



## 106489 - There is nothing wrong with sighting the moon by means of modern instruments

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### the question

Is it essential that the moon be sighted with the naked eye, or can we use telescopes and modern instruments?.

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The shar'i evidence indicates that people should not go to great lengths to sight the moon with these instruments; rather it is sufficient to sight it with their eyes. But if a person seeks the moon with them and is certain that he has seen it by means of them after the sun has set, and he is a Muslim of good character, then I do not know of any reason why his sighting of the moon should not be followed, because it is still a visual sighting and is not calculation. End quote.

Shaykh 'Abd al-'Azeez ibn Baaz (may Allah have mercy on him)

*Majmoo' Fataawa wa Maqaalaat Mutanawwi'ah* (15/68, 69)