

# Bigger Lune

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maa32 — 06 Apr 2002, 06:01

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Roy C. Lackey — 06 Apr 2002, 21:25 · follows maa32

Marc wrote:

Date: Saturday, April 06, 2002 12:01 AM

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He doesn't say that it is "much bigger", nor was he looking at Lune. He was on Blue and looking at Green. What he says is: "Our Green is not as big as theirs, but ours was plenty bright." (366) So, Lune appears bigger to Hoof than Green does when viewed under similar conditions, but that hardly makes Lune "much bigger" than Green. As you have noted, Lune was closer to Urth in Sev's day than Moon is to Earth in ours, which is sufficient reason for us, the readers, to account for it appearing larger in Urth's sky than it does now. But Hoof doesn't know that--he can't. If Hoof was viewing the same object (Lune/Green) from the same platform (Urth/Blue), as you contend, it should appear to him as the same size--everything else being equal. What isn't equal, at least for Green and Blue, is the six-year cycle of convergence/divergence. That Lune looks larger to him indicates that either Lune was closer to Urth in Sev's day than Green comes to Blue even at conjunction, or he wasn't looking at the same object from the same place.

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Even if we ignore the rest and stipulate that Green is Lune, how would the inhumi ever be able to overcome what for them would be 6 times (or more, if you had your way) the gravity they grew up with, and be able to fly back to Green from Blue, in order to breed?

-Roy