

THE CALENDAR

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THE calendar is a man-made device for the purpose of recording the repetitious phenomena of the heavenly bodies. Each time the earth completes a rotation on its axis, the calendar records a day; each time the moon completes a revolution around the earth, the calendar, approximately, records a month; each time the sun completes its cycle of movement among the stars, the calendar records a year; each time the celestial pole completes a circle in the sky, the calendar records a Great Year. (Since this last is some 26,000 ordinary years in length, it will not concern us greatly at present.)

The day, the month, and the year, as determined by natural events, are not commensurable with each other. Consequently, adjustments are necessary from time to time to keep the calendar in step with the actual circumstances. These required adjustments are thoroughly understood and the present calendar will serve its purpose for an indefinite period. Although the astronomer's knowledge is essential to its construction, every civilized person makes use of it and instinctively resists change.

However, any thoughtful person upon reflection will agree that at one point a change is desirable. The distribution of the days in the several months is arbitrary. As at present it is irregular, inconvenient, and irrational. Historically it represents the whims of several ruling monarchs and not a scientific necessity. An arrangement whereby one might know, without looking at a printed schedule, the day of the week on which a given date would invariably fall, would be a vast improvement.

Now we are aware that we are living in One World and that civilization is undergoing fundamental and radical changes. It would seem, therefore, that the time for a highly desirable and greatly needed Calendar Reform is here.

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