

Why I do not use an Equinox (vernal or autumnal) in anything Biblical

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Using the equinox for placing the month of Abib and the start of the biblical year and the resulting moedim or appointed times of God would be no different than using the International Dateline to start the Sabbath of God. Both are imaginary lines and are, and have been, used to assist the pagan Roman Calendar in Satan's efforts to change the appointed times of meeting with God on the days God has declared.

We will see in this article that the vernal equinox (spring) is used as a baseline for all astrology and pagan calendars. It is the baseline for their mathematical calculations. It is the baseline for pagan Christianities setting of Easter and many, many, other evil things. Its use is not spirit revealed knowledge from God but from the Devil, as we will see. It is an effort in intellectual vanity of which he is the father. Satan has deceived most of mankind into using this imaginary event, which some actually call a sign.

In Jeremiah 10:2 we read,

“Thus says the Lord: do not learn the way of the Gentiles; do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, for the Gentiles are dismayed at them.”

We can read the following from the Wikipedia Encyclopedia.

“The word equinox comes from 2 Latin words, *aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night). An equinox in astronomy is when the sun can be observed directly above the Earth's equator, which occurs around March 20 and September 22 each year from the perspective of the Northern Hemisphere. This is when night and day are nearly the same length as the sun crosses the celestial equator, when the sun is heading north from the Southern Hemisphere and crosses the equator it is called the Vernal (ver = spring) Equinox. When headed south from the Northern Hemisphere it is called the Autumnal Equinox (autumnus = autumn). The actual equinox is a single moment in time. Because the sun is a sphere of light, the actual crossing of the sun over the equator takes approximately 2 ½ days. The equinox takes place when the center of the sun is directly over the equator.

It wasn't that long ago that the equinox days were March 21 and September 23. The instances of the

equinoxes are not fixed but fall about six hours later every year thus comprising a full day every 4 years. That is adjusted for, as a leap year in the Gregorian calendar. This almost 4 year time frame results in another full day needing to be added approximately every 70 years which is taken care of in leap century rules. Although the word “equinox” implies equal length of day and night, this simply isn't true. For most locations on the earth, there are two distinct identifiable days per year when the length of day and night are closest to being equal. Those days are commonly referred to as ‘equiluxes’ to distinguish them from the equinoxes. Equinoxes are points in time, but equiluxes are days. Equiluxes are the days where sunrise and sunset are closest to being exactly 12 hours apart.”

In reality it spans from sunset one day to sunset the next day. For instance this year in Jerusalem (2007) the equilux was Friday March 16 through Saturday March 17. The reason for the 2-day span is because we use God's determining or reckoning of a day and not the Roman model of midnight to midnight. A very important point as to this year's Jerusalem equilux is it was 2 days prior to the conjunction which occurred at U.T. 02:44 March 19, which those professing to be using the March 20 equinox as the 12 hour day and night for calendar purposes have a big problem. We will discuss this error in their attempt to tie it to Christ and the scriptures. They are in for a big surprise.

With that said and having read the previous quote we have a brief explanation and description of the Vernal and Autumnal equinoxes with some associated facts. This is important to know in answering my statement earlier about not using an equinox in anything biblical.

Lets discuss a few very important things to help tie a lot of understanding together.

Why did Christ say there were 12 hours of light in a day? We read this in John 11:9.

“Jesus answered, are there not twelve hours in a day. If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.”

I think it should be obvious Christ was not giving

instruction as to the Roman rendering of a day. Nor was He saying each day had 12 hours of sunlight in it. As the functioning half of the creation team He clearly understood all things astronomical (not astrological) for He had made all that was made as the Word. Scripture clearly defines a day as starting and ending at sunset. The length of daylight and darkness vary on every day except 2 in the solar year. So why on earth did Christ say, “are there not 12 hours in the day”?

He didn't. He would have to be completely lying or deceived to think and say that. So what needs to be corrected? Strong's says the Greek here for “the” is #3588. It can mean a lot of things.

“The definite article; the (sometimes to be supplied at others omitted, in English idioms): the, this, that, one, he, she, it, etc.”

So here we see Christ is talking about a specific day not every day with the use of #3588 as “this”. It should be translated “this day” in English to carry its true intent. That day would only happen on 2 days in any given year in any given location. Not one of them is exactly the same. God tells us His focus is on Israel from the beginning of the year until the very end of the year in Duet 11:12. So the obvious question we need to ask is, was Christ referring to the location He was standing at or one located more than 2,000 miles away somewhere on the equator?

Let me answer that. It would be idiotic to assume He was talking about anything other than where He was standing. No equator involved! He was talking about His location, which was relevant to teaching His disciples. They had no concept or need for anything such as an equator. Christ was referring to one of the 2 equinoxes, which occur in Israel each solar year. I mentioned earlier that the “spring” equinox occurred between March 16 and 17 there. That's obviously earlier than the 12-hour break at the equator or the vernal equinox. So how do we know this day Christ was referring to was in the “spring” of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and which always occurs before Passover? Read the text in John 11 and 12 to see the context and the time setting. John 11:55 tells us it was just prior to the Passover. No, Christ was not talking about some moment in time located over 2,000 miles away, which would not even happen for days to come. He was talking about the very day they were about. He

just pinpointed the exact day astronomically speaking that He was talking in. There is a reason for this, which we will not discuss at this time for it will take us off on another study. All this should be very easy to grasp with profound consequences for those who profess a late Passover this year based on the vernal equinox, which by the way is not mentioned anywhere in scripture. This year, 12-hour day took place 2 full days prior to the no moon (conjunction) let alone the visible sign of the new moon. I am not going to kick a sleeping dog on this point but I do hope they wake up to it. The use of the true biblical 12 hour day would have at least have had them keeping the holy days in the same agricultural season as we are rather than keeping them out of season by following the satanic practice of using the imaginary line, and the moment in time, 12 hour day. If you were to use one of the star chart programs, “Sky Gazer, Guide to the Heavens,” like Steve Bruns has, you can even know what day was the equinox in Jerusalem in 31 AD. It was March 18-19. That is the same sequence of time as today for the equinox occurred on March 23 back then. No, Christ never used an imaginary line running across the center of the earth to define a 12-hour day in Israel!

Today brethren are faced with every kind of wind of doctrine, just as they always have been. Unfortunately today it's in our faces at every turn due to technology. The doctrine which states the biblical year can't start until the new moon after the vernal equinox is a Satanic lie which is derived by him to change times and seasons. The sun is not used to determine the start of a biblical year, but is used to start almost every pagan calendar in use today and in the past.

Why are we being bombarded with erroneous teachings like this at the end of the age? The answer should be simple to all and I hope all will have a better understanding of it after this article is read.

Scripture teaches us that if we intend to worship the Father in spirit and truth we are to do so as to His commands, as to His appointed times. We are to use God's biblical lunar/agricultural based calendar, and not a lunar/solar based one used by confused peoples of the earth. The pagans have used the lunar/solar one as far back in time as we can research. God declared a difference for His people. We must not bite of Satan's fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

So where does this equinox teaching come from and why was it necessary for its users to use it in their pagan religious practices and observances? And why have the deceived Christian sects (Catholic, Protestant, etc) adopted its use in determining their holy days?

