

The Moon & You



The Moon has been an object of importance throughout all of recorded history and has been used by many cultures for measuring time, thus the word “month” comes from the fact that early calendars were based on the phases of the moon and for at least the earliest of times a year was 360 days which represented 12 lunar phase changes. Man has looked to the heavens for many things and the Moon has fulfilled some of those needs. There has been a great deal of fanciful conjecture as to what the moon is constructed of and if it could be inhabited but it has until recently been just suppositions.

Whether anyone in the past has ever entertained the possibility of leaving the Earth and going to the Moon, I have no knowledge of. But in 1902 Georges Melies published a fanciful movie called *Le Voyage Dans La Lune* that you can view at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLVChRVfZ74> , in it several men climb into a bullet shaped projectile, are shot out of a very large cannon and ultimately reach the Moon. The science isn't very good but then today's movies often stretch science to the breaking point as well and it's sort of entertaining in its own way.

Sixty years later NASA was making preparations to realize the concept that Melies had only fancified. The huge cannon was replaced by a rocket and the effort was supported by thousands of men and women, spanned eight years and amounted to 22 separate launches to verify that the venture was achievable. On July 16 1969 the effort culminated in Neil A. Armstrong; commander, Michael Collins; command module pilot, Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.; lunar module pilot, soaring to the moon on the back of an Apollo Rocket. On arriving though the astronauts found none of the conditions that Mr. Melies had suggested were there.

We see the moon as an object in the sky, perhaps something that we would attain to, but that might not be the full picture. God created light on the first day, He even separated the Light from the Darkness but it wasn't until the fourth day that He created the Sun and the Moon and this was even after He had created vegetation on the planet but something else is unusual. The creation story keeps time “Backwards” from the way our day progress. Evening starts the day and morning finishes the day. What's that all about?

I heard an interesting conjecture that got me to thinking. Our lives progress just as God describes His Genesis days. The day starts in Spiritual Darkness and Sin but because of Jesus culminates in the morning of salvation and redemption. What that says is that God's Message of Creation isn't confined to His creation of the Universe but also the Youniverse. How should we reconcile that revelation? Paul says in Ephesians 5:8-10, *“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.”* Confirmation of the conjecture but also conviction to improve our life style. Peter put a different spin on it in 1 Peter 2:9-10, *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”* Both suggest that God's “Day” is the Christian Evolution “Day”.

Taking a deeper dive into this concept we look at Matthew 5:14-16, *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* Jesus seems to be saying that we should be casting light on the world but as Christians we are like the moon in that we function in a dark and sinful environment and that we do not generate any light of our own but instead reflect the light of "The Son". The moon doesn't reflect (albedo) all of the light that falls on it and in fact the average is 12% and it turns out that depending on which phase it is in the albedo will vary but the phases are determined by what the moon sun and earth relationship are and just like the moon our relationship between the World and the Son determine just how much light we actually cast on the world.

The Moon revolves around the Earth not the Sun but according to the First Commandment and to Jesus's interpretation of it found in Matthew 22:37, as Christians we should be revolving around the "SON", but that isn't always the case. Because, even as Christians we are more likely to be revolving around "The World", just like the Moon we will go through Phases and consequently the Son light that we shine on the World isn't always that bright and can from time to time be non-existent.

Where should we go with this revelation. To our knees!! Pray to your Lord and Savior that you can overcome that "Moth Like" attraction to the World and spend more time Revolving Around the Son. Jesus's intention always was to shed His Blood in order to make you presentable to His Father but His ultimate ambition was for you to become Better People in His Light, to spend more time in Prayer, in Biblical Study and Giving Attention to The Holy Spirit. As we do these things, we will feel more compelled to reflect the light of the Son on the dark world we live in and at least our corner of it will be brighter for it.