

# 3 Theories For The Formation Of The Moon

## Unveiling the Power of Verbal Beauty: An Psychological Sojourn through 3 Theories For The Formation Of The Moon

In a global inundated with displays and the cacophony of quick communication, the profound power and emotional resonance of verbal beauty often disappear in to obscurity, eclipsed by the constant barrage of sound and distractions. However, nestled within the lyrical pages of **3 Theories For The Formation Of The Moon**, a charming perform of literary elegance that impulses with raw thoughts, lies an wonderful journey waiting to be embarked upon. Written with a virtuoso wordsmith, that enchanting opus manuals visitors on a mental odyssey, gently revealing the latent possible and profound influence stuck within the elaborate web of language. Within the heart-wrenching expanse of the evocative examination, we can embark upon an introspective exploration of the book is central styles, dissect their charming writing design, and immerse ourselves in the indelible effect it leaves upon the depths of readers souls.

Science Encyclopedia BPI Science Encyclopedia is a beautifully illustrated reference book for young learners. Broadly covering subjects such as science, universe, animals and human body, the book is apt for children who are beginning to know the scientific world. The book contains detailed and relevant information about various topics which are further simplified with illustrations. Science Encyclopedia is a must for all young learners who wish to explore the world of science and developments in it through the ages.

### **The Moon in the Greek and Roman**

**Imagination** Karen ní Mheallaigh 2020-10-22 This is a book for readers who are fascinated by the Moon and the earliest speculations about life on other worlds. It takes the reader on a journey from the earliest Greek poetry, philosophy and science, through Plutarch's mystical doctrines to the thrilling lunar adventures of Lucian of Samosata.

*An Aerospace Bibliography* Raymond Estep 1962

In Quest of the Solar System Theo Koupelis 2010-02-04 Available with WebAssign! Author Theo Koupelis has set the mark for a student-friendly, accessible introductory astronomy text with In Quest of the Universe. He has now developed a new text to accommodate those course that focus mainly on planets and the solar system. Ideal for the one-term course, In Quest of the Solar System opens with material essential to the introductory course (gravity,

light, telescopes, the sun) and then moves on to focus on key material related to our solar system. Incorporating the rich pedagogy and vibrant art program that have made his earlier books a success, Koupelis' In Quest of the Solar System is the clear choice for students making their way through their first astronomy course.

### **The Origin and Evolution of the Solar**

**System** Michael M. Woolfson 2000-01-01 The origin of the solar system has been a matter of speculation for many centuries, and since the time of Newton it has been possible to apply scientific principles to the problem. A succession of theories, starting with that of Pierre Laplace in 1796, has gained general acceptance, only to fall from favor due to its contradiction in some basic scientific principle or new heavenly observation. Modern observations by spacecraft of the solar system, the stars, and extra-solar planetary systems continuously provide new information that may be helpful in finding a plausible theory as well as present new constraints for any such theory to satisfy. The Origin and Evolution of the Solar System begins by describing historical (pre-1950) theories and illustrating why they became unacceptable. The main part of the book critically examines five extant theories, including the current paradigm, the solar nebula theory, to determine how well they fit with accepted scientific principles and observations. This analysis shows that the solar nebula theory satisfies the principles and observational constraints no better than its

predecessors. The capture theory put forward by the author fares better and also indicates an initial scenario leading to a causal series of events that explain all the major features of the solar system.

#### **Creation and Evolution in the Early**

#### **American Scientific Affiliation** Mark A.

Kalthoff 2021-10-18 Originally published in 1995, *Creation and Evolution in the Early American Scientific Affiliation* is the tenth volume in the series, *Creationism in Twentieth Century America*, reissued in 2021. The volume comprises of original primary sources from the American Science Affiliation, a group formed following an invitation from the president of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, in answer to the perceived need for an academic society for American Evangelical Scientists to explicate the relationship between science and faith. The society confronted the debate between creation and evolution head on, leaving a paper trail documenting their thoughts and struggles. This diverse and expansive collection includes 53 selections that appeared during the organisation's first two decades and focuses on the encounter between science and American evangelicalism in the twentieth century, in particular the debates surrounding the ever-increasing preference for evolutionary theory. The collection will be of especial interest to natural historians, and theologians as well as academics of philosophy, and history.

