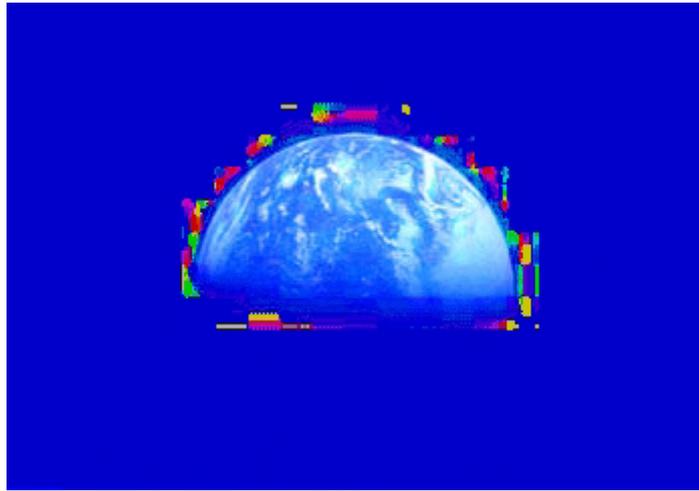


# Hoax *Earthrise* Photos Released by NASA

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It is well known that big organizations sometimes lie. Some lie to sell more products and increase profits, while others lie to manipulate public opinion. Some even exist for the sole purpose of lying, to engage in systematic deception. NASA is one of these.

In His Holy Word, God points to two outstanding proofs of His existence and His sovereignty. One is the fabulous array of stars in the firmament, and the other is the stunning multiplicity of animals and other life-forms on earth. The Enemy has been steadily attacking and undermining the evidential power of both. He has set up the pathetic 'science' of evolution to convince the public that life virtually arises of itself from inert matter. If that is the case, then the wonderful creatures that populate the earth simply cannot be taken as proof of our Creator. He has also set up NASA to promote a model of the stars and the firmament, including the earth itself, which bears no relation to the world described in the Bible.

## **Propaganda**

NASA is continually releasing propaganda material to fix the false cosmological model in the public mind. On the whole it has been highly successful at this. Most people believe they are standing on a spinning globe which is hurling through empty space, around a massive star which radiates heat and light through nuclear fusion. In this model the earth is simply a 'planet', a satellite of the sun, and its entire mass is but an infinitesimally tiny fraction of the mass of the 'universe' as a whole. Most of the 'universe' is empty space, with so little matter that, if it were compressed into a ball, it would hardly be noticed. In this model, Creation is utterly insignificant, purely accidental, and devoid of all meaning and purpose.

In short, it is a vile Luciferian lie, a blasphemous mockery of God's wonderful Creation.

In this paper we will look at some of the fake photos that NASA has been releasing. These are an extremely important part of its deception since they purport to portray a spherical earth in space. As such they are taken visible proof that the earth is a globe, one of many tiny 'planets' orbiting the sun.

