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ISLAMIC AL-JUMUAA REMINDER AND LEGACY GROUP presents a reminder of how our true time recording should really be like:

ISLAMIC YEARS; Sources: <http://muslimmatters.org/2012/12/28/4-reasons-why-muslims-should-not-celebrate-new-years/>, http://www.beautifulislam.net/hijrah/islamic_calendar.htm

In the times we all live in now; it is more likely to find a Muslim who knows about the **Solar/Gregorian calendar** than the Islamic calendar. Did you know that we Muslims had our new year on 1st Muharram 1436 which was on 25th October 2014? 1436 AH runs from approximately 24 October 2014 (evening) to 13 October 2015 (evening).

The Islamic Calendar, which is based purely on lunar cycles, was first introduced in 638 CE by the companions of the Prophet, sallallahu alayhi wasallam, and the second Khalifah, Umar ibnul Khattab (592-644 CE). He did it in an attempt to rationalize the various, at times conflicting, dating systems used during his time. Umar consulted with his advisors from the companions on the starting date of the new Muslim calendar. It was finally agreed that the most appropriate reference point for the Islamic calendar was the Hijrah, the incident of the immigration of the Muslims from Makkah to Madinah. It is a central historical event of early Islam that led to the foundation of the first Muslim city-state, a turning point in Islamic and world history. The actual starting date for the calendar was chosen (on the basis of purely lunar years, counting backwards) to be the first day of the first month (1 Muharram) of the year of the Hijrah. The Islamic (Hijri) calendar (with dates that fall within the Muslim Era) came to be abbreviated by some as AH in Western languages from the latinized Anno Hegirae, "in the year of the Hegira". Muharram 1, 1 AH therefore corresponds to July 16, 622 CE.

ISLAMIC MONTHS; Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_calendar

January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December. Do you know these months by heart? Did you know that all these months are named after **pagan greek gods**?

The Islamic months are the months we should actually know by heart; so much so at the expense of the **Solar/Gregorian calendar** months. Since almost the whole world functions using the **Solar/Gregorian months** we should also know them, but not only them.

Please find the 12 Islamic months for your memorization:

1. Muharram (المحرّم meaning "forbidden")	2. Şafar (صفر meaning "void")	3. Rabī' I (Rabī' al-Awwal, الأوّل ربیع meaning "honor").	4. Rabī' II (Rabī' ath-Thānī (ربیع الثاني) or Rabī' al-Ākhir (ربیع الآخر) meaning "scattered").
5. Jumādā I (Jumādā al-Ūlā, جمادى الأولى meaning "the first month of parched land")	6. Jumādā II (Jumādā ath-Thāniya or Jumādā al-Ākhira, جمادى الثانية (الأخرة) meaning "raised").	7. Rajab (رجب meaning "respect", "honor").	8. Sha'bān (شعبان meaning "scattered").
9. Ramaḍān (رمضان meaning "scorched").	10. Shawwāl (شوّال meaning "raised").	11. Dhū al-Qa'da (ذو القعدة meaning "the one of truce").	12. Dhū al-Hijja (ذو الحجة meaning "the one of pilgrimage").

ISLAMIC DAYS; Source: <http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Holidays/Calendar/Gregorian/gregorian.html>

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Do you know these days by heart? Did you know that all these days are named after **pagan greek gods**? The ancient Greeks named the days of the week after **the sun, the moon** and the five known planets (**Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn**) which themselves were associated with the **gods Ares, Hermes, Zeus, Aphrodite and Cronus** respectively.

And from among His Signs are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. Prostrate yourselves not to the sun nor to the moon, but prostrate yourselves to Allah who created them, if you (really) worship Him. (Qur'an 41:37)

Please find the 7 Islamic days for your memorization:

yawm al-ahad	يوم الأحد	Sunday
yawm al-ithnayn	يوم الاثنين	Monday
yawm ath-thulaathaa'	يوم الثلاثاء	Tuesday
yawm al-arbi'aa'	يوم الأربعاء	Wednesday
yawm al-khamīs	يوم الخميس	Thursday
yawm al-jum'a	يوم الجمعة	Friday
yawm as-sabt	يوم السبت	Saturday

CONCLUSION

Did we acknowledge our Islamic new year on 1436? Are we going to celebrate the **Solar/Gregorian calendar** on **1st January 2015**? Should we love both calendars' new years? Let us examine the following answers:

The main reason as to why the **Solar/Gregorian calendar {Years, Months and Days}** should not be used is because they are technically incorrect and pagan. As Muslims, we have our own calendar that has been in constant use for 1400 years. Even though we may end up using the Gregorian calendar due to circumstances beyond our control, we know for a fact that Allah has ordained the use of the lunar calendar for us in our worship – and therefore, by extension, our daily lives. According to our Hijri calendar (initiated by the great Sahaaba Umar ®), the new year actually begins on the first of Muharram. The **Gregorian calendar (so called because it was developed by Pope Gregory)** decided on the 1st of January as the New Year to celebrate the circumcision of Jesus. Its origin – like so many Western holidays – lies in the pagan Roman festivals associated with Janus – the two headed deity who symbolised change.

We should only acknowledge the Islamic calendar. As Muslims, deep in our hearts we should want to be ruled with only the Islamic calendar and we should know and feel as if the **Solar/Gregorian calendar** is unnecessary.

NB: Our prophet Muhammad {S.A.W} said that if there were to be any prophet after him it would have been Umar. Sunan Tirmidhi, Volume 2 page 754.[citation needed]. One proof that Umar's suggested Islamic (Hijri) calendar was known beforehand and accepted by Allah can be seen in the "1969 MOON LANDING PROPHECY IN THE QURAN – NUMERICAL MIRACLE" found in our article of {1st August 2014; 4th or 5th Shawwal 1435} OR www.youtube.com/watch?v=azzZx7oO-EU

And if you obey most of those on the earth, they will mislead you far away from Allah's Path. They follow nothing but conjectures, and they do nothing but lie. (The Qur'an, 6:116)

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