Two very important questions that we will answer, but first lets move into it by discussing a key component of it.

Always be cognizant to the fact that Satan has an agenda to change times and seasons so that even the elect, those called of God, may be deceived at this time. He has already accomplished the task of deceiving the whole world as Rev, 12:9 clearly states.

“So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world, he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him”.

At this time he is working overtime on those called of the Father unto His Son to try and prevent them from being chosen by Him.

So lets build upon a factual and historical record further before we answer my opening statement from scripture, from the word of God.

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia has a lot to say about the subject of astronomy and astrology and its relevance to religion and the bible. Following are some informative quotes from it.

“In the ancient Near East both individual stars and constellations were considered gods, but Israel, of course, was forbidden to worship them (Dt. 4:19). Thus throughout the O.T. occur strong polemics against all forms of astrology and star worship”.

So what is astrology? A simple definition follows.

“Greek astron = star and logos = meaning. The study of the professed effect of heavenly bodies on human personality and affairs.”

There are literally thousands of publications on the subject. Continuing from the ISBE.

“Both astronomy and astrology are concerned with the heavenly bodies. Astronomy classifies the laws of their movements and nature, while astrology looks for intelligible meaning in their relationships

to people and things on earth. Of the many methods of attempting to discover the future by technical methods, astrology has been the most persistent among the civilized peoples, although it is matched by the consultation of clairvoyants and mediums who claim to be able to foresee the future.

Modern astrology is based on exact mathematics (that’s important). If a person supplied the precise data of the time and place of his birth to any number of trained astrologers, each would produce a basically identical horoscope, showing the position of the sun, moon, and planets in relation to the birth of the person in question. The astrologer does not observe the heavens himself, (because the signs are not the same as the tables due to precession of the equinox) but uses detailed technical tables (which were developed long ago), which he adjusts according to the latitude and longitude of the place of birth. Indeed, actual observance would be misleading since the signs of the zodiac (which is divided into twelve equal segments for the placing of the sun, moon, and planets) have gradually changed their position down through the ages.

Although each astrologer would produce the same basic horoscope, the interpretations might differ. The astrologer holds that the position of the planets in the zodiac, and their angles to each other, both at the moment of birth and from day to day, indicate the helpful or hampering influences in the individuals life. Here there is obviously room for a variety of interpretations. Astrologers are divided over whether the planets actually exert an influence or whether they are merely indicators of how a person of a particular temperament is likely to fare.”

Dismayed by the signs of heaven is actually an understatement isn’t it. What is important to our understanding and use of the subject of the signs of heaven is the simple understanding between astronomy and astrology. Astronomy is useful while astrology is pure evil and very dangerous.

The key component or tool of astrology is the zodiac. The zodiac is the imaginary equal division of the

heavens into 12 parts. Each has a dominant constellation in it and is named for it. This pagan calendric devise is completely mathematical in nature and is solar based. Once again, imaginary lines and times. The use of the zodiac is ancient. It developed into its present state once man was able to produce a mathematics, which allowed him to calculate the necessary equations for its measurements as to such things as the annual circuits of the sun, moon, etc. History can't precisely nail down its first use but it does tell us it was transferred to the Babylonians from the Persians. It is also a matter of recorded history that some Jewish sects absorbed its use while in Babylonian captivity contrary to Gods instructions. The Greeks wholeheartedly ate it up, expanded upon it, and propagated it throughout the known world.

This dividing of the heavens into 12 segments needed a baseline from which to operate. We can trace the modern version of the zodiac to its establishment, as we will see shortly. The baseline was not available for mans use until he developed the necessary math skills to calculate it. The baseline and the segments are a product of mans mind influenced by the Devil. Just as one cannot see pi squared, neither can one see the mathematical baseline, or for that matter, the dividing lines of the zodiac. However, man can see the sun setting below the horizon, the light of the first crescent moon, and the ripening barley. The originators of the zodiac used their much improved math skills to calculate the imaginary points and signs of their zodiac. You will see in almost all ancient depictions of zodiacs the sun god in the center of them.

I suggest you look up one of the Jewish sect versions. They are usually a circle with the twelve zodiacal signs (Gemini, Pisces, etc) indicating solar months. The center of the circle houses a sun god, a chariot, and stars while in the four corners are figures representing four seasons, which these cultists conscripted and perverted the meaning of the Hebrew word tequfa for describing them. You can view one in the ISBE.

A little research will show that these pagan religions used this knowledge of the combined movements of the sun and stars for ungodly purposes. They believe that the movements of the sun, moon, planets, and stars through the zodiac hold the secrets of their future and that they can actually interpret them for the

purpose of directing ones life. One of the many results of this satanic deception is called a horoscope. It is determined by ones birthplace found under one of the 12 divisions of the heavens supposedly, for that actually doesn't take place for the tables predate us by centuries in many cases and thus from a different age or zodiac division.

It is very sad to see some called of God falling into this labyrinth of deceit. They say they do not believe in horoscopes and such but still use the baseline of the zodiac for calendar purposes. It is an unholy instrument of understanding and should never be any part of our worship of the Father in spirit and truth. God says,

“Take heed to yourself (very personal) that you are not ensnared to follow them, (the pagans) after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not, inquire after their gods, saying; how did these nations serve their gods, I also will do likewise. You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way.”(Deut 12:30-31)

So how are brethren doing this?

By using the pagan mathematical baseline of the zodiac to establish when the start of Gods biblical year begins. It should not come as any big surprise to any of us that this magical, mathematical baseline of the zodiac is the vernal equinox. God had never instructed mankind to use such a thing. The father of all lies, Satan the devil did! It can be classified as part of the forbidden understanding of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It was and is completely unnecessary knowledge in our worship of God the Father. Satan has used this and other degenerate knowledge to confuse mankind in general and specifically target those called of God at the end of the age.

Lets follow some of its progression as recorded in history.

It didn't take the devil long to inject and infect early Christianity with this filthy spiritual virus. It became official doctrine in a confused Christian faith in 325 AD.

“A Sunday date was selected, instead of Nisan 14 (which can fall on any day of the week). Eusebius' Life of Constantine, book 3, chapter 18, records

Constantine the Great as writing, ‘It appears an unworthy thing that in the celebration of this most holy feast we should follow the practice of the Jews, who have impiously defiled their hands with enormous sin, and are therefore, deservedly afflicted with blindness of soul... Let us then have nothing in common with the detestable Jewish crowd; for we received a different way.’

They sure did. Look what they received.

“Philip Schaff’s, History of the Christian Church, volume 3, section 79 says, ‘at Nicaea, therefore, the Roman and Alexandrian usage with respect to Easter triumphed, and the Judaizing (as they called it) practice of the Quartodecimanians, who always celebrate Easter on the fourteenth of Nisan, became thenceforth a heresy.

A peculiar offshoot of the Quartodecimanians was the rigidly ascetic (as they term them) Audians, who likewise held that the Passover must be kept at the very same time (not after the same manner) with the Jews, on the fourteenth of Nisan, and for their authority appealed to their edition of the Apostolic Constitutions.”

