

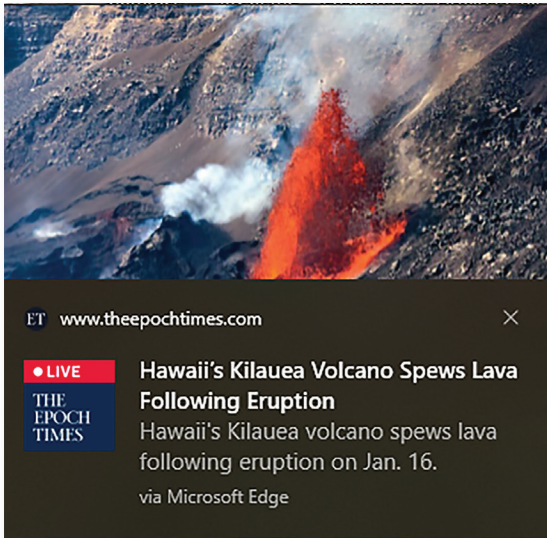
Sermon By The Moon

Here I sit, looking at this blank page, thinking about all that's going on, and my head may just explode. As I write this,

- ✓ Donald Trump's inauguration is four days away. Will we get to that day without incident?
- ✓ The candidates for cabinet positions are undergoing rude and nasty grilling by mostly the Democrat members of whatever Senate committee is in charge of grilling people.
- ✓ Israel is squeezed between the outgoing (idiot, EVIL) Biden administration that favors the bad guys in the Middle East and the incoming Trump administration that wants to let Israel finish the job of eliminating the terrorists who have been committing violence, mayhem, and murder for years.
- ✓ Los Angeles is still burning after a week+.
- ✓ California is still governed by an idiot whose policies and inactions contributed greatly to the catastrophe still playing out down below.

New fires are being set almost daily, it seems.

- ✓ Russia , China, North Korea, Iran, Ukraine, and more are being Russia, China, North Korea, Ukraine, and more.
- ✓ BREAKING NEWS, as they say. This just appeared on my desktop:



Amid all of that, I want to write about the moon??? What the heck?

There's not much I can do about any of the above except to pray to God my Father to handle this as He wills and to trust Him for that, even as I may not understand why He seems to allow it.

Back to the moon. We had a full moon a few nights ago, which was setting on the western horizon as I drove to work at 6:30am. The sky was that



soft black-purple-pink-pale blue, with dark silhouettes of the hills around us, as it is most mornings just before the Sun rises above the eastern hills.

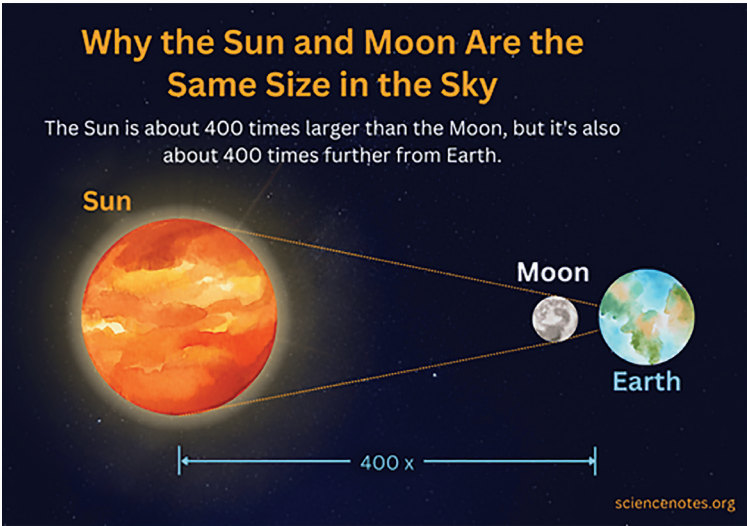
I love the moon. It's the lesser partner in our pair of heavenly lights, and must use the sun's light to shine at all. But shine it does, best it can, reflecting the sun's light to illumine the night during the week or so that it's full or near full. It reminds me of how we have no spiritual light of our own. But when we are paired with God, we reflect His Light of His Holy Spirit to all around us, shining in the darkness of our dying world (see list above).

One of the most interesting features of the moon is how it covers the sun almost perfectly during a solar eclipse. How can that be, given the differences in their distance from earth and their relative sizes? The answer is that the Creator made the sun about 400 times

larger than the moon and 400 times the distance from earth, so that it works out that they look the same size from here. I found a helpful chart that shows how it works (below.)

Some people, me included, find things like this one of a multitude of evidences for God's role in Creation. God mentions how the sun, moon and stars provide signs of His doings or of things to come. First, though, He had to create the sun, moon, and stars.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great



lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:14-18

Then men noticed the beauty, the reference to God, and the significance of the signs.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Psalm 8:3-4

He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep about. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they steal away and lie down in their dens. Man goes out to his work and to his labor until the evening. O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; . . . I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. Psalm 104:19-33, excerpts (I highly recommend you look this up and read the whole thing!)

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. Psalm 19:1-2

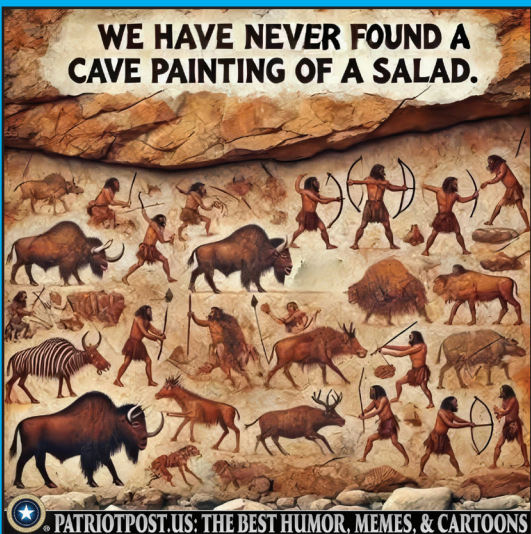
Now isn't it better to be focusing on God's creative work, and to relish what the Bible says about it, than it is to fuss about the mess of a world we're living in? Just think, if we do partner with God, like the moon does with the much greater sun, we are given the promise that we'll get out of this mess to be with Him eternally!!

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1 Peter 1:24-25