Commonly Asked Questions about Using The Lunar Calendar Instead of The Jewish Calendar

1. Would you have to know when the new moon was in Jerusalem to know when to keep the new moon?

Yahshua answered this when he spoke to the woman at the well. John 4:20-26 "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain; an you say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Yahshua said unto her, Woman believe me the hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the father......But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the father in spirit and in truth: for the father seeketh such to worship him." And also we read in Heb. 12:18-24 " For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest. 19. And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice thy heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more. 21. And so terrible was the sight that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake. 22. But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels. 23. To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven and to God the judge of all and to the spirits of just men made perfect. 24. And to Yahshua the mediator of the new covenant and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." Yahshua knew the Torah said that all males had to go up to Jerusalem three times a year to keep the feast, but he knew that the time was coming that this would not be possible, (when the curtain would be torn in the Temple signifying that his fathers presents was no longer there, and the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD), so we see that YHWH expects us to follow his Torah wherever we find ourselves. We keep all of Gods Shabbats including the new moon as the earth turns and they come to us, just as it has been since creation. When the 7th day came in the Garden of Eden in creation the other side of the world would have to wait until it came to them. Actually it would be the same day but not at the same hour, as a day is 24 hrs long and one full rotation of the earth is 24 hrs.

2. How can a new moon be certified without a Temple or Sanhedrin?

When YHWH told Moses in Exodus 12:2 "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you." Which was on the new moon, he didn't say now go and ask the Sanhedrin to certify it, no, for one thing there was no such thing at that time. YHWH put the moon in the sky, he knew when the new moon was and he put Moses back on correct time, during their time in Egypt they had been inoculated with the pagan customs of Egypt and had lost track of YHWH's calendar and we see a lot of this in our modern calendars. The Sanhedrin came into being later in the wilderness at the urging of Moses' father-in-law to help settle questions among the people, not to set YHWH feast days. Only later under the Rabbis did they usurp YHWH's authority and began to manipulate the new moon so the Atonement would not fall on Friday or Sunday. No where in scripture do you find this rule, or a lot of other rules concerning their calendar.

3. Did YHWH change the beginning of the year from the 7th month (Fall) to the 1st month (Spring) in Exodus 12:2?

We can read in Gen. 1:11-12 about the creation of the world and it gives us the answer.