The Audians were a fourth century sect of Christianity, which were named after their leader, Audius or Audaeus. They actually held many correct scriptural beliefs which the new Christian hierarchy deemed heresy and subsequently revised the historical record to put them into a bad light. Imagine that! Just two examples before we continue with Constantine’s “new way”. The first was mentioned above as to not keeping the 14th Passover and the second is what the Catholics called, anthropomorphism, which simply means, God has a head, arms, legs, etc. In other words the Audians believed as we do that Elohim looks like us and we like Them. “Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness.” The Catholics teach that isn’t true. In fact they say just because the scriptures frequently describe Elohim as having hands, feet, a head, etc., is meaningless for Elohim uses these as only descriptive for necessary functions so we can understand the divine operations under the names of human parts because our minds can’t understand immaterial ideas (they should read 1 Cor. 2:10-16).

So continuing with our quotes as to the spread of

Satan’s spiritual virus.

“Quartodecimanism (fourteenthism derived from Latin) refers to the practice of fixing the celebration of Passover for Christians on the fourteenth day of Nisan in the Old Testament Hebrew Calendar, (for example Lev 23:5, in Latin Quarta decima). This was the original method of fixing the date of the Passover, which is to be a perpetual ordinance.”

Now just what do you think the Roman and Alexandrian churches did to replace the calendar of the OT scriptures which was mentioned in a previous quote?

“That Rome, afterwards as before, fixed the vernal equinox, the terminus a quo of the Easter full moon, on the 18th of March, while the Alexandria placed it correctly on the 21st”

Here we see both Rome and Alexandria used the vernal equinox in their anti-god calendars to start the beginning of their festival seasons. They decided instead of a 14th Passover derived from the OT calendar they would have Easter fall on the Sunday following the full moon (Passover always falls on a full moon) following the vernal equinox. Rome actually had the wrong calculation for the vernal equinox, and most used the Alexandrian one.

The persecution of brethren, which resulted from the First Council of Nicaea, will once again raise its filthy head. Just think we are Quartodecimanians to the Catholic Church. We actually have a very long and noble heritage. The Audians were still found in 380 AD in and around Antioch still practicing their beliefs in spite of severe persecution as heretics.

It is very important that we look into the historical record to see how Satan has tried time and time again to change “times and seasons.” I am sure most of us have read in times past as to the Roman Churches involvement in much of this, but it probably comes as a surprise to see the importance attributed to the Alexandria Churches activities. We are going to see how key they have been in Satan’s agenda. They have been very instrumental in setting many of the Universal Churches (Catholic) doctrines. What a tangled web we are going to see. I will try to keep it short so I don’t stray from our focus here but I think it

is important to see some key players involved. One of the early Alexandrian Churches teachers was Clement. He was born in the middle of the 2nd century or 150 AD, and died around 214 AD. He was born in or around Athens and was highly educated in pagan traditions, which permeated Greece. He traveled throughout Greece, Italy, and what we call Palestine today. He eventually ended up in Alexandria Egypt. That is not by coincidence. Alexandria had been for centuries under heavy Greek influence. Clement is noted for uniting Greek traditions (all pagan in origin) with Christian doctrine. He had a school set up for this very function. One of his famous students is Origen. The reason I bring this up will become evident. Origen was the biggest proponent of spreading what we call the Septuagint bible. For those who are not familiar with it or its origins suffice the following. It's proponents claim it is the oldest extant Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible made by Hellenistic Jews, possibly around 250 BC in Alexandria. The fairy tale (I mean legend) says a letter from Aristeas, says it was completed in 72 days by 72 translators (6 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel), for one named Ptolemy Philadelphus in Alexandria. It later incorporated the books of the Apocrypha and some of the pseudepigrapha. No copy of the original translation exists and there are many textual difficulties one might say. It is referred to by LXX. It disagrees with some key scriptures as recorded in the masoretic text, which we draw our doctrine from. For instance some Christians claim the Septuagint verses found in Lev 23 actually authorize them to keep a fixed Pentecost, which starts the count on the day after the first day of Unleavened Bread.

Again I do not want to stray from the topic but this information is important to understanding Satan's pattern of how he tries to change times and seasons. Just think the notion of the High Priest in Jerusalem sending 72 devout translators from all the tribes of Israel to pagan, hellenized, Alexandria Egypt is so preposterous it is a struggle to try and conceive who could possibly believe such a fairy tale. There are literally volumes of material written as to this point and many others, exposing the uselessness of this bible version.

These hellenized Jews are famous for attempting to rewrite the history, language, and Holy Scriptures

entrusted to Israel. Some day I will put out a study on that whole subject. The question we need to ask and answer here is, did these hellenized Jews have an influence over the Alexandrian Christians and thus their doctrines?

The answer is clearly yes! We can see Satan's fingerprints all over it. Do others actually see a link? The Wikipedia Encyclopedia has a very good article (as do many other publications) entitled, "Hebrew Calendar". It is actually one of the best I have read on the subject from a secular source. Here is an excerpt from it.

"The Ethiopic Christian computus (used to calculate Easter) describes in detail a Jewish calendar which must have been used by Alexandrian Jews near the end of the third century. These Jews formed a relatively new community in the aftermath of the annihilation (by murder and enslavement) of all Alexandrian Jews by Emperor Trajan at the end of the 115-117 Kito's War (Satan was trying to cover his tracks). Their calendar used the same epacts in nineteen year cycles that were to become canonical in the Easter computus used by almost all medieval Christians, both those in the Latin West and Hellenistic East. Only those Churches beyond the eastern border of the Byzantine Empire differed changing one epact every nineteen years causing four Easters every 532 years to differ."

I hope we hear that very loud and clear for it is extremely important to us. This supposed 19 year "time" cycle as we have heard it called in the past, is just one more tool Satan uses in his efforts to change times and seasons. We just read that the Universal Church adopted this 19-year cycle. I will venture to guess that most of us had no idea they used it in their pagan calendar calculations. This supposed 19-year alignment of the moon and sun cycles is another fairy tale but that is for another time and subject. This 19-year cycle was used by the Hellenist Jews of Alexandria and was "transferred" to the Alexandrian Church prior to the First Council of Nicaea. So now we have read that history tells us this deceived Christian Church possessed two of the spiritual infections of Satan, the 19-year cycle and the vernal equinox baseline. They used both of these in their calculations as to declaring their counterfeit Passover

called Easter. Again, it computes that Easter must not happen until after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. It is kept on the first Sunday following that event. History has told us this happened so that Easter would never fall on the “Jewish” day for Passover. Watch how all this backfires with Satan’s fingerprints all over it. He used men and organizations, as he needed them, to further his agenda of changing times and seasons.

So now we have established that a completely mathematical calendar was put into place using all the pagan criteria as handed down through Babylonia to both the Hellenized Jews and the Hellenized Christians. This came together in Alexandria. It is from here that it spread throughout the rest of paganized Christianity. We should flee from all the doctrines and tools coming out of this center of Satanic learning.

