

Eating the Sun!

What do you think people would do if the sun **totally disappeared** in mid-day? Or if the full moon suddenly went dark? These events **DO** happen!! They're called **eclipses**, and they occur **a few times every year** someplace in the world.

The ancients thought of eclipses as **omens**, foretelling the future. The Chinese even believed that dragons in the sky were **devouring the sun** or the moon, and they made great noise to "scare" these demons away.



In reality, an eclipse is a specific precise alignment of the sun, Earth, and moon — all **moving like clockwork** in the universe which **God created**.

The fact that astronomers can predict exactly when eclipses will happen **proves this point!**

There are people today who follow old **pagan beliefs** — they think that the "energy" of the full moon can affect your life. The supposed "energy" varies in strength and power, depending on the phase. What utter nonsense !! The moon **does not change** just because we see it lit from different angles!



In the case of a **solar eclipse** (eclipse of the **sun**), the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, **blocking the sun completely for a few minutes** and casting a very narrow shadow onto the Earth.



During a **lunar eclipse** (eclipse of the **moon**), the moon slowly passes into the Earth's shadow and **goes dark for a few hours**.

God created our world and the universe with **great wisdom and order**. He is always in control — even of the sun and the moon. And if He's powerful enough to oversee them, we can be sure **He'll guide our steps** as well.

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. — Psalm 19:1