#### **Origins of the Earth, Moon, and Life** Akio

Makishima 2017-01-27 *Origins of the Earth, Moon, and Life in the Solar System: An Interdisciplinary Approach* presents state-of-the-art knowledge that is based on theories, experiments, observations, calculations, and analytical data from five astro-sciences, astronomy, astrobiology, astrogeology, astrophysics, and cosmochemistry. Beginning with the origin of elements, and moving on to cover the formation of the early Solar System, the giant impact model of the Earth and Moon, the oldest records of life, and the possibility of life on other planets in the Solar System, this interdisciplinary reference provides a complex understanding of the planets and the formation of life. Synthesizing concepts from all branches of astro-sciences into one, the book is a valuable reference for researchers in astrogeology,

astrophysics, cosmochemistry, astrobiology, astronomy, and other space science fields, helping users better understand the intersection of these sciences. Includes extensive figures and tables to enhance key concepts Uses callout boxes throughout to provide context and deeper explanations Presents up-to-date information on the universe, stars, planets, moons, and life in the solar system Combines knowledge from the fields of astrogeology, astrophysics, cosmochemistry, astrobiology, and astronomy, helping readers understand the origins of the Earth, the moon, and life in our solar system  
*Human Physiology in Extreme Environments* Hanns-Christian Gunga 2014-11-26 *Human Physiology in Extreme Environments* is the one publication that offers how human biology and physiology is affected by extreme environments while highlighting technological innovations that allow us to adapt and regulate environments. Covering a broad range of extreme environments, including high altitude, underwater, tropical climates, and desert and arctic climates as well as space travel, this book will include case studies for practical application. Graduate students, medical students and researchers will find *Human Physiology in Extreme Environments* an interesting, informative and useful resource for human physiology, environmental physiology and medical studies. Presents human physiological challenges in Extreme Environments combined in one single resource Provides an excellent source of information regarding paleontological and anthropological aspects Offers practical medical and scientific use of current concepts  
*Encyclopedia of Lunar Science* Brian Cudnik  
**Aerospace Science** 1990  
[Formation Of The Solar System, The: Theories Old And New \(2nd Edition\)](#) Woolfson Michael Mark 2014-09-11 This fully-updated second edition remains the only truly detailed exploration of the origins of our Solar System, written by an authority in the field. Unlike other authors, Michael Woolfson focuses on the formation of the solar system, engaging the reader in an intelligent yet accessible discussion of the development of ideas about how the Solar System formed from ancient times to the present. Within the last five decades new observations and new theoretical advances have

transformed the way scientists think about the problem of finding a plausible theory. Spacecraft and landers have explored the planets of the Solar System, observations have been made of Solar-System bodies outside the region of the planets and planets have been detected and observed around many solar-type stars. This new edition brings in the most recent discoveries, including the establishment of dwarf planets and challenges to the 'standard model' of planet formation — the Solar Nebula Theory. While presenting the most up-to-date material and the underlying science of the theories described, the book avoids technical jargon and terminology. It thus remains a digestible read for the non-expert interested reader, whilst being detailed and comprehensive enough to be used as an undergraduate physics and astronomy textbook, where the formation of the solar system is a key part of the course. Michael Woolfson is Emeritus Professor of Theoretical Physics at University of York and is an award-winning crystallographer and astronomer.

**When the Earth Had Two Moons** Erik Asphaug 2019-10-29 An astonishing exploration of planet formation and the origins of life by one of the world's most innovative planetary geologists. In 1959, the Soviet probe Luna 3 took the first photos of the far side of the moon. Even in their poor resolution, the images stunned scientists: the far side is an enormous mountainous expanse, not the vast lava-plains seen from Earth. Subsequent missions have confirmed this in much greater detail. How could this be, and what might it tell us about our own place in the universe? As it turns out, quite a lot. Fourteen billion years ago, the universe exploded into being, creating galaxies and stars. Planets formed out of the leftover dust and gas that coalesced into larger and larger bodies orbiting around each star. In a sort of heavenly survival of the fittest, planetary bodies smashed into each other until solar systems emerged. Curiously, instead of being relatively similar in terms of composition, the planets in our solar system, and the comets, asteroids, satellites and rings, are bewitchingly distinct. So, too, the halves of our moon. In *When the Earth Had Two Moons*, esteemed planetary geologist Erik Asphaug takes us on an exhilarating tour through the farthest reaches of time and our

galaxy to find out why. Beautifully written and provocatively argued, *When the Earth Had Two Moons* is not only a mind-blowing astronomical tour but a profound inquiry into the nature of life here—and billions of miles from home.