The article I quoted from above on the Hebrew Calendar very accurately talks about the calendar in place prior to 70 AD (observation of the new moon and barley) and the one which evolved from 70 to 1178 AD which is currently used by most who follow Judaism and Church of God organizations. The article simply refers to the two as the “old rules” and the “new rules”.

As for the Alexandrian bible and their calculations being used to set moedim or annual holy days with associated festival days we are reminded that the Talmud mentions nothing about the use of a 19-year moon/sun cycle. Such an important aspect of the Hebrew calendar would have surely been discussed in its pages, but it is not for it was never used in mainstream Judaism prior to 500 AD. That is when Satan decided to get everyone in on that unbiblical tool for changing times and seasons.

The Hebrew Calendar article states the following, “A popular tradition, first mentioned by Hai Gaon (d 1038), holds that the modern continuous calendar was formerly a secret known only to a council of sages or calendar committee, and that Patriarch Hillel 2 revealed it in 359 due to Christian persecutions. However the Talmud, which did not reach its final form until C 500 does not mention the continuous calendar or even

anything as mundane as either the nineteen year cycle or the length of any month, despite discussing the characteristics of earlier calendars. Furthermore, Jewish dates during post-talmudic times (specifically in 506 and 776) are impossible using modern rules, and all evidence points to the development of the arithmetic rules of the modern calendar in Babylonia during the times of the Geonim (seventh and eighth centuries) with most of the modern rules in place by about 820, according to the Muslim astronomer Muhammad ibn Musa al-Kwarizni.”

By the way the early Muslim astronomers were some of the best known to history.

Once again, this is just one of the many historical sources which give us the facts on this issue. We do not depend on a 19-year cycle to tell us when to intercalate as the modern Jewish calendar does. Mainstream Jews didn’t either until during the 8-9 centuries. Their calendar today is completely mathematical with absolutely no observation. In fact they have predetermined the length of each month just as the Gregorian calendar does. God’s months are surely predetermined by Him and Him alone and revealed to us by the sign of the first crescent which happens every 29 or 30 days in Israel. The historical record tells any and all who take the time to listen to it that the traditional Jewish Rabbinical calendar of today is not a “continuous calendar” as the Jewish fable goes. The only continuity in it is from the vanity and deceit of Satan, which has infected mankind for millennia as to his tools for changing times and seasons. I often hear, and have often myself called this calendar, the Hillel Calendar, but I as well as those who currently call it such, are in error. The calendar rules put forth by Hillel 2, are very different from the modern ones. If anything it should be called the Maimonades Calendar or Rabbinical Calendar for history has Maimonades doing the final recording of the rules of the current one in use.

It is a fact that the Alexandrian Church calendar was adopted by the catholic (Universal) church at Rome to change times and seasons, and it was heavily influenced by the hellenized Alexandrian Jews calendar.

As we have seen this infection of Satan eventually caught up with mainstream Judaism as well. These mainstream Jews however did very successfully preserved the OT scriptures and the old calendar rules until pagan Christianity, under Satan's influence, compelled them to do otherwise. Now they have taken on a life of their own outside of the scriptures, for they place more emphasis on Talmudic tradition and interpretation, and a mathematical, postponement riddled calendar, than on the word of God.

The nineteen-year cycle is a key to all pagan religious worship. It has been used for the same purpose, as has the vernal equinox, to change times and seasons. Man cannot contain this satanic virus!

These same Alexandrian Jews infected many with their revisionist scriptures as well. We saw earlier they are called the Septuagint or LXX bible, at least the OT sections of it. It comes as no surprise the Alexandrian Church picked up this infection as well and spread it throughout the hellenized world and then beyond. Infected scripture and infected calendar. What a combination. Satan is quite thorough in pursuit of his agenda but only to the level God allows it. There has and always will be a remnant of true believers and worshippers until the end regardless of Satan and his means of persecution.

The Alexandrian calendar calculations were adopted by the early paganized church, right down to the baseline of the zodiac, which is the vernal equinox. Pretty disgusting stuff but we have been forewarned in the pages of the bible that such things would come upon us. Everything we have covered to this point is just the tip of the historical volumes of factual information available to us. It will serve as a foundation to draw on for what we are now going to see and review in answering my statement as to why I do not use any equinox in anything biblical.

One of the best means of understanding any given subject as this is to turn to the proponents of it. Many groups of people over the ages have written and recorded what their uses (practices and beliefs) of the zodiac, vernal equinox, horoscopes, solar cycle related religious worship, etc., were. The modern proponents of such things are not secretive or bashful about telling us their thoughts or about their practices related to

them. In fact they are going about trying to convert as many as they can to their teachings. There is a mountain of such literature at hand as to this particular subject. We could not even begin to cover the volumes of books and articles written by those who profess to practice and believe in, the functions and uses of the zodiac and vernal equinox.

I have decided to use one of them as an example for summing up all the rest as to basic understanding. It is very simply and purposely written. It is very easy to understand and covers all the "high" points pertinent to this article. It is available on-line as well which makes it easily accessible to most. The author is Andrew Raymond. He writes often about many of the deep mysteries spoken to us by the planets and stars and such things. For our purposes we will be focusing on a particular chapter entitled "The Platonic Year" of his book, *Secrets of the Sphinx*. This particular book addresses his views on lots of religious related questions and tidbits of information, which you may find interesting as a reader.

The Platonic Year.
Secrets of the Sphinx
Andrew Raymond
Chapter 2

**Vernal Equinox, precession of the equinoxes,
great year**

In order to uncover some of the mysteries that are shrouded in our mythological and religious symbols, including the Great Sphinx, we must look beyond our Earth year to a much longer cycle of our planet. We call this greater cycle, or one wobble of the Earth, the Platonic year in honor of the Greek philosopher Plato — whose ideas concerning the realities of the physical and metaphysical planes are still cherished by many of us who are seeking the wisdom of the ages.

(Comment: Yes, there are many who are seeking the wisdom of the ages as they call it. It is based on demonology. It is rebellious wisdom not required by God for salvation. It is counterfeit knowledge, which has absolutely nothing to do with the faith of God, which was delivered once. This counterfeit knowledge is truly metaphysical and comes from the father of all lies. The Greeks were consumed with it. In this day and age it has been fine tuned as to directing ones life

from day to day.)

I am going to introduce this cycle in the simplest way possible, as we only need a general knowledge of it to comprehend the wisdom this book intends to impart. The combined gravitational effects of the sun, moon, and planets on the Earth's equatorial bulge cause the Earth's axis to sway clockwise in a slow circle, like the motion of a spinning top.

It takes 25,800 years for the Earth's axis to complete one wobble, sway, or clockwise circle. We call this 25,800-year cycle of our planet the Platonic year. It is also referred to as the *precession of the equinoxes* or the *great year* in a comprehensive dictionary. The great year is one of the longest cycles that are well known to our astronomers.

