

## Portuguese Thales: “Sun and Moon”

When the Sun met the Moon it was love at first sight.

God hadn't created the world yet and when he did it he decided to give it a final detail: the shining! The Sun should shine during the day and the Moon by night. So, they were going to live apart from each other.

They were so very sad when they knew this.

The Moon was more and more sad and in spite of the brightness that she was given she became very lonely.

On the other hand, the Sun he had earned the title of “king star” but he wasn't happy.

So God explained them that they shouldn't be sad because they were having their own brightness.

- You, Moon, will enlighten the hot and cold nights and delight the lovers.

- You, Sun, will be the most important star and will light the day, giving the heat to the living beings.

The Moon went on feeling sad with her destiny and cried for days and days ... The Sun became stronger to support the Moon accepting her destiny.

However, he was so worried that he asked God to help the Moon to support her loneliness.

So God, in his great kindness, created the stars to keep the Moon company. When she is sad the stars try to comfort the Moon. But it's helpless.

They still live this way: separated. The Sun pretends to be happy and the Moon can't hide her sadness.

The Sun still has a great passion for the Moon. She still lives on darkness, missing his love. They say that God wanted the Moon to be always full and bright. But she can't do it. She is female and she has different phases. When she is happy she is FULL MOON, but when she is unhappy, she is waning and she has no brightness.

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The Moon and the Sun go along with their destiny: he is lonely but strong; she is weak but in the company of stars.

However, God decided that in his creation Love shouldn't be impossible, not even for the Sun and the Moon ...

And so he created the eclipse ...

Still today, they live expecting those rare moments (so hard to reach) when God allowed them to love each other.

From now on, when you look at the sky and see the Sun covering the Moon, it's because they are making love.

And the eclipse happens! The light is so large that we shouldn't look at the sky at this time.

We can go blind of seeing so much love...

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