NASA SP. 1989

The Origin of the Solar System John R. Dormand 1989

**Moon 3-D** Jim Bell 2009 Presents the landscape of the Moon through 3-D and color images from robotic space and human exploration missions. Our Created Moon John Whitcomb 2010 FROM ITS CREATION BY GOD TO ITS PERFECT SIZE, DETAILS ARE REVEALED ABOUT THE MOON'S UNIQUE CONNECTION TO THE SEASON'S TIDES, ANIMAL LIFECYCLES, AND ROLE AS EARTH'S PROTECTIVE SHIELD. WELL-KNOWN AND HIGHLY RESPECTED CREATION SCIENTISTS DON DEYOUNG AND JOHN WHITCOMB SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN AN EASY-TO-COMPREHEND FORMAT. NEWLY REVISED AND EXPANDED, THE BOOK IS A DEFINITIVE WORK ON EARTH'S CLOSEST NEIGHBOR AND ITS CONTINUING FASCINATION AMONG EXPLORERS AND RESEARCHERS.

**Evolving Theories on the Origin of the Moon**

Warren D. Cummings 2019-09-25 This book follows the development of research on the origin of the Moon from the late 18th century to the present. By gathering together the major texts, papers, and events of the time, it provides a thorough chronicle of the paradigmatic shift in planetary science that arose from the notion that the Earth-Moon system was formed from two colliding planetary bodies. The book covers pre-Apollo ideas, the conceptual evolution during and subsequent to the Apollo explorations of the Moon, and the development of the Earth-Moon system consensus. A plethora of excerpts from key publications are included to demonstrate the shift in scientific focus over the centuries.

Through its comprehensive review of lunar science research and literature, this book shows how new technologies and discoveries catalyzed the community and revolutionized our understanding of the Moon's formation.

Astronautics Information Jet Propulsion Laboratory (U.S.) 1961

**The Origin of the Earth's Water** Rao Konduru (Dr) 2020-01-23 Please visit

www.drinkingwaterguide.com Did you know more than 99% of your amazing body's molecules are water molecules, and 55% to 60% of your body weight is water? You therefore should make sure that the water in your body is clean, healthy and nutritious, and more importantly one 100% free of contaminants. This book is designed to help you achieve that goal! This book shows, based on the scientific evidence gathered by astronomers, cosmologists, space scientists and researchers, where exactly our planet Earth is located in our Universe, and how exactly our planet Earth possessed that much liquid water that we drink to survive today. The story begins with the amazing descriptions about the formation of our Universe after the Big Bang, trillions of stars, our spiral-shaped Milky Way Galaxy, our Solar System, our Sun, our planet Earth and our Moon. Drinking Water Guide teaches that we should avoid tap water, well water or bottled water of any kind, and drink only "purified water" that is either neutralized or slightly alkalized, and remineralized up to a TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) level of 200 ppm. Drinking Water Guide also teaches how to purchase or make your own purified water, and how to remineralize and alkalize the purified water with sample experiments conducted at home. "The Origin of the Earth's Water" is the compacted version of the original book "Drinking Water Guide (ISBN # 9780973112061)", which has 20 chapters and 522 pages. "The Origin of the Earth's Water" is compiled with 5 important chapters of the original book "Drinking Water Guide." TABLE OF CONTENTS: DRINKING WATER GUIDE Drinking Water Guide book has 522 pages, 20 Chapters, 121 Figures & 38 Tables. The Origin of the Earth's Water book has 134 pages, 5 Chapters, 28 Figures & 1 Table. The Paperback for both books looks like a workbook (8" x 10" size). CHAPTER 1 THE ORIGIN OF THE EARTH'S WATER CHAPTER 2 DRINKING WATER FACTS & STATISTICS CHAPTER 3 IMPORTANCE OF DRINKING WATER CHAPTER 4 TYPES OF DRINKING WATER CHAPTER 5 TAP WATER CHAPTER 6 BOILED WATER CHAPTER 7 BOTTLED WATER CHAPTER 8 SPRING WATER CHAPTER 9 WELL WATER CHAPTER 10 DEMINERALIZED WATER OR DEIONIZED WATER CHAPTER 11 REVERSE

