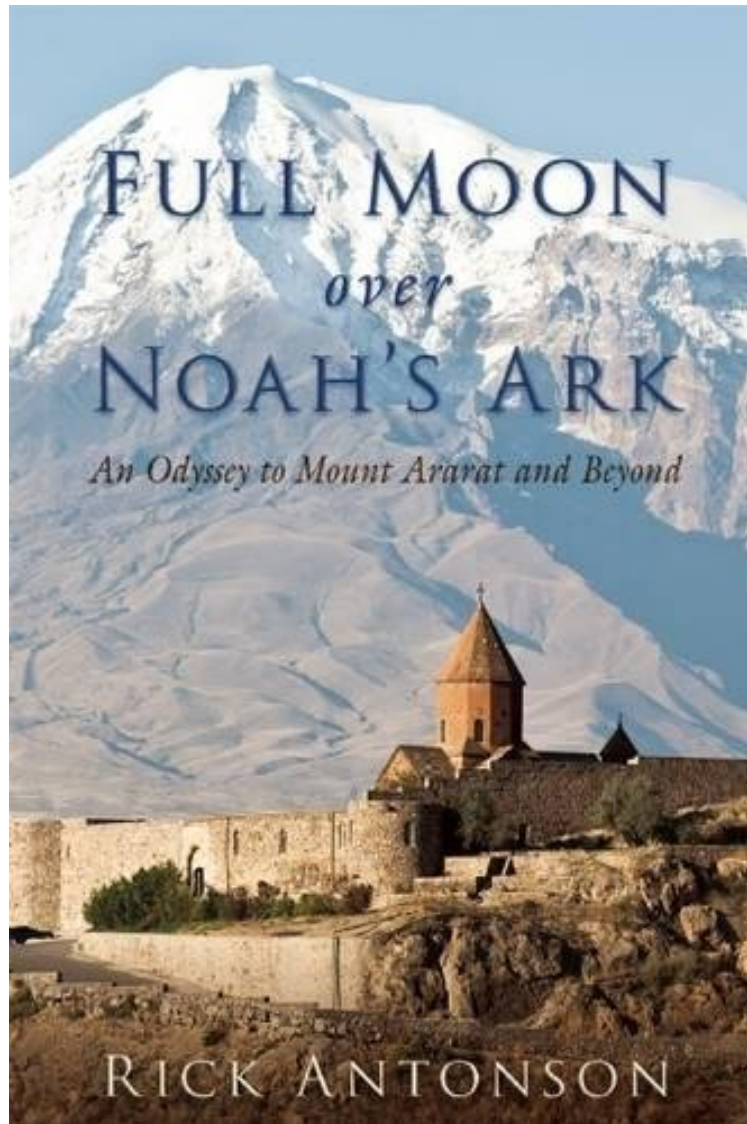


# Full Moon over Noahs Ark: An Odyssey to Mount Ararat and Beyond

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