

WHO WANTS TO LUG AROUND A CARVED STONE CALENDAR?

Editor The Chronicle—Sir: Reference proposed new calendar; it was stupid vainglory that caused Julius Caesar to take the Egyptian calendar based upon knowledge of exact length of the tropical year (365.2421988 days) and exchange same to his own complicated contraption, which Pope Gregory XIII's rectification did not make more simple.

If we are to change calendars let us adopt a perfect one that will outlast the ages. Take the Mayan Era (Era of Xibalba) and Mayan mode of time reckoning, which, according to scientists, is the most perfect ever invented, varying by only one day in 165,000 years, against the Gregorian error of one day in 3000 years. We would then have a calendar of sufficient antiquity to be proud of, for we could say our era began with the first great cycle of the Era of Xibalba (Xibalba was a culture hero in whose kingdom all good Indians expected to live hereafter) 1,325,303 years ago, while the Mayan Era commenced with the beginning of the ninth great cycle of the Era of Xibalba, 3373 years B. C. I have not the figures handy, but I believe this is about right. Anyhow, ask the scientists! OLE J. SNEIDE.

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