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GO LOOK AT THE MOON

GREETINGS MOON MUSERS – TRACE HERE – THE MOON IS OUR CONSTANT COMPANION IN THE STARS WHICH USUALLY MEANS IT GETS OVERLOOKED – SO THIS WEEK LET’S SPEND A MINUTE ON THE MOON.

HIT THE DARKNESS AROUND 12AM. ON TUESDAY, THERE WILL BE A LUNAR ECLIPSE. THE FURTHER WEST YOU ARE THE BETTER THE VIEW WILL BE. USE AN APP TO FIND THE BEST TIME TO SEE IT!

BUT, ECLIPSE OR NO, THE MOON IS STILL BEAUTIFUL! TRY TO MAKE OUT THE GRAY VOLCANIC FIELDS CALLED MARIA. GRAB BINOCULARS AND LOOK FOR THE PROMINENT CRATERS – LIKE TYCHO SURROUNDED BY IMPACT EJECTA.

THE MOON IS THE CENTER OF COUNTLESS ANCIENT AND MODERN MYTHS. IN ANCIENT FINLAND THEY SAID THE MOON WAS THE WHITES OF AN EGG LAID BY A DUCK, AND THE STARS WERE FRAGMENTS OF THE SHELL. TODAY, PEOPLE BELIEVE THE MOON AFFECTS MOODS AND EVEN BIRTHS! THOUGH VERY CAREFUL STUDIES OF MILLIONS OF BIRTHS DISAGREE – IT’S SOMETIMES FUN TO SPECULATE. KEEP LOOKIN’ UP!