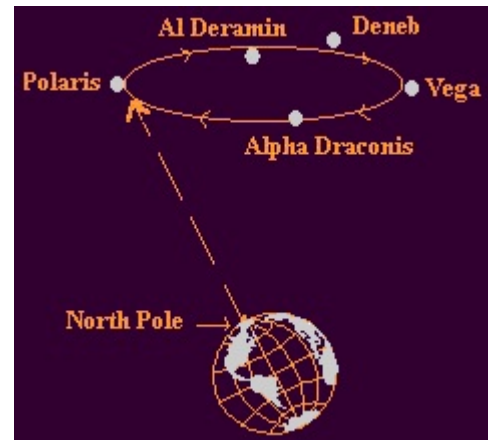
The sun's plane, which is also called the ecliptic, crosses the equator each year on March 21, the day of the Vernal Equinox. At the exact location where the sun's plane crosses the equator, the sun would be directly above the equator at high noon, and there would be no shadow cast by a perpendicular stick protruding from level ground at the equator.

In the cycle of the great year, the ecliptic intersects the celestial equator a little west from where it crossed the year before. This is known as the precession of the equinoxes. The sun, on a vernal or fall equinox, takes about 25,800 years to go all the way around the celestial equator or Zodiac and cross at the same point again.

(Comment: Yes, the equinox is the baseline for the zodiac. You can't see it for it is all mathematical. It certainly isn't a visible sign one can look into the sky to see or for that matter pick up and hold. Thus it can't be used for declaring Gods appointed times but it is a means for setting the counterfeit days of pagan practice.)

When we take an imaginary line off the Earth's North Pole axis and extend it into the heavens, we find that the line points at a star that we call Polaris, our "North Pole" star. The cycle of the Platonic year causes the line off the North Pole to scribe a circle in the heavens approximately 25,800 years long.

(Another one of those invisible lines)



Precession of the North Pole Axis
(It takes 25,800 years to complete one cycle)

Polaris will reach the point at which it comes closest to aligning with the North Pole axis of our Earth in the year A.D. 2095. In two thousand years, because of the effects of the Platonic year, there will be no pole star, as there was no pole star two thousand years ago.

The next North Pole star after Polaris will be Al Deramin around the year A.D. 7500; later, Deneb will hold that position. Thirteen thousand years from now, the bright star Vega will be the North Pole star again, as it was the North Pole star nearly thirteen thousand years ago.

As the precession continues, Alpha Draconis, which is also known as the Dragon Star or Thuban, becomes the next North Pole star after Vega around the year A.D. 21600.

Alpha Draconis aligns closer to the North Pole axis of our Earth than all of the other pole stars in a Platonic year. It is also the only pole star in a great year to be in the exact position to shine down the Descending Passage of the Great Pyramid of Giza, because the Descending Passage is in true alignment with the North Pole axis of our planet.

In his book *The Great Pyramid Decoded*, E. Raymond Capt says, "the most precise alignment of the Dragon Star and the Great Pyramid occurred on the Vernal Equinox of the year 2141 B.C."

The imaginary line off the North Pole axis of the Earth

moves away from Alpha Draconis as it continues to scribe its 25,800-year circle in the heavens. Around the year A.D. 27900, our North Pole axis will once again point at Polaris, where it is at this time in history.

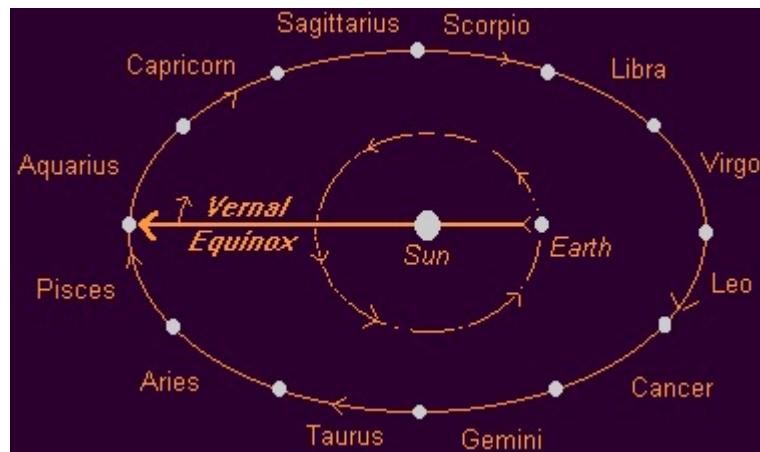
We are going to continue learning about the Platonic year so that we can expose the secrets of the Giza Sphinx and many other ancient symbols in due time. In the meantime, don't let my planting of seeds that need time to mature, bog you down. Just keep on moving. The overall message of this book is much simpler than the medium being used to deliver it to you.

The twelve constellations of the Zodiac, that were painstakingly researched by the Greek, Hindu, Persian, Egyptian, Chaldean, Hebrew, and Chinese astronomers, create an imaginary belt in the heavens.

The Zodiacal circle formed by these constellations is close to being aligned with our celestial equator. When the sun's plane crosses the equator on the first day of spring, we could ask ourselves which of the twelve constellations is out behind our brilliant sun.

(Comment: Who would even want to know this? Just think about that for a minute. It has nothing to do with Gods instruction to Israel or us. In fact God continually talks things like this down in the scriptures. No we are not to be dismayed with such things. We are not to waste our time in such endeavors.)

At this time in history the sun appears, to an observer on Earth, to be located between Pisces and Aquarius on the first day of spring.



Vernal Equinox Dawns Aquarius
(Vernal Equinox takes 25,800 years to transit all twelve ages)

The Platonic cycle causes a slow backwards movement of the sun's apparent position in the Zodiac when viewed on successive Vernal Equinoxes. We refer to this slow-backwards movement as the precession of the equinoxes.

The sun's apparent position moves a little bit west in a constellation when observed on the same day each year; it takes an equinox sun approximately 2,150 years to transit one of the twelve constellations on its 25,800-year jaunt around the Zodiac.

At this point in history, the Vernal-Equinox sun is just entering Aquarius on the first day of spring. This is the scientific explanation for what we call the dawning of the *Age of Aquarius* or a new age.

If we were to check the sun's position in the Zodiac on successive Vernal Equinoxes, we would see that it will take approximately 2,150 years for the spring sun to travel through the constellation of Aquarius on its way to Capricorn. If we were to live for 25,800 years, or one great year, we would witness twelve new ages.

In the long view of things, the Earth has been at this place in the astronomical calendar thousands of times before, as each Platonic year spirals onward.

Consider the twelve star constellations of the Zodiac the same way we think about the twelve months in the annual cycle of our planet. The Earth year consists of twelve months of about thirty days in each month. In the Platonic year, there are twelve ages of nearly 2,150

years in each age.

(Comment: Are we seeing the clear link between the pagan calculations for the months in the calculating the pagan year? They are all solar based. They are an intricate part of the substance of the zodiac, which not only houses a solar year but a platonic year based on the precession of the equinox through the 12 mathematical divisions of the heavens. The entire thing has nothing to do with any of the commands of God other than the fact He tells us to absolutely have nothing to do with them, which we will cover shortly.)

The name of an age is taken from the name of the constellation that the Vernal-Equinox sun or the spring equinoctial point is traversing. When used correctly, the Zodiac is the master calendar or the face of a clock for the Platonic year.

