

~~Gen 1:26-28~~

Gen 1:14-18

Man's footprints in the moon
Shells

to
Dr. V.B. = Every Sunday
9/69

Math. 27:34

God's Footprints on The Moon
(1/2 Then 1/2 in entire spec?)

I. 17 There Is 1/2, None Like Was
unique, separate, apart
(1) Math. 27:49 may be Eldest with roughly same
2 " 27:34 the witnesses but records many more

1. The man himself
as Septa Rousseau "... "
2. God incarnate who came down to die for our sins
John 1:1
Phil. 2:6-8

II. 17 There Are Other Worlds, None Like This

1. Calvary sets this apart
Quite. "millions of worlds" ... "

2. Redemption for the whole creation
Rom. 8:19-22

John 3:16 $\gamma\eta$ - soil, ground, land
 $\sigma\iota\kappa\omicron\upsilon\mu\epsilon\nu\eta$, inhabited
 $\kappa\omicron\sigma\mu\acute{o}\varsigma$ ($\kappa\omicron\sigma\mu\acute{\epsilon}\omega$) beautiful, well-ordered heavenly & earth

What Satan did Heb 1:1 ... 1:2
What Christ did to redeem, deliver, & create

Man on the moon and faith in God

The following events of religious significance were related to man's first landing on the moon, which occurred in the Sea of Tranquility on Sunday afternoon, July 20, at 3:17:42 CDT, described by President Richard Nixon as the greatest single event in man's history since Creation:

SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 20: In Neil Armstrong's home town of Wapakoneta, Ohio, pastor Herman J. Weber prayed at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, "Oh thou great architect of the universe, it is only because the universe is an embodiment of order and harmony upon which we can rely, that we are able to explore with sincere faith the vast imponderables of space and the moon's hidden mystery."

SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 20: While astronauts Armstrong, Aldrin, and Collins were in orbit around the moon, Frank Borman, who commanded the Apollo 8 mission last Christmas, participated in services with President Nixon and his family at the White House, reading the passages from Genesis which he radioed back to earth on Christmas Eve as they circled 70 miles above the moon.

SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 20: Mr. Edwin E. Aldrin attended Webster Presbyterian Church in Houston, where the pastor announced that Aldrin had taken a part of the communion loaf being used that morning along with him to the moon, where presumably he would partake of it, thus making a Christian act of worship the first religion practiced by man on the moon. Mrs. Michael Collins and three children attended St. Paul's Catholic Church in Houston. Mrs. Neil A. Armstrong and two sons prayed together at home.

SUNDAY NIGHT, JULY 20: During the first moon walk, astronaut Aldrin asked if everyone listening or viewing would stop for a moment, and each in his own way, offer a prayer. In a phone call from earth, President Nixon said, "All the people of the earth are truly one in their prayers that you will return safely." The astronauts left behind on the moon a 1½ inch silicon disk which contained, among other statements, Psalm 8:3-5. The copy was reduced 200 times.

TUESDAY NIGHT, JULY 22: In a live telecast from the spacecraft enroute home, astronaut Aldrin read or quoted from Psalm 8, "When I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained, what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

WEDNESDAY NOON, JULY 23: Shortly after recovery aboard the USS Hornet, a chaplain led a public prayer of thanksgiving just outside the silver isolation van in which Armstrong, Aldrin, and Collins were housed.

Reflections On The Substance Of The Moon

By HAROLD GREGORY

Dr. Eugene Shoemaker of the California Institute of Technology said he was "surprised at the abundance" of the tiny pieces of glass in the lunar material.

Dr. Paul Gast of Columbia University said, "The most exciting discovery to date has been that of the glass." Dr. Gast added, "There is something going on on the moon far different than on the earth."

Dr. Clifford Fondell of Harvard said it was "surprising" to find such an abundance of the round pieces of glass in the lunar soil.

Also, "an unusually high percentage of titanium oxide" was found by the scientists who are examining the lunar rocks.

In all the comments so far on the composition of the moon soil, the scientists have not as yet made the interesting observation that this moon material seems to be ideal for reflecting light.

Titanium oxide is mentioned. I don't know about just the oxide, but titanium dioxide can occur as transparent gems. These rutiles have the property to bend

light even more than diamonds, as Dr. Isaac Asimov points out in his book, *Building Blocks of the Universe*. In addition to this, titanium dioxide powder, which is known to artists as titanium white, is the whitest substance known.

The moon just happens to have in its surface a large abundance of tiny glass spheres and quite a bit of titanium oxide.

But that isn't all.

"Nature" has also taken pains to assure that there be no oceans or trees or any kind of vegetation to spoil this special surface.

And what about all those craters?

Let's consider that the moon was indeed created solely for this work as a reflector; how would light shine from the moon if the surface were absolutely smooth?

Do these many craters in fact act like the indented and channeled glass on automobile headlights, in order to control the rays of the moon?

To the Bible scholar this most recent discovery of science adds confirmation to the information in Genesis that the moon was created to "shed light on the earth" by night.

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