OSMOSIS WATER CHAPTER 12 DESALINATED WATER CHAPTER 13 DISTILLED WATER CHAPTER 13 APPENDIX-13A, APPENDIX-13B, APPENDIX-13C CHAPTER 14 BRITA, ZERO WATER AND PUR FILTRATION UNITS CHAPTER 15 ATMOSPHERIC WATER GENERATORS CHAPTER 16 HOW TO SANITIZE REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES CHAPTER 17 REMINERALIZATION OF THE PURIFIED WATER (A very important chapter) CHAPTER 18 ALKALINE WATER (A very important chapter) CHAPTER 19 DRINKING WATER GUIDE IN A NUTSHELL CHAPTER 20 THE ORIGIN OF THE EARTH'S WATER (CONTINUATION OF CHAPTER 1) Drinking Water Guide book has 522 pages, 20 Chapters, 121 Figures & 38 Tables. The Origin of the Earth's Water book has 134 pages, 5 Chapters, 28 Figures & 1 Table. BOOK'S FINAL MESSAGE: The water we drink today is at least 4.54 billion years old? Our planet Earth inherited up to 50% of its water from the interstellar medium even before it was born, and the remaining water came from the bombardment of asteroids during the early stages of our solar system formation. Our ancestors' belief that comets brought water to our planet Earth was however proved by our scientists to be a myth. Please visit [www.drinkingwaterguide.com](http://www.drinkingwaterguide.com), and click on "Table of Contents". Read REVIEWS here: [www.drinkingwaterguide.com/REVIEWS.pdf](http://www.drinkingwaterguide.com/REVIEWS.pdf) (copy and paste this URL onto your browser, and read REVIEWS)

**Lunar Sourcebook** Grant Heiken 1991-04-26 The only work to date to collect data gathered during the American and Soviet missions in an accessible and complete reference of current scientific and technical information about the Moon.

*Mastering Astronomy* Gerald North 1988-11-24 A guide to astronomy which attempts to offer the most up-to-date information on the subject. Designed to be used for either individual study or classroom use, the book covers the GCSE syllabus requirements and relevant elements of physics, general science and general studies courses.

*Planetary Geosciences--1988* Maria Zuber 1989 **Science and Creationism** National Academy of Sciences (U.S.) 1999 This edition of Science and Creationism summarizes key aspects of several

of the most important lines of evidence supporting evolution. It describes some of the positions taken by advocates of creation science and presents an analysis of these claims. This document lays out for a broader audience the case against presenting religious concepts in science classes. The document covers the origin of the universe, Earth, and life; evidence supporting biological evolution; and human evolution. (Contains 31 references.) (CCM)

**In Quest of the Universe** Theo Koupelis  
2012-12 Every new copy of *In Quest of the Universe*, Seventh Edition print textbook includes access to the Companion Website. Designed for the nonscience major, *In Quest of the Universe*, Seventh Edition provides a comprehensive, accessible introduction to astronomy, while taking students on an exciting trek through our solar system and beyond. Updated throughout with the latest findings in this fast-paced field, the author unfolds historical and contemporary theories in astronomy to provide a clear account of how the science works. His student-friendly writing style and clear explanations acquaint students with our own solar system before moving on to the stars and distant galaxies. New Comparative Planetology boxes and data table throughout the text examine the similarities and differences in the geology, evolution, and atmospheres of all the planets in our solar system. This rich pedagogy further engages students and motivates them to think critically and develop basic reasoning skills in their studies.

**New and Key Features of the Seventh Edition:**-Updated throughout with the latest discoveries in the field, with new and expanded content found in each chapter.-Added critical thinking and problem solving exercises can be found at the end of each chapter.-New boxes and data tables throughout examine the similarities and differences in the geology, evolution, and atmospheres of all planets in our solar system.-To increase understanding and clarity, sample calculations have been added to mathematical sections.-Instructor's materials include PowerPoint Lecture Slides, PowerPoint Image Bank, Test Bank, Instructor's Manual, animations, and more.-The companion Web site, Starlinks, is included with every new copy of the text and includes study quizzes, Exploration Web

links, animated flashcards, an online glossary, chapter outlines, a calendar of upcoming astronomical events, a guide to the constellations, and a new math review/tutor.

**The Story of Earth** Robert M. Hazen  
2013-07-30 Hailed by *The New York Times* for writing "with wonderful clarity about science . . . that effortlessly teaches as it zips along," nationally bestselling author Robert M. Hazen offers a radical new approach to Earth history in this intertwined tale of the planet's living and nonliving spheres. With an astrobiologist's imagination, a historian's perspective, and a naturalist's eye, Hazen calls upon twenty-first-century discoveries that have revolutionized geology and enabled scientists to envision Earth's many iterations in vivid detail—from the mile-high lava tides of its infancy to the early organisms responsible for more than two-thirds of the mineral varieties beneath our feet. Lucid, controversial, and on the cutting edge of its field, *The Story of Earth* is popular science of the highest order. "A sweeping rip-roaring yarn of immense scope, from the birth of the elements in the stars to meditations on the future habitability of our world." -*Science* "A fascinating story." -Bill McKibben

