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When the first people lived upon the earth a dog came to them one day and said, "All people will die like the moon, but unlike the moon you will not return to life again unless you give me some milk to drink out of your gourd and beer to drink through your straw. If you do this, I will arrange for you to go to the river when you die and to come to life again on the third day."

The people, however, laughed at the dog, and gave him some milk and beer to drink off a stool.

The dog was angry at not being served in the same vessels as a human being, and although he drank the milk and beer he went away saying, "All people will die, and the moon alone will return to life."

This is how it is that when people die they remain away, whilst when the moon dies she reappears after three days' absence.