 1582 in the Gregorian calendar. This meant that the same weekly cycle from Sunday to Saturday was not altered, and its ancient continuity was retained!

“It is to be noted that in the Christian period, the order of days in the week has never been interrupted. Thus, when Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1582, Thursday, 4 October was followed by Friday, 15 October. So in England, in 1752, Wednesday, 2 September, was followed by Thursday, 14 September.” Catholic Encyclopedia, under Chronology, Volume 3, p 740.

“There has been no change in our calendar in past centuries that has affected in any way the cycle of the week.” James Robertson, personal letter, dated March 12, 1932 (Dr. Robertson was Director of the American Ephemeris, Navy Department, U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.).

“...the continuity of the week, which is without a doubt the most ancient scientific institution bequeathed to us by antiquity.” (M. Edouard Baillaud, in Report on the Reform of the Calendar, p 52, Document produced for the League of Nations, published August 17, 1926, at Geneva (Mr Baillaud was Director of the Paris Observatory).

“...the division of the week which has been followed for thousands of years, and therefore has been hallowed by immemorial use.” Professor M. Anders Donner, in Report on the Reform of the Calendar, p 51, Document produced for the League of Nations, published August 17, 1926, at Geneva (Professor Donner had been a Professor of Astronomy at the University of Helsingfors, Finland).

Now even though some will not believe the fact that there has been no time lost since creation, God does indeed show all of His people what day of the week today is the seventh day of the week – the true Sabbath worship day of God!

When Christ was on this earth, He declared Himself to be the “Lord even of the Sabbath day” (Matthew 12:8). As the Lord God of the Sabbath day, then Jesus definitely knew on which day of the week the Sabbath day of creation occurred on and therefore which day of the week to keep as a holy worship day to God. And which day was this? The Bible clearly records in Mark 1:21, 6:2 and Luke 4:16, 31, 6:6, 13:10, that Jesus kept the Sabbath day on the seventh day of the week!

But since we use a different calendar today than what Christ used, then which day of the week in our modern calendar does this same seventh day Sabbath fall upon? In the events surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Bible plainly and clearly shows to all who will see exactly which day of the week today is God's holy Sabbath.

The Bible records that Christ was crucified on the sixth day of the week, or the preparation day, which was the day before the Sabbath was to occur (see Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54; John 19:31, 42; Matthew 27:62). The Bible then records that Jesus was resurrected on the first day of the week, which was the day after the Sabbath had passed (see Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-10; Luke 24:1-8; John 20:1). Thus the Bible shows us that Christ was resting in the tomb during the entire time of the seventh day Sabbath. Now it is plain knowledge that Christ arose from the tomb early on Sunday morning – which many refer to as Easter (see Acts 12:4). So then with this factual knowledge of truth, it then becomes easy to determine exactly which days of the week in our modern calendar correspond with the days of the week anciently.

As Christ arose on the day we call Sunday today, this day corresponds to the first day of the week anciently – or the day after the Sabbath had passed. Then the day we call Saturday in our modern calendar, corresponds to the seventh day of the week anciently, and the day we call Friday in our modern calendar, corresponds to the sixth day of the week anciently – or the preparation day before the Sabbath occurs! So all who desire to follow and serve God with their whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, out of love for what He has done and is continuing to do for them, will see that the seventh day Sabbath of God today is Saturday – the day after Friday, and the day before Sunday! This then plainly shows us that the Sabbath day of God has not changed its seventh place in the weekly cycle since it was made holy at creation, and it never will!

God's Sabbath was established in Eden before sin had entered the world as the seventh day of creation week (see Genesis 2:2-3). God re-established the same seventh day Sabbath after sin had entered the world for all His chosen people to observe and worship Him on, after the Exodus from Egypt – some 2500 years later (see Exodus 16:4-31, 20:8-11). The very same seventh day Sabbath was observed by Christ and His disciples – some 1500 years afterwards. The very same seventh day Sabbath was still to be observed by all of God's people some 33 years after the death of Christ in the New Covenant period (see Hebrews 4:4-11). And did you realize, that this very same seventh day Sabbath will continue to be observed after Christ comes again and the earth is made new?

“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that...from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.” Isaiah 66:22-23.

Thus the Sabbath is a memorial of creation, and it will forever point directly to God as our Creator! You can no more change this seventh day Sabbath to another day of the week than you can change the day of your birth to another day! Thus the seventh day or Saturday – the Sabbath worship day of God – will never change, but will always remain the Sabbath day to worship God on throughout eternity!

May God grant us His Spirit of grace and the strength to serve and worship Him on His chosen Sabbath day of Saturday, and not on Sunday or on any other day of the week. And thus in doing so, we will plainly show to all that we truly serve and worship the God of creation, and not any other so-called god!

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