

Islamic Calendar

Allah ﷻ says in the Qur'an:

هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ الشَّمْسُ ضِيَاءً وَالْقَمَرَ نُورًا وَقَدَّرَهُ مَنَازِلَ لِتَعْلَمُوا عَدَدَ السِّنِينَ وَالْحِسَابَ مَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ ذَلِكَ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ يُفَصِّلُ الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ

"It is He Who gave the sun radiance and the moon light, and determined the stages (for the waxing and waning of the moon) that you may learn the calculation of years and the reckoning of time. Allah has created all this with a rightful purpose. He expounds His signs for the people who know."

(Yunus 10:5)

The Islamic calendar is different to the Gregorian calendar. The Gregorian calendar is a solar calendar, which means that it is based on the movements of the sun. However, the Islamic calendar is based on the phases of the moon. So, from the sun, the days and nights are known, and from the phases of the moon, the months and years are known.

The Islamic calendar is not only different to the Gregorian calendar in names of months but is also different in the numbering of years. The Islamic calendar was officially created during the reign of Caliph Umar ibn al-Khattab. The Prophet's migration to Madinah marks the beginning of the Hijri calendar.

There are also twelve months in the Islamic calendar, however, the names of the Islamic months are different. A new month in the Islamic calendar begins when there is a 'new crescent moon'.

Compare the Calendars

ISLAMIC DATE TODAY

Day	Month	Year

GREGORIAN DATE TODAY

Day	Month	Year