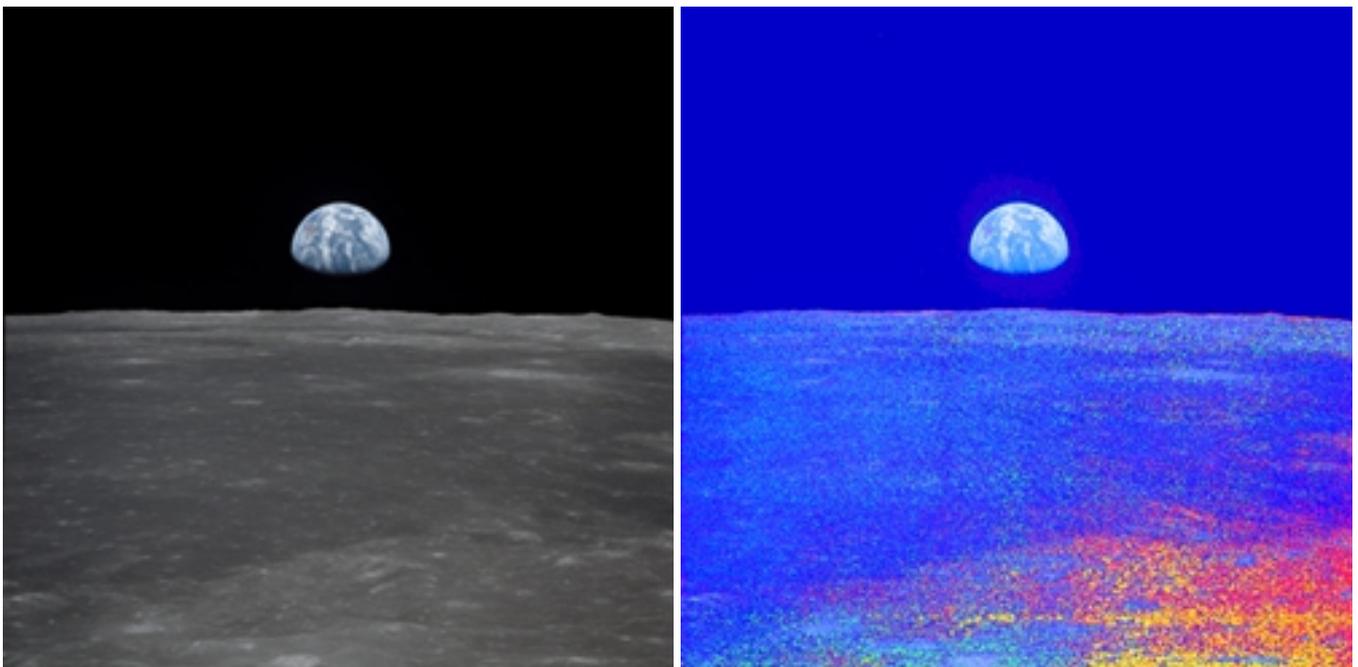
### **Methodology**

Before we examine these hoax photos, we first need to explain our methodology. The photos released by NASA are in digital form. This means they comprise millions of pixels or light points of various hues and intensities. If a digital photo is to be intelligible and to produce the image that its author intended, it must conform with standard parameters, otherwise the same pixel information will look different on different screens. These are exposure, brightness, contrast, hue, and saturation.

Software packages like Photoshop allow all of these to be manipulated to suit one's taste. They also allow individual elements to be transformed in a number of ways and portions of other photographic material to be imported and pasted into selected locations. The photos of models and movie stars on glossy magazine covers are invariably manipulated in this way to produce a more sensual and alluring image.

If we look 'behind the scenes' in a random NASA photo we will find nothing unusual. Here is an example of one in its intended or published form and, to the right, the same photo with both brightness and saturation greatly enhanced (using the Photoscape package):

### **EXAMPLE 1**



This is one of the famous 'Earthrise' photos, which purports to show the earth rising above the moon's horizon. It was allegedly taken during the Apollo 11 mission in 1969. Here is what the official NASA website states in its accompanying blurb:

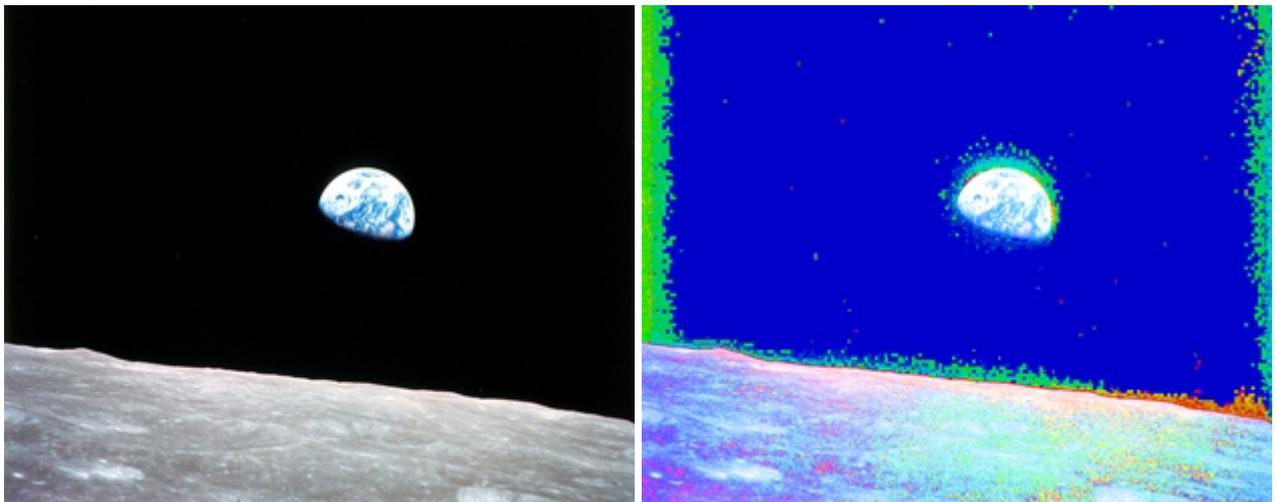
"AS11-44-6552 (16-24 July 1969) – This view of Earth rising over the moon's horizon was taken from the Apollo spacecraft. The lunar terrain pictured is in the area of Smyth's Sea on the nearside. Coordinates of the center of the terrain are 85 degrees east longitude and 3 degrees north latitude. While astronaut Neil A. Armstrong, commander; and Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., lunar module pilot, descended in the Lunar Module (LM) "Eagle" to explore the Sea of Tranquility region of the moon, astronaut Michael Collins remained with the Command and Service Modules (CSM) "Columbia" in lunar orbit."

Source: [https://spaceflight.nasa.gov/gallery/images/apollo/apollo11/html/as11\\_44\\_6552.html](https://spaceflight.nasa.gov/gallery/images/apollo/apollo11/html/as11_44_6552.html)

Even though the photo is a fake, the version on the right (above), where brightness and saturation are greatly increased, shows no sign of tampering.

## **EXAMPLE 2**

However, not all of the photos released by NASA have been compiled with the same care. Consider the following:



This photo can be found (in full resolution) on the NASA website. The blurb states:

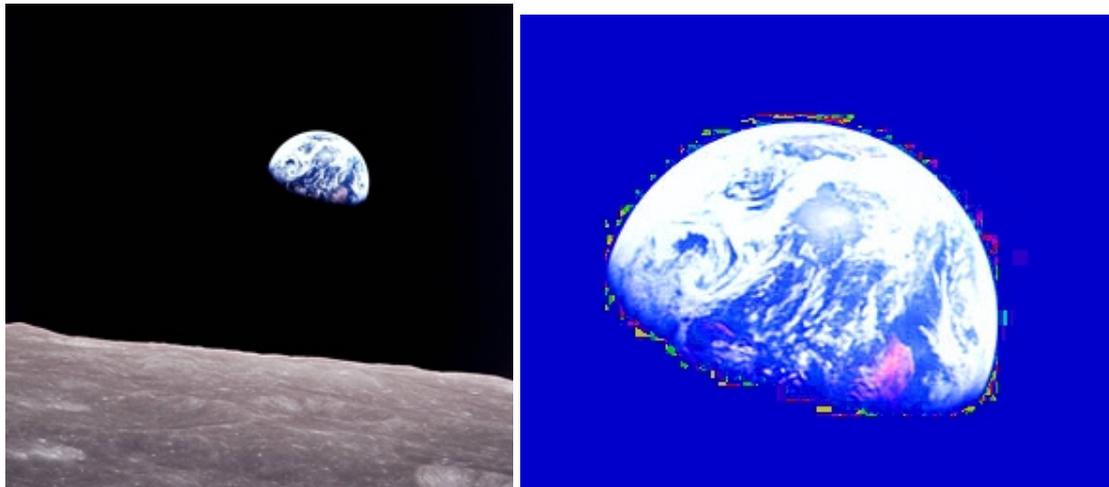
"Apollo 8, the first manned mission to the moon, entered lunar orbit on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1968. That evening, the astronauts-Commander Frank Borman, Command Module Pilot Jim Lovell, and Lunar Module Pilot William Anders-held a live broadcast from lunar orbit, in which they showed pictures of the Earth and moon as seen from their spacecraft. Said Lovell, "The vast loneliness is awe-inspiring and it makes you realize just what you have back there on Earth." They ended the broadcast with the crew taking turns reading from the book of Genesis."

