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## The Universal Seven-Day Week



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thus setting the pattern for humans to follow. If the Bible's account of creation is just a myth, or if the days of Genesis 1 are figurative, why is the very fabric of human existence tied to the seven-day week?

The Hebrew word shabah means "seven." It comes from the root word which means full or complete. Not only is this word the source of the word "Sabbath," it is also related to the word seven in several languages, including English. Even the Chinese from ancient times have used the seven-day week. The seventh day of the first lunar month is still known among the Chinese as the "birthday of mankind." In ancient India, Egypt, Rome and Greece, the seven-day week was standard. Exceptions are few and far between.

Science has also learned that one of our most basic biological cycles is tied to the seven-day week. Researchers found impairments in subjects who were denied one out of seven days for rest. They also found that no amount of coaxing could change this built-in seven-day cycle to six or eight days.

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