

THE SUN AND MOON

Dear Editor,

The article by Werner Gitt¹ on the uniqueness in the universe of the Sun/Moon eclipse size-distance ratio brings to mind the verse '*. . . to be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years*' (Genesis 1:14).

The Sun, Moon and stars were created only on the fourth day to serve a pre-existing Earth, which was the first physical object created. There are many other evidences indicating that the Earth occupies a favoured spiritual and physical location in creation; for example, Varshni's Result, the Barr Effect, the Sagnac Effect, star-streaming, Aspden's super-dense plenum theory, quasars shining **directly** at the Earth, gamma-ray bursters concentric about the Earth, reinterpretation of the red-shift and cosmic background radiation, the phase-locking of the planets to the Earth, the zero-velocity results of Michelson and Morley, etc.

Amazingly the Moon always presents the same face to the Earth, because both its orbit about the Earth **and** its rotation on its axis are both identical: 27 days and 7 hours! Forty per cent of the Moon's surface can thus never be seen from the Earth. The motions of the Moon are so complicated that several mathematical astronomers suffered nervous breakdowns after having devoted their lives to its study! *'The Sun knows his own course, but the Moon does not know hers'*²

Ur of the Chaldees, from where Abraham originated, was a city dedicated to Moon worship, and it was once the prevalent religion in Arabia. Indeed the Moon-god was known as *ilāh*. Mohammed renamed this deity as 'Allah', and sublimated it into an imageless monotheism. The Islamic symbol of the Crescent Moon to be seen on their mosques, minarets and flags is a legacy of the ancient Moon worship that once flourished in Arabia and the Fertile Crescent.

The halting of the Moon at Joshua's command, *'the precious things put*

forth by the Moon' (Deuteronomy 33:14), ocean tides, eclipses, lunar phases, nutation, satellite and space-shot calculations, etc. are claimed to be more easily understood in a geocentric context.³⁴

The fact that the Moon, the 'Lesser Light', is relatively the same size as the 'Greater Light' hints at its restoration in Messianic Times to come, when *'the light of the Moon will be as the light of the Sun'* (Isaiah 30:26), speedily and in our days.

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CONTINENTAL DRIFT — AGAIN

Dear Editor,

In a letter from the present author,¹ I made a few comments concerning an article by Snelling on continental drift.² Snelling answered my letter, but I was a little disappointed with his answer.³ In my note I mentioned that the force that initiated continental drift may have been great diapirs (or mantle plumes). This model takes compressional and extensional data into account, etc. The only answer to this by Snelling was

'those that postulate post-Flood continental drift have yet to demonstrate a viable mechanism for it.'

Snelling notices weaknesses of the model constructed by Austin *et al.*,⁴ and some of those I have pointed out.⁵ I would say that the model is inconsistent with much observational data — that is

the reason why I believe that this Austin *et al* model is weak. Baumgardner (who was the originator of the model) also publicly and humbly spoke out, at the end of the lecture by Austin *et al* — *'we don't want to lead people astray'*.

The model I have presented,⁶ may be a viable explanation to a post-Flood mechanism which would not devastate the Earth's surface much more than recent earthquakes, except in local areas and often during short periods.⁶ The model of great diapirs has to be criticised on a more academic level before it can be shown to be wrong. Or — as I stated earlier — it may be correct.

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