**Encyclopedia of Geochemistry** William M. White  
2018-07-24 *The Encyclopedia* is a complete and authoritative reference work for this rapidly evolving field. Over 200 international scientists, each experts in their specialties, have written over 330 separate topics on different aspects of geochemistry including geochemical thermodynamics and kinetics, isotope and organic geochemistry, meteorites and cosmochemistry, the carbon cycle and climate, trace elements, geochemistry of high and low temperature processes, and ore deposition, to name just a few. The geochemical behavior of the elements is described as is the state of the art in analytical geochemistry. Each topic incorporates cross-referencing to related articles, and also has its own reference list to lead the reader to the essential articles within the published literature. The entries are arranged alphabetically, for easy access, and the subject and citation indices are comprehensive and extensive. Geochemistry applies chemical techniques and approaches to understanding the Earth and how it works. It touches upon almost

every aspect of earth science, ranging from applied topics such as the search for energy and mineral resources, environmental pollution, and climate change to more basic questions such as the Earth's origin and composition, the origin and evolution of life, rock weathering and metamorphism, and the pattern of ocean and mantle circulation. Geochemistry allows us to assign absolute ages to events in Earth's history, to trace the flow of ocean water both now and in the past, trace sediments into subduction zones and arc volcanoes, and trace petroleum to its source rock and ultimately the environment in which it formed. The earliest of evidence of life is chemical and isotopic traces, not fossils, preserved in rocks. Geochemistry has allowed us to unravel the history of the ice ages and thereby deduce their cause. Geochemistry allows us to determine the swings in Earth's surface temperatures during the ice ages, determine the temperatures and pressures at which rocks have been metamorphosed, and the rates at which ancient magma chambers cooled and crystallized. The field has grown rapidly more sophisticated, in both analytical techniques that can determine elemental concentrations or isotope ratios with exquisite precision and in computational modeling on scales ranging from atomic to planetary.

*The Moon* David Schrank 2007-11-27 This extraordinary book details how the Moon could be used as a springboard for Solar System exploration. It presents a realistic plan for placing and servicing telescopes on the Moon, and highlights the use of the Moon as a base for an early warning system from which to combat threats of near-Earth objects. A realistic vision of human development and settlement of the Moon over the next one hundred years is presented, and the author explains how global living standards for the Earth can be enhanced through the use of lunar-based generated solar power. From that beginning, the people of the Earth would evolve into a spacefaring civilisation.

**Discovering the Universe** Neil F. Comins 2011-04-25 *Discovering the Universe* is the bestselling brief text for descriptive one-term astronomy courses (especially those with no mathematics prerequisites). Carried along by the book's vibrant main theme, "the process of

scientific discovery," the Ninth Edition furthers the book's legacy for presenting concepts clearly and accurately while providing all the pedagogical tools to make the learning process memorable.

#### **A History of Modern Planetary Physics**

Stephen G. Brush 1996-04-26 Where did we come from? Before there was life there had to be something to live on - a planet, a solar system. During the past 200 years, astronomers and geologists have developed and tested several different theories about the origin of the solar system and the nature of the Earth. Together, the three volumes that make up *A History of Modern Planetary Physics* present a survey of these theories. The early twentieth century saw the replacement of the Nebular Hypothesis with the Chamberlain-Moulton theory that the solar system resulted from the encounter of the Sun with a passing star. *Fruitful Encounters* follows the eventual refutation of the encounter theory and the subsequent revival of a modernised Nebular Hypothesis. Professor Brush also discusses the role of findings from the Apollo space programme, especially the analysis of lunar samples, culminating in the establishment, in the 1980s, of the 'giant impact' theory of the Moon's origin.

**Origin of the Moon** William K. Hartmann 1986

**Rare Earth** Peter D. Ward 2007-05-08 What determines whether complex life will arise on a planet, or even any life at all? Questions such as these are investigated in this groundbreaking book. In doing so, the authors synthesize information from astronomy, biology, and paleontology, and apply it to what we know about the rise of life on Earth and to what could possibly happen elsewhere in the universe. Everyone who has been thrilled by the recent discoveries of extrasolar planets and the indications of life on Mars and the Jovian moon Europa will be fascinated by *Rare Earth*, and its implications for those who look to the heavens for companionship.

