## THE MOON – SATAN'S #1 WORK – TO STEAL (RELIGION)

The spiritual numbers related to the astronomical dimensions of the Moon confirm that it is a symbol for religion. When we say 'religion' we mean strictly following regulations regarding our physical body (e.g. do not taste, do not touch, give this much, observe these holy days, etc.) and believing that by doing we are sufficiently pleasing God for him to let us into heaven. This is in contrast to the Christian life, which consists of death to our own righteousness by works, life to God through the Spirit dwelling in us, and expectation of going to heaven only on the merits of Christ's work on the cross. A lengthy study of the Moon in scripture is included at the end of this paper and confirms the connection between the Moon and religion. Religion is a deep bondage of Satan. God seeks our total freedom from it.



Mass relative to Earth: 1.23% (inverse 81)

**<u>Volume</u>** relative to Earth: **2.0%** (inverse **50**)

<u>Surface Area</u> relative to Earth: <u>7.4</u>% (inverse <u>13</u>)

Distance from Earth relative to 1 AU: 0.257% (inverse 389)

Orbit: 27.3 days (sidereal) Rotation: 27.3 days (sider.)

Axial Tilt: 6.7° Inclination: 1.54° (inverse 65)

**Eccentricity of Orbit**: **1.1** (Aphelion / Perihelion)

Power of Gravity relative to Earth: 16.5% (inverse 6.0)

## SPIRITUAL NUMBERS OF THE MOON

The astronomical measurements of the Moon and the spiritual meaning of those numbers<sup>2</sup>:

- Surface areas required to cover the Earth: <u>13</u> which means "<u>Rebellion</u>" (<u>13</u>)
- Eccentricity of orbit (farthest distance / nearest distance): 1.1 which means "Hiding" (11)
- Inclination of orbit to the ecliptic: 1.54° which means "Hiding" (11) "Righteousness" (14)<sup>3</sup>
- Power of gravity at surface relative to Earth: <u>16.5%</u> which means "<u>Hiding</u>" (11) "<u>Peace</u>" (15)<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:FullMoon2010.jpg

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Spiritual numbers are taken from www.biblenumbersforlife.com where the meanings have been validated

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 11 x 14 = 154

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 11 x 15 = 165

- Distance of Earth to the Sun divided by distance of the Earth to the Moon: 389 which is the 77<sup>th</sup> prime and has the core meaning "False Prophet" (77)
- Number of Moon volumes equal to Earth: <u>50</u> which means "<u>Payment for Sin</u>" (25) "<u>Divided</u>" (2)
- Days for the Moon to rotate on its axis: <u>27.3</u> which means the "<u>Wicked Will Be Judged</u>" (91) by "God" (3)<sup>5</sup>
- Days for the Moon to orbit the Earth: <u>27.3</u> which means the "<u>Wicked Will Be Judged</u>" (91) by "<u>God</u>" (3)
- Number of Moon masses equal to the Earth: 81 which means "Angelic Spirits"
- Axial Tilt: <u>7</u>° which means "<u>The End</u>" (<u>7</u>)

The key spiritual numbers related to the Moon is repeated in its measurements - the number <u>11</u> which means "<u>Hiding</u>". For example, the eccentricity of the Moon's orbit is 1.1, or <u>11</u> tenths. Indeed, <u>this is a key feature also of the physical Moon since we only ever see one side of it – the back of the Moon is forever hidden from view</u>. In order for the Moon to only ever show us one face it is necessary that the time for the rotation of the Moon on its axis must absolutely perfectly match the time for the Moon to orbit the Earth. If there was even the tiniest difference between those two motions the face of the Moon would appear to change from the Earth's perspective over time. The fact the motions are perfectly matched tells us it was ordained so by God. The likelihood of this happening by accident is zero. We conclude from this extraordinary astronomical feat that God's intent was to ensure the spiritual message of hiding is forever connected to the Moon.