(Comment: Please read that again and again. It is also used by pagan religions and deceived Christians to set the clock for proclaiming Gods moedim, Their appointed times of meeting from year to year. It has become deceived Christianities baseline as well.)

Because there is no line in the heavens between the star constellations of the Zodiac, we find all the different shamans on the planet quoting us a different time for the start of our impending new age. Most people who are “into” this esoteric knowledge point to the year A.D. 2000, plus or minus 40 years, as the dawning of the Age of Aquarius.

Since such a gradual shift of ages is transpiring and there is no precise date for this event, we will have to be satisfied with just welcoming you to the dawning of a new age.

(Comment: We are quickly approaching the end of the age of man. That is the scriptural age we live in.)

The astronomical ruins around the Earth prove that the ancient shamans knew a lot more than we usually give them credit for. They understood not only the Platonic year, but some subtle variations in its slow-working celestial mechanism.

For example, many of these observatories, including Stonehenge on England’s Salisbury Plain, accurately

record the 18.6-year cycle of the moon. This cycle causes every eclipse of the sun to repeat itself at a different place on the earth every 18.6 years. It also creates an 18.6-year wave or nodding in the precessional movement called nutation.

Should we try to trace the sun’s vernal-crossing point as it moves a bit west each year on the equator itself, we would not discern any even pattern in its movement because of the nutational cycle. However, when we observe the position of the sun in the Zodiac on successive Vernal Equinoxes, the westerly movement will appear “steady” as each year passes, because the stars and sun are too far away to be affected by the cycle of the moon.

(Comment: Did we get that? The moon actually takes precedence on the earth for accuracy. Just how did the astrologers use the moon in their proclamations of this esoteric and metaphysical knowledge? We will see that shortly. The zodiac is divided into 12 solar months not lunar months. The early stargazers set the pace for all others to follow. They put in place the methods and rules for today’s astrologers. Remember their purpose for stargazing was to gain secret knowledge to be able to foretell the future and to direct ones life from day to day. We will see how the moon was used in this process from scripture.)

Our ancient ancestors not only understood the patterns of the Platonic year but they also incorporated the reckoning of that long cycle in the designs of their great monuments. We shall explore some of these markers, including the Great Sphinx, as we progress through the chapters of this book.

Now that we have been exposed to Plato’s year with its twelve ages, let us create an imaginary time machine that we may use to view some of our previous ages. Climb aboard, set the “year” knob for “slow reverse”, push the “travel” button on the main control panel, and hold onto your head — we’re out of here.

Secrets of the Sphinx is an uplifting experience and an easy book to read. You will be thinking about this publication long after you set it down!

End of quote.

As I mentioned earlier Andrew Raymond does a very

good job addressing the subject from his point of view. It is concise and accurate and can give the individual the necessary understanding of the zodiac tools and uses. Again I mention that this is just skimming the surface of information available to read and research. Here we have seen some very important highlights we can use to tie this article together. I could have used a lot of other information and quotes from this author to expand on religions uses of all these pagan symbols, etc., which have worked their way into their present day worship practices. Here are a few.

“For the last two thousand years, the Vernal-Equinox sun has been traveling westward through Pisces the Fish. During this period of time, many people on the planet have been drawing fish symbols in the sand and talking about the fisherman of souls. The fish is one of the more recognizable symbols in Christianity. In the parables, Jesus feeds the multitude of seekers with only a few small fishes. The fish, however, is not just a Christian symbol. It is common to many cultures of the Piscean Age. The Greeks and the Romans maintained the fish symbol in reverence of the goddess of love, beauty, and fruitfulness who was born of the foam of the sea. She was known as Aphrodite by the Greeks, Astarte by the Phoenicians, and Venus by the Romans.”

“Vatican Proclaims Pisces the Sixth Age
Even the Roman Catholic Church informs us that it was the sixth age of the world when Jesus, the fisherman of souls, was born. Listen with the Pope every Christmas Eve as a member of the clergy reads the revered Martyrologier or Calends on a live broadcast of Midnight Mass from the Vatican in Rome. The Calends, or calendar, reads in part, “In the time of the 194th Olympiad; in the year 752 after the foundation of Rome; in the 42nd year of the Empire of Octavian Augustus Caesar; while peace reigned in all the Earth; in the sixth age of the world; Jesus Christ, . . . was born.” The sixth age of the world in this Platonic year is the Piscean Age”

“Vatican Introduces New Calendar
When the Christians were breaking away from the Jewish-Aries traditions and moving further into the Piscean Age, they proclaimed, “We want our own new beginning or spring holiday.” The church

clergy decided that the next Sunday after the Passover full moon would be designated as the Christian feast called Easter. When the Passover full moon falls on a Sunday, the Christians make the next Sunday after the full moon Easter. This ensures that Easter will never be celebrated on the first day of the Jewish Passover. The Vatican astronomers used the Metonic cycle of the moon to determine the calendar dates for Easter numerous years before the spring full moons occurred. The Metonic cycle is the same 18.6-year cycle of the moon that we referred to as nutation, when we explored it previously in this publication.”

“In summing up what information we have covered so far, I would say that we are near or at the end of an age, we are approaching the halfway turning point in our current Platonic year, and we can anticipate some very big changes. Relax! The planet is at least four billion years old. The dinosaurs have been extinct for nearly 65 million years. We have spiraled through 39 Platonic years in just the last million years. This is not the end of the world; in fact, everything is progressing as it is written. I would say, though, that this is a time of revelations. It is time to reveal the truth. It is also a time to revel, which means a time for celebrating, merrymaking, and festivities. Everything is happening in perfect harmony with the astronomical cycles of our universe. The razing of the falling age will give way to the spring of a new one.”

“Everything we have been talking about in all these chapters has been based on the Spring Equinox which takes place on March 21. What do we know about the Autumnal Equinox, on or near September 22, when the sun’s plane crosses the equator heading south towards the Tropic of Capricorn? Almost everything we have said about the Vernal Equinox holds true for the Autumnal Equinox, except that the Fall-Equinox sun crosses on the opposite side of the celestial equator. The Vernal Equinox is going into Aquarius, the Man, at this time in the Platonic year, and the Autumnal Equinox is just dawning into Leo, the Lion, for the next 2,150 years. That accounts for two heads of those winged beasts or cherubim if I am counting right.”

“If I thought I could make this chapter any easier for us to digest by eating those two winged monsters and having the other two for dessert when they finish stewing in my brain, I would do so (even though I am a total vegetarian). It would be worth it just to free the universe for all time of these spiraling monsters. Next time we should make them Mickey, Minnie, Donald, and Goofy. Our descendants might find these four geni much easier to comprehend.

