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Having bonded in pairs at low tide, these newly formed molecular strands would then dissociate at high tide, when salt concentrations were reduced, providing what Lathe terms a self-replicating system. The large range of volumes in these reservoirs and the rates at which water cycles between them combine to create important conditions on Earth. This asymmetry of land and water distribution between the Northern and Southern hemispheres makes the two hemispheres behave very differently in response to the annual variation in received by Earth.

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Actually, all the elevated land could be hidden under the oceans and Earth reduced to a smooth sphere that would be completely covered by a continuous layer of seawater more than 2,600 metres 8,530 feet deep. If so, life may ultimately owe its origins to our serendipitously large moon.

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This was remarkable, since the original effort relied entirely on the sparse depth measurements accumulated by individual wire soundings, while the more recent work had the benefit of acoustic depth soundings collected since the 1920s.

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Our disproportionately large nearby moon certainly gave Earth an early tidal nudge. The exposed land occupies the remaining 29 percent of the planetary surface and has a mean elevation of about 840 metres approximately 2,755 feet.

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But is life itself also ultimately a fluke of the tides? In 1921 Erwin Kossina, a German geographer, published tables giving the distribution of oceanic water with depth for the oceans and seas. That is one reason why so much time and energy still goes into unraveling the mystery of life's origins on our own planet. This type of analysis, called, allows quantification of the area distribution of the oceans and their marginal seas with depth.

For a full description of the water in the oceans, see. The boundaries of each ocean are largely defined by the that frame them. In the temperate latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere, the land is much warmer than the oceanic area in summer and much colder in winter.

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