In Scripture the first occurrence of hiding behavior is in Genesis chapter 3 when Adam and Eve sewed fig leaves to cover their nakedness. They knew they were naked because when they ate the forbidden fruit they gained the knowledge of good and evil. This is the essence of religion: hiding from God. We hide from God because we know we are guilty and we want to avoid punishment. This hiding behavior was also observed in what the Israelites did in the desert when they pleaded with Moses to approach God so they could keep a safe distance (Exodus 20:18-21). Furthermore, the Israelites were even fearful of Moses when they saw his radiant face, so Moses hid his face from them with a veil (Exodus 34:29-35).

The surface of the Earth is <u>13</u> times the surface of the Moon. The spiritual number <u>13</u> means "<u>Rebellion</u>". A rebel knows he is in danger, and so naturally he seeks a hiding place. <u>Religions are full of rebels to God</u> (Isa. 1:23). They talk about God but it is always from a distance. There is no personal knowledge of him, no enjoyment of him, only fear of him. Even though they have no hope of being saved from God's wrath, they tell others to fear God and join their religion! In so doing they prevent others from confessing their sins to God and being saved on the merits of Christ's blood.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 91 x 3 = 273

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> No other moon in the Solar System orbits its planet in this way, and no planet orbits the Sun in this way.

Religion replaces the true righteousness of God with the works of man. The inclination of Moon's orbit to the ecliptic is 1.54° which means "Hiding" (11) "Righteousness" (14). Every religion has requirements, regulations, stipulations, expectations. The adherent who follows these rules believes he is amassing favor with God by his own works. This is in contradiction to Scripture which vehemently asserts God is not interested in the religious works of man: offerings (Isa. 1:11), assemblies (Isa. 1:12), holy days (Isa. 1:13), holy festivals (Isa. 1:14), public prayers (Isa. 1:15). These things are a burden to God, they get in the way of the work he wants to do in our heart, the inner renewal of the spirit.

Religion replaces true peace with God with a false sense of security. The power of gravity at the surface of the Moon is 16.5% of the power of gravity at the surface of the Earth. The spiritual number 165 means "Hiding" (11) "Peace" (15). True peace with God comes through trusting in Jesus Christ (Romans 15:13). The one who practices religion and believes the merit of his good works will outweigh his bad works makes a cruel error. In a trial for murder the only question under examination is whether the individual perpetrated a crime. What that person has done in the rest of their life is of no concern to the court. So it will be when each one stands before God in the judgment.

Religion exalts the teachings of man equal to or above the truth of God in Scripture. The distance of the Earth to the Sun divided by distance of the Earth to the Moon is 389 which is the 77th prime. As such, the number 389 has the core meaning "False Prophet" (77). A sure sign of religious bondage is when adherents venerate the teachings of a particular man more than the balanced and all-wise testimony of the Bible. This is most atrocious and obvious in the case of faiths that ignore the Bible altogether. For example: Buddha is the central prophet of Buddhism. Even in Christian circles there is the danger of religious tendencies. Denominations of believers often congregate around the interpretation of Scripture put forward by a teacher in the past. What began as a genuine revival of faith starts looking more like a formalized religion with its loyalty to a man, not to God.

Religion devalues the sacrifice of Christ on the cross by suggesting there is some other way to God. The number of Moon volumes equal to the Earth's volume is <u>50</u>. The spiritual number <u>50</u> means "<u>Payment for Sin</u>" (25) "<u>Divided</u>" (2)<sup>9</sup>. Christ's blood, his death on the cross, is the only atonement available to man by which our sins can be forgiven by God and is appropriated by faith alone not by works (John 3:16, Eph. 2:8). Religion is about hiding from God, therefore a sure sign of a religion is some other means by which men might be made right with God other than believing in Jesus. There was a time in the history of the Catholic church when people were taught they could pay money to the church and through the intercession of Catholic priests have their sins forgiven.<sup>10</sup>

Religion is in opposition to God, and will be judged by God most severely. The hiding behavior of religion is wickedness. God sees everything and the sin of those rebels will be punished. The number of days for the Moon to orbit the Earth is <u>27.3</u>. The spiritual number <u>273</u> means the "<u>Wicked Will Be</u> <u>Judged</u>" (91) by "<u>God</u>" (3). The irony is many religions of the world publish this warning in their sacred

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 11 x 14 = 154

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The meaning of 'divided' is to nullify, to break. In this case the truth of Christ's payment for sin is nullified.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The practice of indulgences has not continued. If you are a Catholic, what do you trust will take away your sins?

assemblies each week and their adherents live in the knowledge of the fact sins will be punished. The problem is they are not presented with the way of salvation and therefore do not know they can personally approach God and ask for their sins to be forgiven. Driven by fear and misinformation they pile sin upon sin and even recruit others into their vain religion so they might walk in darkness and not find the way of salvation either.

