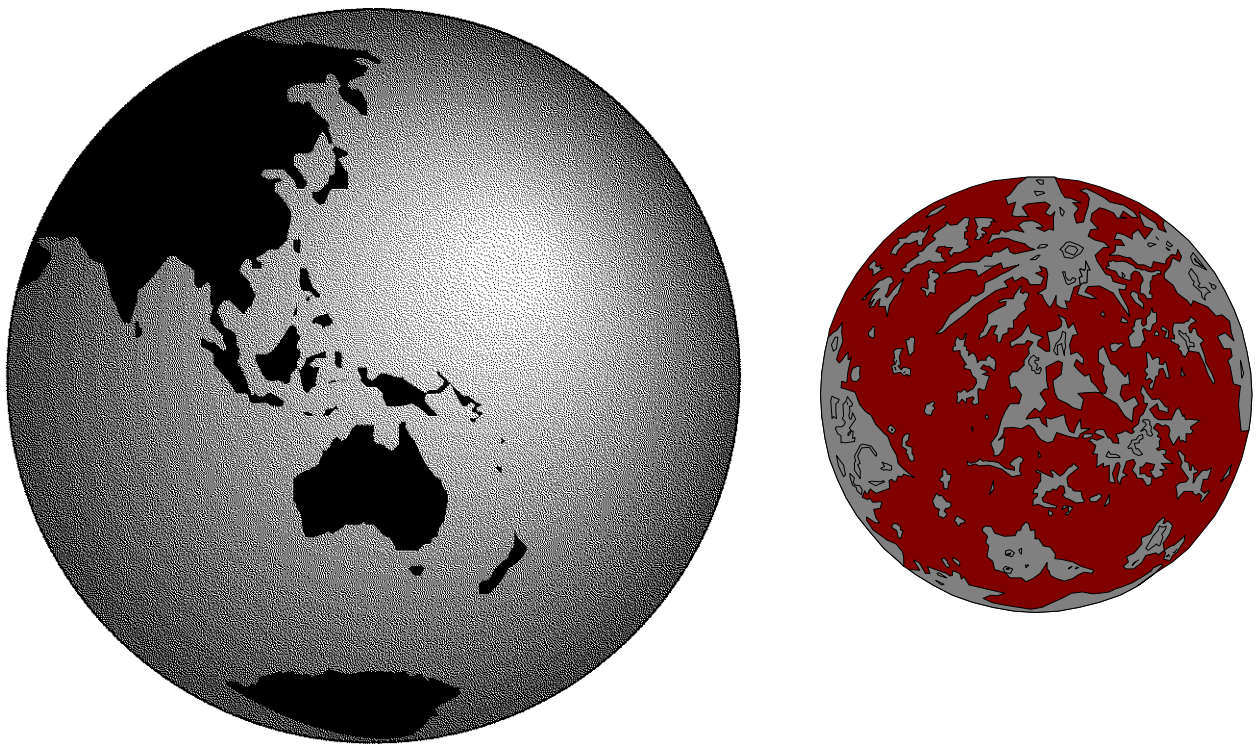


The Moon could not have been formed from the earth 3 billion years ago



**The Moon is moving away from the earth
at 4 cm per year. At this rate it would
have been touching the earth about
1.4 billion years ago.**