Source: [https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/image\\_feature\\_1249.html](https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/image_feature_1249.html)

Here we find something unusual in the right-hand photo (which has had its brightness and saturation increased to the same degree as in the previous example). There is considerable 'green' activity around the edge of the photo, along the moon's horizon, and around the image of the earth. This is indicative of tampering.

### **EXAMPLE 3**

In our next example, the signs of tampering are even more pronounced:



The official NASA website blurb states:

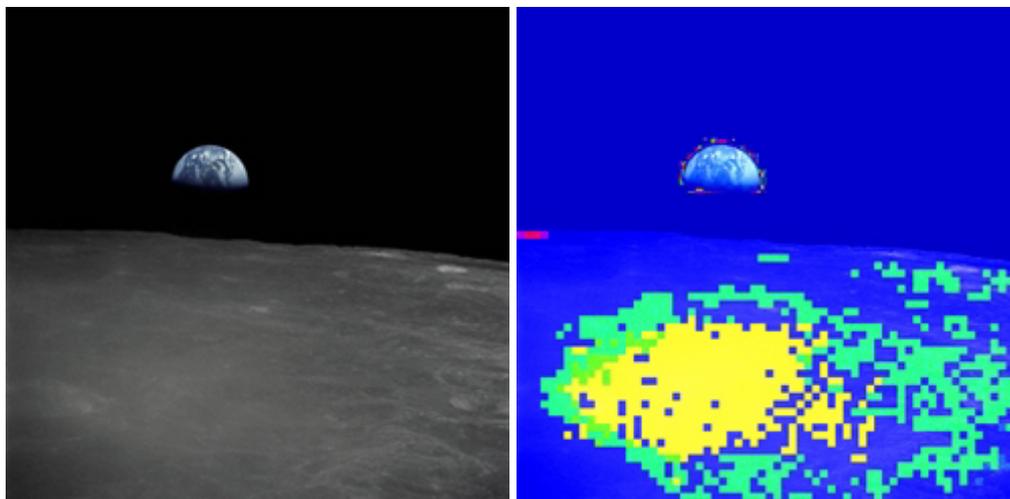
"Taken aboard Apollo 8 by Bill Anders, this iconic picture shows Earth peeking out from beyond the lunar surface as the first crewed spacecraft circumnavigated the Moon."

Source: <https://www.nasa.gov/image-feature/apollo-8-earthrise>

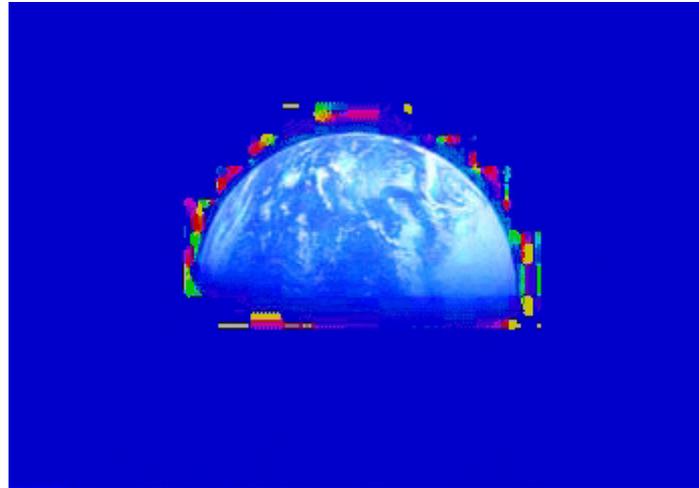
The photo on the right, showing the detail of the earth, has telltale marks all around the edge, showing that this part of the photo was copied from another source – a detailed artistic mock-up of a globe-shaped earth – and pasted in.

