

March

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In the lifetime of those alive, there has been no war caused by a misunderstanding of month, date, year. Differences do exist. But no global threat. All seem to agree with today's date, month, year; those not recognizing today as January 6, 2014, are living in a different world.

On October 15 1582 Pope Gregory replaced the Julian Calendar in use since 45 B.C. In those 1600 plus years the calendar became off by 11 days. The new calendar became known as the Gregorian calendar, and is the very one confirming today's date. Thursday 4 October 1582 was followed by 15 October 1582. The change was that simple; well the calculations of Leap Years was adjusted too. Still, in 1582 the whole world did not immediately accept this decree even though the earth annual orbit confirmed Gregory's pronouncement.

Imagine the American colonists chagrin in 1752, almost 200 years later, when they were told to change their calendar by moving the date ahead by almost two weeks; begin using the Roman Gregorian calendar immediately, cause the Crown said so. In some circles, these ominous words. "They tax us, make us drink tea, change the calendar without our approval or consultation. The British! We should revolt."

And it so happened that throughout the British Empire in the year 1752, the day 2 September 1752, saw the sunrise the next morning on 14 September 1752. And because of the speedy night, no subject, slave, animal, bird, whatever, was born or died in the British Empire, those eleven days. Unparalleled in the history of mankind, up to that time.

What has that to do with March?

Nothing.

Except.

There would be no world-wide Gregorian calendar hadn't Gregory, after a short conclave been elected Pope March 12, 1565.

And,

the signers of the Declaration in their personal histories have this notation following their birth date (O.S. a date eleven days earlier) their Julian Date date of birth.

