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In a groundbreaking study published in Nature Communications, a team of planetary scientists led by Li, Wang, and Zhang has unveiled compelling evidence about the Moon's volatile history, ...

The core contracts and heats up, causing the outer layers to expand and cool. In stars like the Sun, helium fusion begins in the core, leading to the formation of heavier elements. In more massive stars, the core can reach ...

Contrary to the process of soil formation on Earth, the formation of lunar soil is caused by the thermal expansion of lunar rocks in the absence of O₂, water, wind, and life activity, due to the ...

The moon landing was the climax of the Space Race, a fierce competition between the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War. After the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1 in ...

The Moon displays these eight phases one after the other as it moves through its cycle each month. It takes about 27.3 days for the Moon to orbit Earth. However, because of how sunlight hits the Moon, it takes about ...

The images of Earth from the moon fostered a new environmental consciousness, highlighting our planet's fragility. Scientifically, the Apollo missions brought back 382 kilograms of lunar rocks ...

Scientists believe that the Moon formed early in the solar system's history after Earth and an object about the size of Mars smashed into each other. The impact sent chunks of Earth and the impactor into space that were pulled ...

Our new findings confirm a homogenous sulfur isotope of the whole lunar interior, and from a volatile element perspective, offer further constraints on models for the Moon's formation.

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The Moon is strongly depleted in volatile elements and exhibits heavier isotopic signatures (e.g., K, Zn) than the Earth. However, the pronounced nearside-farside dichotomy and uneven ...

Moon, Earth's sole natural satellite and nearest celestial body. Known since prehistoric times, it is the brightest object in the sky after the Sun. Its name in English, like that of Earth, is of Germanic and Old English derivation.

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Moon's Orientale Basin, 1967 The multi-ringed Orientale Basin, or Mare Orientale, on the Moon, in a photograph taken in 1967 by the Lunar Orbiter 4 spacecraft. The giant impact structure's outermost rim, the Cordillera Mountains, is 930 ...

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