



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018? REALLY?

First off, it's not technically January 1, 2018

Are you aware of the "Calendar Reform" of 1582?

Pope Gregory XIII presided over it.

You don't. Well, let me tell you: Pope Gregory was pushed by the commission to issue a twenty-page reason for a reform. For one, it marked January 1, as the New Year, just like Caesar had done, way before them. But that's not the shocker. The reform ordered that ten days be taken away, as they had been--apparently lost because of the Julian calendar being used for so long?--meaning that after October 4, 1582, it was October 15, 1582. Yeah, mind blown right?

That means without the Calendar Reform, and the "removal" of days, today would still be December 22, 2017, that 9/11 was 9/01 (yeah, the extremists followed a date dictated to them by Pope Gregory). So, happy New Year, in a little over a week....

And the whole world was not on board with the change. Pope Gregory was called the "Roman Antichrist" and everything. Some countries, like Sweden, not joining the new 10-day-cut dates until 1753. Think about that. There was no October 5, 1582 for the Pope.

Queen (Elizabeth I) adopted a slightly different reform.

On May 22, 1751, King George II, passed a bill allowing Britain and its colonies to "catch up" in time--September 2, 1752, was followed by September 14, 1752. Changing today (and 9/01) again.

It's enough to make your head spin.

Did you know for them, the new year used to be ... March 25th? Crazy, right?

To this day, The Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates Easter on a different day than other Christians around the world--and this is why.

Russia caught up in 1918.

China caught up in 1949.

And guess what, the Gregorian calendar (that's its name) still runs "fast" like a cheap watch, gaining one day, every 3,300 years. Unaligning it with Nature. A year is NOT just 365 days, it is:

365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds

And don't get me started on what a leap year is.

All in all, today's date--like all dates--are made up. Search for artworks depicting the Calendar Reform, c. 1582. It was a mess.

At least on January 3rd, X-Files is back. Or, is it?