**Where did the days of the week in English come from?** – June 01, 2018  
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2. Say if the following statements are RIGHT or WRONG, and correct them if need be.   
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b. The seven-day week is about 2340 years old.   
c. The “heavenly bodies” mentioned line 6 are probably planets.   
d. All the days of the week are named after Norse deities.   
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