### **EXAMPLE 4**

Our next example is even more revealing:



The photo on the right (above), which has had its brightness and saturation increased to the same degree as in the previous examples, shows signs of extensive tampering. Substantial parts of the foreground have been reworked, while a globe-shaped earth has once again been pasted into the photo, as the following enlargement shows:



Here is what the blurb says:

"The Apollo 16 crew captured this Earthrise with a handheld Hasselblad camera during the second revolution of the moon. Identifiable craters seen on the moon include Saha, Wyld and Saenger. Much of the terrain seen here is never visible from the Earth, as the command module was passing onto what is known as the 'dark side' of the moon.

"Apollo 16 launched on April 16, 1972 and landed on the moon on April 20. The mission was commanded by John Young; Thomas K. Mattingly II was the command module pilot and Charles M. Duke, Jr. served as the lunar module pilot."

Source: [https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/image\\_feature\\_1335.html](https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/image_feature_1335.html)



## EXAMPLE 5



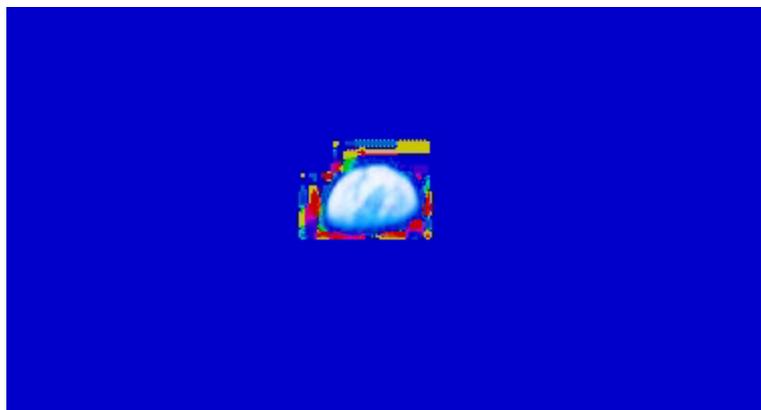
The blurb accompanying this photo on the NASA website states:

"Scientist-astronaut Harrison H. Schmitt stands by the American flag during a moonwalk on the Apollo 17 mission. Home, that small dot in the blackness of space above the flag, is a quarter-million miles away.

"Schmitt, Gene Cernan and Ron Evans made the Apollo program's final journey to the moon in December 1972."

Source: [https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/image\\_feature\\_1241.html](https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/image_feature_1241.html)

Again NASA trivializes the earth, "that small dot in the blackness of space," in another cut-and-paste job. These Masonic blasphemers seem to derive great pleasure from mocking God's wonderful work:



## **EXAMPLE 6**

In this example (#6), we see the NASA dream machine at its most audacious. One wonders how anyone could indulge in this kind of deception and not be overcome by revulsion. They don't seem to understand that one day they will be held to account and all of their dark schemes will come to nothing: **"Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked; For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out."** (Proverbs 24:19-20)