Religion is not the invention of man it is the spider's web of Satan. It was he who tempted Adam and Eve to sin and it was he (or the influence of the fruit of his 'tree') who proposed they sew fig leaves to hide themselves. Religion persists because there is a sinister spiritual force behind it.

## **THE MOON IN SCRIPTURE**

The Moon is the second largest object in the sky<sup>11</sup> and the second brightest object in the sky<sup>12</sup> after the Sun. As such, the meaning of the Moon must loom large in the spiritual history of our planet. Indeed it does because the Moon is associated with Religion and the most religious spirit of all, Lucifer<sup>13</sup>. In Genesis chapter 1 it is written: "Then God made two great lights: the greater [Sun] to rule the day, and the lessor [Moon] to rule the night." (Genesis 1:16). What is the 'night'? Is it not the time when the things of the world become dim and our attention becomes fixed on the stars in the sky? Doesn't the 'night' represent the time of reflection upon spiritual realities, things unseen in this world? (Daniel 2:19 and Daniel 7:2, 7:7, 7:13)

The phrase in Hebrew "the lessor to rule the night" has a gematria of 891 which equals 9 x 99. The number 9 means "<u>Spirit</u>" and the number 99 means "<u>Perfection</u>". Ezekiel says to the King of Tyre, speaking not to the man but to the spiritual power behind his throne: "You were <u>the model of perfection</u>, <u>full of wisdom</u> and <u>perfect in beauty</u>...You were anointed a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God...You were blameless in your ways...till wickedness was found in you...By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries." (Ezekiel 28:11-19). As it says in the passage above, <u>Satan possesses sanctuaries</u>. In the Hebrew the word 'sanctuaries' means holy places, chapels, religious sites. <u>Satan is above all things a religious spirit</u>.

<u>World religions in some way all connect themselves to the moon</u>. A world religion based in Arabia displays the crescent moon above their meeting places. Paganism holds their religious festivals on the day of full moons. Other ancient world religions hold their festivals on the day of the new moons. Those who hold to Eastern mystical notions, yin and yang, identify with the waxing and waning moon as the symbol of wisdom. Just as the Moon produces tides in the oceans, raising the seas as it circles the earth, through religion Satan controls and influences the lives of billions of people on this planet.

At its heart, each religion believes that it has found "Spiritual Perfection" (891). Religious adherents hold to their version of spiritual perfection with absolute loyalty. They will die for their beliefs, and they will kill for their beliefs. Jesus unveiled the sham of religion when he said to the religious people of his

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Maximum angular diameter of the Sun is 1,962 arc seconds and the Moon is 1,860 arc seconds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Maximum apparent magnitude of Sun is (26.74) and the Moon is (12.9). Scale is logarithmic.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Lucifer means "light bearer". In his religious manifestation, Lucifer guides his acolytes into 'spiritual light'.

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day: "You belong to your Father the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44). The apostle John was equally blunt, describing religious people as a "synagogue of Satan" (Rev. 3:9). Jesus said "The thief comes only to steal, to kill, and to destroy" (John 10:10). It is no surprise then that so many wars throughout history have been between religious factions. Satan cares little what religion you join — so long as you become filled with hatred for others who don't agree with you.

When Satan entered into Judas (Luke 22:3), Judas went immediately to the local religious rulers to betray Jesus. Christians considering becoming part of a sect with religious leaders: take warning!

Public ritualism and adherence to religion is never the Christian way. Paul taught us the danger of slipping into religious behavior when he said: "But now that you know God – or rather are known by God – how is it you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles [religious rules]? Do you wish to be enslaved by them again? You are observing special days and moons, and seasons, and years! I fear I have wasted my efforts on you" (Galatians 3:8-11).