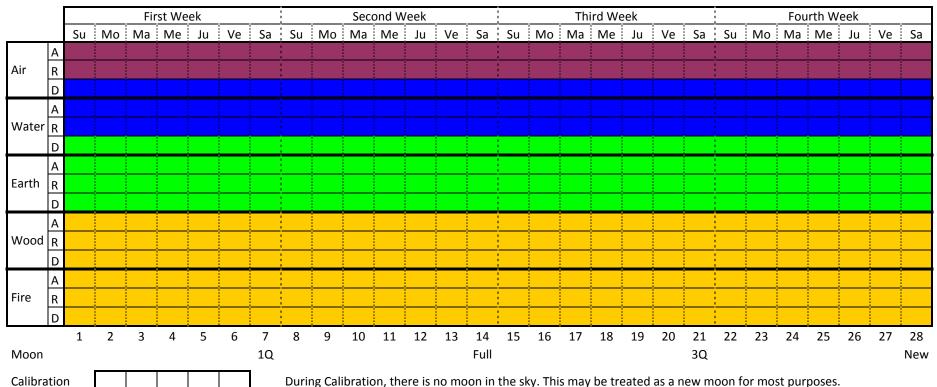
The Calendar of Creation



The days of the week:

Sunday

Moonday

Marsday

Mercuryday

Jupiterday

Venusday

Saturnday

In the Realm and other areas where the Immaculate faith holds sway, the last five days of the week are instead named after the five elements: Airday, Waterday, Earthday, Woodday, Fireday. The names Sunday and Moonday are used even there.

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- - ► A full year in Creation is 425 days long. Calibration is sometimes spoken of as being outside the year, giving rise to the phrase "a year and a Calibration," commonly used in oaths and contracts to indicate a term of 425 days. (Multiple years are *not* referred to as "X years and X Calibrations.")
 - ► The inhabitants of Creation divide their year into five seasons, each three months long; Ascending Water is the coldest month of the year, Descending Fire the hottest. For the convenience of visitors from Earth, approximate equivalents to the four seasons of the Earthly temperate year are indicated by color-coding: Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer.
 - ► The day is divided into 25 hours of equal length. Each hour is composed of 60 minutes, and each minute of 60 seconds, as with Earthly timekeeping.
 - ► The Autochthonians also reckon their day in five "shifts," named after the five elements (Air, Water, Earth, Wood, Fire); each shift is 5½ hours long, with successive shifts overlapping by 30 minutes. However, they do not use seasons, months or weeks, instead assigning each day of the year a number from 1 to 420. The days of Calibration are numbered separately from 1 to 5.