

What If We Had No Moon?

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Notes For Sermon, “What If We Had No Moon?”

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What are we talking about?....

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Moons! Let’s note some interesting facts about our moon...

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Each day, there are two high tides and two low tides. The ocean is constantly moving from high tide to low tide and then back again and this causes the currents and provides oxygen and nutrients which provides for life in the ocean.

When the moon is full or new, the gravitational pull of the moon and sun are combined. At these times, the high tides are very high and the low tides are very low. The high tide is known as a Spring high tide and the low tide is called a Neap tide. They occur when the Earth, the Sun, and the Moon are in a line with one another.

Although this next picture is pretty grainy it helps to show how much the tide can fluctuate between high tide and low tide.....

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The moon also helps to keep the earth stable on it axis...

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This next slide shows us the relationship of the earth and sun in giving us our different seasons...

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Here we can see the earth rotating on its axis as it orbits around the sun which brings us our different seasons. But what causes the earth to remain tilted on its axis of 23.5 degrees? The gravitational pull of the moon! But how many times do you pay attention to the moon? You might look at it on those early evenings when it rises above the horizon as a large orange ball or if you are out at night during a full moon you might notice how much better you are able to see.

But most of the time we probably give it little thought. It is just always there. But...What if...What if we had no moon?...

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How would this effect life here on earth?

A while back I saw a documentary on the Discovery Channel titled, "What if we had no moon?" I found it interesting and in fact I ordered a DVD of the program. (it cost \$5.00 online) I really hadn't thought about it before, but things on earth would be completely different without our moon. Notice what they said, remember, these are the words of evolutionist...

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Why is our moon so important to our existence here on earth? Without our moon, what would the earth be like? Here are just a few things that would be different....

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Yes, our world would be completely different! If we had no moon it would be comparable to what is happening on Jupiter...

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One thing we notice when we see pictures of the planet Jupiter is the large storm that moves around the planet. Let's take a look at a picture of Jupiter with its storm and how it compares in size with Earth...

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This is a picture of earth and Jupiter showing the relative size of the two. Notice the big swirl in the middle of Jupiter; it is a storm about the size of the earth that moves around the planet. Also, notice how the winds travel in lines around the planet instead of swirling around the planet as it does here on earth. Next we will see a picture of our solar system...

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Here is a picture of our Solar System and the edge of the Sun can be seen on the far left. Next we see Mercury then Venus, Earth, Mars Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, and Uranus. Pluto is no longer considered a planet. Our next slide will show us the relative size between the Earth and the Sun....

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Compared to the earth the sun is huge! The sun is about 93,000,000 miles away and it takes about 7 seconds for the light of the sun to reach the earth. If the earth was any closer to the sun the Earth would be too hot and if sun was further away Earth would be too cold for human life to exist. As it is Earth is just the perfect distance from the Sun. Everything is the exact size and position so as to be just right for life here on earth. But if you think our Sun is huge, notice this....

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We just saw how large the Sun is compared to Earth. Here we see Antares, which is the 15th brightest star in the sky and is more than a 1,000 light years away from our Solar System. Notice how large this Sun is compared to our Sun. (use laser pointer to show where our Sun is located, just a dot) And just think, there are 14 other known Suns that are larger than Antares. Isn't our universe just amazing!! Doesn't all of this make you feel insignificant? These next two slides show a beautiful picture of the earth with the moon in the distance...

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These photos were taken in 1992 by NASA's Galileo spacecraft as it was speeding away towards Jupiter...

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Here is another view of the earth and moon. Notice how the clouds swirl around the planet instead of in bands as we saw in the picture of Jupiter. This is because the earth does not spin as fast as Jupiter and this makes it better for life. As we have seen, the moon is very important to life here on earth!

But now I ask, "How did we get our moon?" Did it happen by accident as the Discovery Channel, and most modern scientists say? Let's read again what they said...

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Is this how we got our moon? Just by chance? That is what the scientific community would have you to believe! And may I say that is also what Satan would have you believe! But we all know that order and design does not just happen by chance. Consider this...

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Sound ridiculous? Of course it does! Now consider then...

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We, and our children, are being told a pack of lies! We have seen what man says, now let us see what God has to say about all of this...

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God goes on to tell us in the first chapter of Genesis that the moon wasn't formed by accident; He created it just as He planned. Let's read Genesis 1:14-19...

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So we see that the moon was created by God, just as He planned, and was not formed by some collision with earth several million years ago! I want us to go back and read verse 14 again...

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The "signs" is talking about the Sun, Moon and Stars. These are used for direction. By putting names to stars and clusters of stars mankind has been able to use them as a means of direction. Before the age of satellites and GPS man relied heavily on the Sun, Moon and Stars to guide them on long distance trips, especially in crossing the oceans.

And the seasons, days and years is how we keep track of time. How do we measure a year? It's the number of days that it takes for the earth to orbit the sun. How do we measure a day? The time it takes for the earth to rotate around its axis. Where do the seasons come from? It comes from the tilt of the earth, (23.5 degrees), and the rotation around the sun. God created time during the creation week by the relationship of the Sun, Moon and Stars and the seasons, days and years have continued ever since.

The moon has been here since the fourth day of creation, just two days before Adam and Eve were created. Which brings us to our next point, in Genesis 1:26-28,31, it says...

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We see in the first chapter of Genesis that God created the universe and everything in it including you and me! It did not come about by some accident but was created with order and design, much like the operating room of the trauma center we spoke of earlier. In six literal days, God spoke and the world into existence!

God created this beautiful world for all of mankind to enjoy, and what a beautiful place it is! But did you know that this world, in fact the whole universe, will one day cease to exist? That's right!

In an article written in the "Discover" magazine, November 2008, they stated 10 ways in which the world may end. They listed things like the world being destroyed by an asteroid, huge solar flare, gamma-ray burst, swallowed up by a black hole, sun burning out and so on. Those are good guesses, but they failed to mention the one way in which the universe will be destroyed. And how will it be destroyed? Let's read II Peter 3:10...

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So we see that one day this whole universe will be destroyed by God. Yes, this world in which we live is amazing and when God created the universe and the earth it was perfect! Adam and Eve were perfect! They were perfect both physically and spiritually! God and His creation was in perfect harmony...that is until Adam and Eve sinned and then everything changed. When sin entered the world so did death. Nothing in this world last forever, everything dies, plants die, animals die, and you and I die.

When Adam and Eve sinned they not only began to die physically but they also died spiritually. Isaiah 59:1-2 tells us, sin separates us from God...

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And everyone since Adam and Eve have sinned and separated themselves from God...

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And the wages of sin are death. Here it is talking about spiritual death. Being forever separated from God by spending an eternity in Hell. What can we do about the problem of sin? God has the answer. Just as God had a plan in creating the Universe and everything in it, God has a plan for our salvation. When we obey His plan of salvation and have our sins forgiven we will receive eternal life with God in heaven. What is God's plan of salvation?...

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Our world truly is a beautiful place! Our universe is amazing! It did not happen by accident but instead was designed and created by Almighty God! The same God that created the world is the same God that one day is going to destroy it, then will come judgment day. Are you ready? Are you a Christian? Are you a faithful Christian? Rest assured that we will all die and some time in the future this world will be destroyed and will be no more. Everything that we need so that we will be prepared for that day is found in God's Word. We need to read it, study it, and live it because God is giving us this opportunity, right now, to get our lives in order and be right with Him.

So we ask the question....