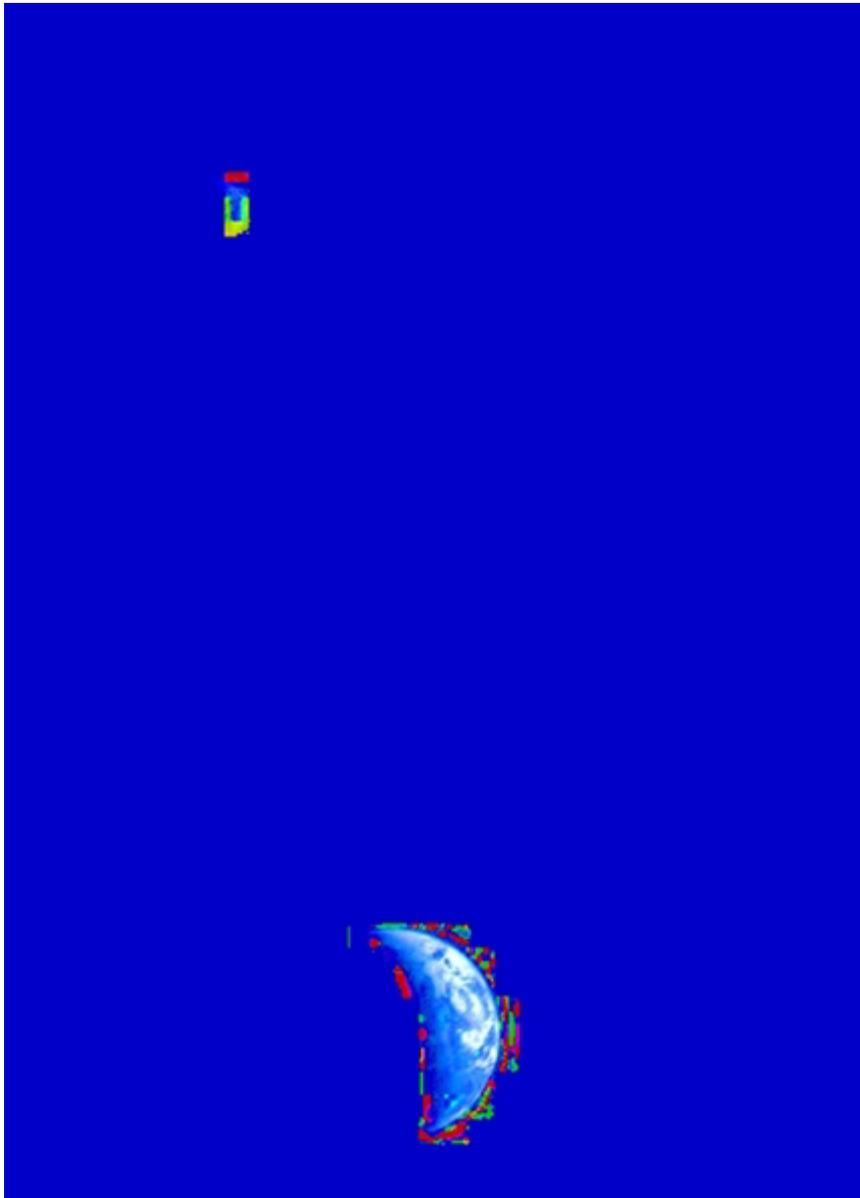


"This picture of a crescent-shaped Earth and Moon – the first of its kind ever taken by a spacecraft – was recorded Sept. 18, 1977, by NASA Voyager 1 when it was 7.25 million miles 11.66 million kilometers from Earth." [NASA blurb]

Source: <https://images.nasa.gov/details-PIA01967.html>

This photo was seemingly posted for the first time on the NASA website on 20 April 2009, more than thirty years after the event! This is further evidence that they are all of recent origin, made in the USA.

Below we can see how the photo was made using a straightforward cut-and-paste procedure to insert both the earth and the moon onto a dark background:



**"Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge?  
who eat up my people as they eat bread,  
and call not upon the LORD."**

**– Psalm 14:4**

## **CONCLUSION**

We could give many more examples. These people are shameless – and dangerously deceitful.

Bible-believing Christians need to seriously re-examine their understanding of Biblical cosmology, and to do so with a truly Berean attitude. A huge amount of information has become available on the Internet over the past 3-4 years which shows that NASA is lying. Believers need to look through this and reflect on the evidence. They also need to go back to God's Word and study, verse by verse, the passages which, considered collectively, present a cosmology which is vastly different from the one taught by NASA and modern science.

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