Let us make a model to see if we can locate and understand the two missing cherubim. Picture a right angle cross with four arms of equal length. Next, place the Autumnal Equinox and Leo the Lion at the end of the top arm. Position the Spring Equinox and Aquarius the Man on the bottom arm of the cross on the same line as Leo the Lion. Now take the Sphinx, that runs around binding things together, and skewer it on the vertical beam of the cross between Aquarius and Leo. Calm Down! We’re using imaginary lines, so it doesn’t hurt. Now that we all have the Great Sphinx of Giza on the vertical beam of the cross binding the Man and the Lion, we are getting our first glimpse of the male aspect of this hermaphroditic Sphinx. In due time, we will meet the Sphinx and a few of its mythological friends on our journey to the twilight zone. They will unite to reveal their hidden-timely symbol, but, as you can plainly see, I don’t mind lifting a few veils to expose some clues along the way.”

“Let us take the four geni of the cross and put them into the wheel of the Zodiac where they belong. We will leave the Spring and Autumnal Equinoxes, along with the Summer and Winter Solstices, attached to the ends of the cross. Now put the cross in the middle of the Zodiac and spin it. Don’t hold your breath! The cross is going to take 25,800 years to make one revolution. Notice! We have the ancient and universal symbol for the planet Earth — a cross in a circle.”

I don’t think I have to make a lot of comment on such things other than the fact that we are at the end of the age of man and that we can expect some pretty wild things to come including an explosion in Satanic

knowledge. When I read things like this I cannot help but think of Gods warnings to the churches in the book of Revelation, in particular to Thyatira and when He says, “do not know (or learn) the deep things of Satan.” Brethren, these are the deep things of Satan and we need to have nothing to do with them. So back to the subject we have been addressing.

We have covered a lot of information from many different sources and many different perspectives to this point on why we do not use a calendar utilizing the zodiac baseline called the vernal equinox. It is time to let God tell us in His own words why we should not do so. Isaiah the prophet of God, in clearly understood language tells us about the various tools and methods used by the seekers of esoteric knowledge and their outcome.

Isaiah 47 should be read in its entirety, but for brevities sake we will look at some of the highlights of that chapter.

Verse 9; “But these two shall come to you in a moment, in one day: the loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness because of the multitude of your sorceries, for the great abundance of your enchantments.”

Here we have a foretelling of the future as to an outcome for a specific action by a prophet of God. He is declaring the outcome before it happens as only God can do. No star or planet, can do so for this is reserved unto God and His holy prophets for a sign as to His authority. So here Isaiah did not get this from stargazing or the likes, but from the Creator of them. Listen to what the cause of this prophesied outcome was and is, “multitude of sorceries and great abundance of enchantments.”

Now lets let God define what these abominable practices were.

“Your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you.” (Verse 10).

So where and how did they get it?

Verse 12-13; “Standing now with your enchantments and the multitude of your sorceries, in which you have labored from your youth. Perhaps you will be able to profit? Perhaps you will prevail? You are wearied in the multitude of

your counsels; let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators stand up and save you from these things that shall come upon you.”

Now lets read that from the Interlinear Bible.

“Stand now among your spells and your sorceries in which you have wearied yourself since your youth. Perhaps you will be able to profit; perhaps you may cause quaking. You are exhausted (because of the futility) by your many plans (based on predictions derived from the stars); let those dividing the heavens (promoter of the zodiac) stand up now and save you (from the real future events), the gazers into the stars, making known what is coming on you into the new moons.”

What an incredible summation of what we are not to do. Oh yes, the pagans are dismayed looking into the heavens. Their outcome is clear if we believe God. He condemns these practices in any form. Could God be any clearer as to how the heavens have been used contrary to the simple biblical commands of how to use them as tools for the calendar and the determining of Gods appointed times of meeting with Them. Here in Isaiah 47 we are seeing a direct outcome for adding to the scriptures. Such things become useless pursuits to worshipping God. They are evil in every aspect and unclean to us and must not be used in our worship of the Father or the keeping of the commandments. Following such useless things will weary us out, break us, and beat us down, as to the truth. All the plans and predictions based on them will be in vain for they are predicated on false knowledge. This evil knowledge and understanding and practice of gazing into the stars and resultant proclamations have been going on for a long time. They can't save anyone from anything nor can they predict what will befall anyone, good or bad at anytime.

So when did these sorcerers and enchanters make their predictions?

“... making known what is coming on you into the new moons.”

Talk about counterfeit. Once again Satan doesn't miss a trick. They made predictions covering the time frame of one new moon until the other. They set the pattern and rules for the modern day sorcerers and enchanters

to follow. We call them astrologers and mediums today. Their monthly predictions are contained in their horoscopes, but follow a loose monthly schedule. The months are named for the 12 divisions of the heavens after the pattern of the Zodiac. These are evil practices, right down to the very last vestige of that false, counterfeit, system. The magical baseline for it is the precession of the equinox. That is the magic moment of the vernal equinox which moves around the earth a little further each year until it completes a Platonic year every 25,800 years. That magical, mathematical, moment in time, occurs each March when the sun is exactly over the equator. Nowhere in scripture do we see anything remotely connected to its use as a command of God as to proclaiming the moedim or appointed times. Our tools are simple and visible. God tells us we are to make these proclamations from year to year and in their year. Satan says why bother waiting on God to make the matter known, I will show you how to do so way in advance, I will show you how to predict them millennia in advance, so you can go about more important things, like following your own appointed times of fun and merriment.

“Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; they are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them.”

The scriptures tell us clearly we are to use the light as seen from the earth, of the lesser light and greater light for calendar purposes. These are the only two tools in the heavens we are to use for this pursuit. The stars are used for navigation and the watches of the night. They have nothing to do with secret or esoteric knowledge. Genesis 1:14 tells us what heavenly signs are to be used for.

“Let there be light in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs (owt; clearly visible) and appointed times (not seasons) and for days and years.”

Verse 15 tells us we are to use their light as it shines on the earth as the clearly visible sign as to timing. That's not metaphysical, esoteric, secret knowledge, but clearly visible signs made available to all.

One can ask the question at this time, does God tell us here in Genesis the 1st chapter which of these lights (sun and moon) are to be used as to days, nights, years, etc.?

The answer is no!

God says He has a pattern in how He teaches us. "Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little." We must understand that God teaches us through the entirety of His scriptures. So if He doesn't define the roles as to the cycle of days, years, etc here, where can we find it?

Psalm 104:19;

"He appointed the moon for appointed times; the sun knows its going down."

How simple is that to understand! The sun is used to determine the start and finish of a day by its going down below the horizon. It is also used to separate the day from the night. As well with its authority to govern the daily cycle it is used to determine the weekly cycle of creation, the seven-day week of perfection as depicted by the 1st chapter of Genesis.

Is the sun used for determining what we call feast days or moedim in the Hebrew which we know as the appointed times of meeting with God on an annual basis? The answer is completely no! The scriptures we just read tell us the moon was appointed by God for that purpose, specifically the new moon or first crescent of light seen from the earth. Once again that is why it qualifies as a visible sign. Imagine that.

The moon is used to determine the feast days of God from year to year thus we have a lunar based year and not a solar based year. We do not use the moon to determine any part of a day for that is under the sun's authority as is the break between day and night and the weekly schedule of 7 days.

