

The Darkness of the First Crescent Moon

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Among those who believe in and correctly observe the biblical solar-lunar calendar and moon phased Shabbats there remains 2 camps if you will.

Camp 1 believes that the New Moon/Rosh Chodesh/Month is the astronomical conjunction. Camp 2 believes that the New Moon/Month/Rosh Chodesh is the first visible crescent. Allow me to try and settle the matter in short order, logically and to the point! Before we begin, let's make it clear that this is not a salvation matter and those who reckon either way, are still keeping the same lunar biblical Shabbat in my view. We should NOT divide over this!

Camp 1 -New Moon Day (conjunction) + 7=8 for conjunction folks or camp 1.
Camp 2-New Moon Day (first crescent) + 6=7 (still day 8 after conjunction) for crescent folks in camp 2.

In other words, day 8 from the conjunction, or day 7 from the first visible crescent moon is still day 8 of the astronomical renewed moon! We must reject the 7, 14, 21 and 28 reckoning from the first visible crescent for other reasons, as it messes up the monthly count of days, leaving 3 day periods on moons with 30 days; it also greatly messes up other reckonings like the blessed omer count. But sticking merely to the biblical Shabbats, either view makes no difference!

Now here is the PLAIN truth of the issue about those in camp 2 who start the moon with the first sighting of the visible crescent in the western sky at sundown.

The main argument against dark moon conjunction is that the moon is assigned to rule the night with light. How then can the moon rule the night if it is dark? And also how did ancients see a dark moon?

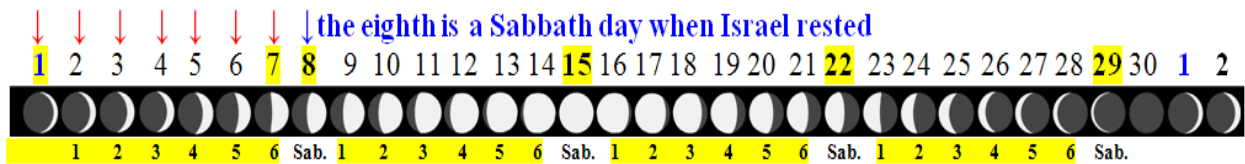
The answers may surprise you! The crescent moon is DARK about 7-8 moons/months of the year. Even after conjunction when the moon

should be visible any time after 16 hours after molad on a clear night, with about 6% or more illumination, the sad fact remains for approximately 6-7 months in the year it is DARK to the naked eye. This of course is due to inclement weather, or cloudy conditions. There are even some months, say 3-4 a year, when the visible crescent is not visible at all for 3-5 days! In essence this makes the so called visible crescent moon nothing more than another dark concealed moon, or moon phase. The ancient traditional rabbis knew this WELL, which is why they employed MANY methods to determine MOLAD-CONJUNCTION, including but not limited to spotting the LAST conjunction on day 28 or 29 of the ending moon. If that failed they counted to the new MOLAD from the last MOLAD, knowing that you cannot have 3 months in a row with 30 days. Then other factors were used such as counting days irrespective of moon phases and other tricks the rabbis came up with. These tricks served them well about 6-7 times a year when they had a visibly DARK CRESCENT MOON!

Because of the darkness of the anticipated crescent moon phase, 60-70 percent of the time, when all other methods' failed them, often the ancient rabbis declared New Moon, 30 days after the prior conjunction, irrespective of what was visible and observed. So much for the moon ruling the night in light by the first visible crescent! Seems like the first crescent is usually dark. Now we know it's there it's just not visible!

So the excuse that we cannot go by the dark moon astronomical conjunction is logically, biblically and historically flawed at the core beyond any resurrection. For all intents and purposes, to your naked eye, the anticipated crescent moon is often just as dark as the astronomical conjunction.

On the other hand the molad/conjunction, or astronomical new moon is not really dark!!!!!!! One split NANO SECOND after the moon passes through conjunction, there IS A FIRST SLIVER CRESCENT, fully visible to the clean angels, demons and ultimately to all spiritual principalities' and powers. Here's what a dark moon conjunction really looks like a split nano second after conjunction:



There is 6 working days between each Sabbath shown above

Notice please that the day of the dark moon molad/conjunction there is really a lighted first crescent (see day 1 of the moon above). So the dark moon is not dark at all, but only to the naked eye! Now look at day 2! That day is the anticipated lighted first crescent, allegedly the correct New Moon. The problem with that is that its not visible at all about 60-70 percent of the time on day 2 of the moon/month and often for days after that.

So let's summarize-

Dark Moon-Not visible 100% of time! Has an invisible crescent!

Crescent Moon-Not visible 60-70- percent of time on day 1 after conjunction due to low illumination, or weather conditions, combined with a short 45 minute window for visibility at sunset in the western sky. Has an invisible crescent 6-7 months a year!

Conclusion- Both methods are usually dark. Both methods have invisible crescents!

Solution-Trust in YHWH's Torot-Since both methods have serious visibility issues, crescent mooners should acknowledge their own dark moon issues. ☺ As such, since both camps have viibility issues, we might as well count from the astronomical new moon. **The astronomical new moon/molad/ conjunction is a science and part of YHWH's TOROT that govern the sun and moon** We walk by faith and as such, since both methods admittedly have visibility problems, by following the conjunction we align ourselves both with the exact science of astronomy and its TOROT and with YHWH the Creator of this exact science, who gave all of the Torah and all of its heavenly ordinances.

The ancients knew that human eye witnesses were unreliable, sometimes deceitful and unworthy of trust. We know from Scripture that human eye witnesses can often have agendas to maintain, or a following, or power or influence to maintain.

By going with the dark moon camp 1 based on conjunction, we eliminate the need for any reliance on the deceitful flesh and we more perfectly align ourselves with YHWH's TOROT.

Yirmeyahu-Jeremiah 31-

*35 This says YHWH, who gives the sun for a light by day, and the Torot-ordinances of the moon and of the cochavim for a light by night, who divides the sea when the waves of it roar; YHWH tzevaoth is His Name:
36 If those Torot-ordinances vanish from before Me, says YHWH, then the zera of Yisrael also shall cease from being a nation before Me le-olam-va-ed forever.*

It is safer to trust the scientific TOROT-ORDINANCES of “dark moon astronomy-Torot,” than “dark moon first crescentism,” a reliance on the unreliable flesh and eyesight of men!

Selah-Yahoshua/Joshua 24:10