*Planetary Science* George H. A. Cole 2002-04-01 There are many planetary systems other than our own, but it is only through a detailed understanding of the relatively accessible bodies in our solar system that a thorough appreciation of planetary science can be gained. This is particularly pertinent with the recent discovery

of extra-solar planets and the desire to understand their formation and

The Moon S.K. Runcorn 2012-12-06 Proceedings of Symposium No. 47 organized by the IAU held in Newcastle upon Tyne, England, March 22-26, 1971

#### **A Question and Answer Guide to Astronomy**

Carol Christian 2017-03-23 Contains 250 questions and answers about astronomy, particular for the amateur astronomer.

#### **The Moon - Basic Knowledge** Ankit Raj

2018-03-18 The Moon - Basic Knowledge is a book where you will find basic information about earth's moon. The book contains only basic things like formation theories, size etc.

#### **Wacky and Wonderful Misconceptions**

##### **About Our Universe** Geoffrey Kirby 2018-05-25

From unicorns on the Moon to UFOs piloted by Martian bees, this book chronicles some of the strangest ideas that have been put forward - and have actually been believed in -- about our universe. Drawn from tales dating from the Middle Ages to the present, this collection of stories takes readers on an imaginative and wild ride through the ages and minds of some of the wackiest, tackiest, most outlandish concepts in astronomy, cosmology and physics. Follow along as Geoff Kirby recounts each quirky idea in detail and explains how these theories fare against modern astronomical research and technologies.

Planetary Geosciences--1988 Maria T. Zuber 1989

#### **Universe: The Solar System** Roger Freedman

2010-01-06 Universe. When it comes to staying current with latest discoveries, clearing away common misconceptions, and harnessing the power of media in the service of students and instructors, no other full-length introduction to astronomy can match it. Now the textbook that has evolved discovery by discovery with the science of astronomy and education technology for over two decades returns in spectacular new edition, thoroughly updated and offering unprecedented media options. Available in Split Volumes Universe: Stars and Galaxies, Fourth Edition, 1-4292-4015-6 Universe: The Solar System, Fourth Edition, 1-4292-4016-4

#### **Origin of the Earth and Moon** Alfred E.

Ringwood 2012-12-06 Since the beginning of civilization, the origins of the Earth and Moon

have been the subjects of continuing interest, speculation, and enquiry. These are also among the most challenging of all scientific problems. They are, perhaps to a unique degree, interdisciplinary, having attracted the attention of philosophers, astronomers, mathematicians, geologists, chemists, and physicists. A large and diverse literature has developed, far beyond the capacity of individuals to assimilate adequately. Consequently, most of those who attempt to present review-syntheses in the area tend to reflect the perspectives of their own particular disciplines. The present author's approach is that of a geochemist, strongly influenced by the basic philosophy of Harold Urey. Whereas most astronomical phenomena are controlled by gravitational and magnetic fields, and by nuclear interactions, Urey (1952) emphasized that the formation of the solar system occurred in a pressure-temperature regime wherein the chemical properties of matter were at least as important as those of gravitational and magnetic fields. This was the principal theme of his 1952 book, "The Planets," which revolutionized our approach to this subject. In many subsequent papers, Urey strongly emphasized the importance of meteorites in providing critical evidence of chemical conditions in the primordial solar nebula, and of the chemical fractionation processes which occurred during formation of the terrestrial planets. This approach has been followed by most subsequent geochemists and cosmochemists.

#### **Moons: A Very Short Introduction** David A.

Rothery 2015-11-26 Proving to be both varied and fascinating, moons are far more common than planets in our Solar System. Our own Moon has had a profound influence on Earth, not only through tidal effects, but even on the behaviour of some marine animals. Many remarkable things have been discovered about the moons of the giant outer planets from Voyager, Galileo, Cassini, and other spacecraft. Scientists have glimpsed volcanic activity on Io, found oceans of water on Titan, and captured photos of icy geysers bursting from Enceladus. It looks likely that microbial life beyond the Earth may be discovered on a moon rather than a planet. In this Very Short Introduction David Rothery introduces the reader to the moons of our Solar System, beginning with the early discoveries of

Galileo and others, describing their variety of mostly mythological names, and the early use of Jupiter's moons to establish position at sea and to estimate the speed of light. Rothery discusses the structure, formation, and influence of our Moon, and those of the other planets, and ends with the recent discovery of moons orbiting asteroids, whilst looking forward to the possibility of finding moons of exoplanets in planetary systems far beyond our own. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions

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