Do we use the sun to determine the length of a month? Of course not, at least not biblically speaking. Neither overlaps into the others authority. The same applies to the year. The moon is the only heavenly light sign we use to determine a calendar year. The pagan solar or sun based year is approximately 365 ¼ days long with four invisible major points of time called equinoxes and solstices. It has 12 months as set forth by astrologers, which have no relevance to the moon. The lunar based year has either 12 or 13 months and can run from approximately 353 to 383 days give or take

one, for the lunar cycle is approximately 29 ½ days in length. The lunar year has months either 29 or 30 days, which are not preset as the current Rabbinical Calendar are, for we are to wait on God in all things dealing with Their annual appointed times of meeting with us.

That's it for the heavenly bodies involvement in the calendar. So how do we determine any given year? All the feast days are assigned to a particular annual agricultural harvest time. You can call them seasons but it can confuse the issue for in Israel there are only two divisions of the year, summer and winter. Using the English word season implies four major breaks in the year, spring, summer, fall, and winter. Their use in a biblical based calendar is a lie perpetuated by the convincing deceptions of Satan the devil. Scripture tells us otherwise,

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and winter and summer, and day and night, shall not cease" (Gen. 8:22).

That's a promise from God after the flood and it is a big lesson as to how He looks at the earth. Here He talks about the patterns in place from His perspective. They are all calendar related. God fits Their appointed times within the cycle of agriculture, based on one summer and one winter. One is cold the other is warm. They are not determined by some magic moment in the sky but by the weather. In Israel the time of harvest lasts at least 8 months of the year. That is a simple fact. It isn't started and stopped every 6 months.

According to scripture the first biblical month is Abib. It is called so for a purpose. Abib is a name and an agricultural term describing a specific new moon period defined by mature barley, which is the first able to reproduce itself in the harvest cycle. That corresponds to the Gregorian calendar designation for March/April. This is what the bible calls the early or first harvest. It is determined by the first fields of barley being able to harvest during the week of Unleavened Bread. At the end of the 12th lunar month if the barley will not be ready to offer a first fruit offering during the days of UB then the lunar year is extended by another lunar month in order to let the barley mature. This is the agricultural harvest, which is used to start the new year, not some invisible, mathematical equinox. I once had a fellow tell me he could see an equinox and thus it qualified as a "sign"

from Genesis 1. My reply was longer than it should have been for I asked how he wasn't blinded for life from looking at the sun at 12 noon at the equator on March 20th. He didn't get it but I hope we all do. A simple illustration, with a lot of understanding.

Scripture tells us the first month is Abib, thus the barley harvest is the focus of how to determine that month. If the harvest is going to be ready to start during the middle of the month following the 12th lunar month so that a wavesheaf offering can be made the new year starts. If it will not be ready a 13th lunar month is added to the current year to allow for the maturing of the barley crop. This simple visible pattern is combined with the simple visible new moon to create an agricultural/new moon based calendar.

This mature barley used for the first fruits wavesheaf offering is representative of the resurrected body of Christ, the hope of all creation. That is why it is the focus of God and not the zodiac baseline. That is just a brief summary as to the barley etc. You can get a lot more information from articles we have on line or available by mail on the subject.

It is also very important that the timing of the new year, as well as the months, is made from the perspective of being in Israel, the Promised Land. It is not made from where one happens to be at locations scattered all over the face of the earth. God is not the author of confusion. Let there be no mistake as to this point. It is from Israel period.

Deuteronomy 11:10-12, "For the land to which you are going to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt from where you came, where you sowed your seed and watered it with your foot, as a garden of herbs. But the land which you are entering to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, drinking water from the rain of the heavens; a land which Yehovah your God cares for; the eyes of Yehovah your God are constantly on it from the beginning of the year to the end of the year."

Yes, Gods calendar is an agricultural/lunar based one, determined by the criteria as seen from the Promised Land and no other. That completely rules out any solar year and certainly any magic moment in time, which happens to occur 2,000 miles away. That should answer my question for all when I asked earlier if

Christ was referring to the location of the vernal equinox when making the statement about 12 hours of light in that day. He was referring to where He was standing, for that is where Gods focus on earth is.

Judaism as well as Christianity has fallen into the calendar trap of Satan the devil which he used to confuse the timing of the true moedim of God. Both are using the same mathematical tools to establish their annual holy days and the start of their years. Both are opposed to the clear teaching of scripture. Each has predetermined mathematical months, not biblical months starting with the new moon, the first crescent of light visible from the earth. Both have mathematical years. One is completely based on the sun while the other is claimed to be a combination of sun and moon. Each uses a solar based 19 year time cycle. There is no authority to be found in scripture to do so. God uses the sun for the determination of days, the moon for months, and the barley and moon for intercalating years. That is why every annual holy day, is set by the timing of the barley wavesheaf offering. Absolutely no equinox involved at any time.

Pagan religions have used the imaginary zodiac baseline for millennia, and so has deceived Christianity. Even some in modern Judaism use it as well and it is going to be used by them when they switch back to a visible calendar in the near future. They will not use the barley but the vernal equinox to determine the timing of the year. That should not come as any surprise.

Satan is very clever. If it were not for the scriptures of God being preserved in the form of the Masoretic Text and the spirit God gives us to discern such things, we would be all deceived by the Devil.

Isaiah the prophet tells us that the law goes forth from Zion and the word of God from Jerusalem (Is. 2:3). It is in this context that God tells Judah,

"Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; they are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them."

What a sad situation then and now. However we have much to be thankful for. God has allowed many of us to understand the simplicity of scriptural patterns. The calendar system we use today is the same one used in

ancient Israel as the bible verifies as well as many ancient sources in spite of all the revisionists and deceivers. Everyone in the coming millennium of Christ's rule will use it as well. The prophet (not gazer into the stars) Ezekiel tells us in chapter 46 that Israel as well as the entirety of mankind will know and keep the appointed times of God as determined from the land of Israel.

New moons and barley, how simple can it be.

The technology of today allows us to return to the Promised Land, Gods focal point on earth for the beginning of the year, to determine the state of the barley harvest and the new moons. We are able to use Their clearly visible signs as intended. No magical, mathematical, imaginary lines, no mystical esoteric, metaphysical, secret knowledge required. Just our own two eyes, the word of God, and the spirit God gives us.

All nations on earth will be represented in Jerusalem each year for the appointed times of God. Zechariah tells us that in 14: 16-19. What a wonderful event to look forward to. Just think; no Devil, no stargazers, no astrologers, no diviners, no sorcerers, no mediums, or

anything of that kind.

With this article I am in no way looking down my nose at any who may have stumbled as to the deceit of Satan in anything calendar based or otherwise. It is only temporary and is obviously serving a purpose God is allowing to take place. I too as all others I know have stumbled in such things in the past but for the grace of God have stood up for a better way. We have a responsibility to ourselves and to others as to what we know. We are to have love for one another and yes we are our brother's keeper based on the love of God. Knowledge and understanding are not enough. The use of the vernal equinox is one of the many deceptions of the Devil. It is forbidden knowledge, which is used by Satan to change times and seasons. We are not to learn or use these deep things of Satan in anything we do.

Now you know in part why I do not use an equinox in anything biblical.

May the Kingdom come soon.

Our peace we give to you.