

Appendix (III)

The Ska-Rakasian Calendar.

Year Zero, of the Ska-Rakasian calendar in use during the time period in which *Quest* and *Triumph* are set, commenced on the day that Alarac, First-Born of the new Dalek-Human race, was taken from his incubation cylinder (See *Redemption of the Daleks*) and corresponds to Earth Year 2763 A.D.

All subsequent years are dated from this point and are suffixed with the letters “N.E.”, standing for “New Era”, distinguishing the new Dalek-Human epoch from all that had gone before.

The orbital period of Ska-Rak about its primary is four hundred and forty-eight days in length. Each day consists of 60 Angon, or 30 Terrestrial hours, so it may be seen that a Ska-Rakasian year is substantially longer than its Terran counterpart. This year is divided into fourteen equal months of thirty-two days and the months are sub-divided into four parts of eight days each.

With characteristic Dalek logic, each of these four parts is known as an “eight-day” and is analogous to a Terran “week”, although this term is not used and the days and months are not named; each is designated merely, by its sequential number. E.g. “the Eighth Day of the Fifth Month. While perhaps not so attractive or imaginative as Terran practice, it is simple and efficient and aided by the fact that, unlike on Earth, every month is of equal length.