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PREFACE

Since the reprinting of this little brochure in November of 1941, there have been many strange happenings in the realm of Nature, especially since the start of the American entry into World War #2. Hence in this 6th. edition, you will find added in the form of an extra page, some information regarding these events of Nature which the publisher feels will be of interest to all who read this treatise on the New Pole Star.

As this is being reprinted in the fall of the year, may we remind you that at this particular period, during the dark of the Moon, the heavens are perhaps more beautiful than at any other time, the skies are clearer and some of the constellations are easily seen from almost any point in the U. S. A. just before the winter solstice. You can hardly glance at the sky without seeing beautiful Orion, as it rises in the eastern sky, and the Pleiades, sometimes called the Seven Sisters, which precedes it; you will enjoy the study of the following pages if you acquaint yourself with some of these heavenly bodies and their locations, especially is it suggested that you study the location of the present Pole Star and its vicinity.

A star map may help you in locating some of the constellations and the appropriate time to view them.

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Psalms 19:1-6

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In them hath He set a tabernacle for the Sun.

Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven and His circuit unto the ends of it; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof."

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"His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and His circuit unto the ends of it." They knew this in the ancient days; modern Astronomy is beginning to learn it in these latter days.

All of the foregoing is in the world of Science. The name of God in the world of Science is EL or ELOHIM.

The second section of this Psalm from verses 7-14 deals with Religion. The name of God in the world of Religion is Jehovah. Now Jehovah and Elohim are not two GODS, but ONE person with more than one name. I was born in the house of my father with a surname. At the baptismal font I was given three other names, but I am not Four persons because I have four names.

To remind you once again, the first part of this Psalm is God in His relationship to the material universe under the name of El or Elohim - the great field of Science. The second part is GOD in His Kingdom, the Redeemer of Israel, the Savior of men, under the name of Jehovah. Out of Science into Religion - a steady progress. The Psalmist saw three thousand years ago that truth progresses, and, let us thank Almighty God, that position is unshaken, and that truth is absolutely sure to this day.

A statement has been made by a very prominent Dean that "modern astronomy has destroyed the hope of a place called Heaven". With it, he declared, must go the physical Resurrection of Jesus. To assert that modern Astronomy has destroyed the hope of a place called Heaven is absolute nonsense. Modern Astronomy most certainly has proved no such thing, and, by the very nature of it, could not prove such a thing. Modern Astronomy is taken up entirely with the consideration of worlds set in the heavens, of their distances from the earth, of their distances from each other, of their bulk, their orbits and their movements. In all the great field of Astronomy there is not one single element that does not deal with time and space. So that if there is a being, not of earth, and not Omnipresent, that being must dwell somewhere in the Universe. It does not matter whether that being is clothed with a material body or not, if he has a personality, separate from the Personality of God, he must dwell somewhere - so Astronomy says.

What does Astronomy actually know about these things? Well, it knows intimately one race of men and women, dwelling in one world, in the field of Astronomy. I wonder if you know where that world is, and what race of beings that is?

Astronomy knows of a human race that is dwelling in the Planet called earth. That Planet is a member of the Solar System in the world of Astronomy. If that race can dwell in a place called "earth" today, why cannot it dwell in a place called "Heaven" tomorrow? To say that Astronomy has proved that there is no such place as Heaven is talking nonsense.

As to the resurrection from the dead, certainly if Modern Science sets aside and refuses to accept the testimony of the New Testament, then it knows nothing whatsoever of the resurrection of the dead from any other source. Everyone who accepts the well-attested statement of the Gospel knows that physical resurrection is not in question at all, because, as a scientific fact, it has begun already. There was One, the first Begotten from the dead, Who arose and Who appeared before many witnesses. Many have wondered about His physical nature. "Then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst and said 'Peace be unto you ...Handle Me, and see: a spirit hath not flesh, and bones as ye see Me have'." He appeared to them on another occasion, and said: "Have ye here any meat?" They set before Him a two-course meal - fish for dinner, and honey for dessert. He partook of the food before them. There is not any question at all in regard to the physical resurrection of the dead. If one does not believe, then one must deny positive evidence which has been accepted by Christianity for nearly 2,000 years. Jesus said: "Because I live, ye shall live also".

Now let us glance at some constructive work, and look for a moment or two at the wonderful account of the Creation. The testimony of the Lord as to His own creative activity rises superior to that of any other literature on that question that

has ever been written by any school, or ever will be written until our Lord shall return.

The following is a very condensed statement which will enable you to follow with your eye and ear at the same time.

ELOHIM ACTIVITY.

I wish to call your attention first to that Name - ELOHIM. "In the beginning GOD (Elohim) created the Heaven and the Earth." You will see that Name is later changed to Jehovah Elohim; and a little later on you will see the name changed again to Jehovah. This is steady progress. In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth. You will notice particularly that there are only two units - the Heaven - the sidereal heaven to which the Astronomer turns his telescope, and the Earth, which name denotes the parent "nebula" or astral body which later took on the form of the solar system and consisted of one enormous star or nebula.

There are no sun, moon and planets in the first verse of Genesis; they have not yet appeared. They are all contained in the parent body of the Solar system - and that all-containing parent body is called "Earth". It is the creation of the Sidereal Heaven and the enormous "Earth" the parent of our Solar system (Gen. 1). The creation of the heaven marks for us the beginning of astronomical time; a further stretch of time than humanity knows. Therefore, the term "In the beginning" is used. And the Earth became empty and desolate. Darkness was upon the face of the deep. The Spirit of God moved upon the waters. All these things preceded the separation of our planet within the solar system and the beginning of the creative era on it.

Now we have the successive Creation acts and periods or ages;

Age 1. God said, "Let there be light".

Age 2. God made the firmament.

GEOLOGICAL TIME:

Age 3. Sea and land; Primordial Vegetation.

SOLAR TIME:

Age 4. Solar System organized.

ZOOLOGICAL TIME:

Age 5. Animal System organized.

HUMAN PERIOD:

Age 6. Human System organized.

Age 7. Rest.

Think of these things. It seems self-evident that we are not dealing with just a twenty-four hour day in this first chapter of Genesis.

JEHOVAH ELOHIM ACTIVITY:

The Elohim Activity was in the realm of the Physical; the Jehovah Elohim activity is in the realm of Psychological and Domestic.

Genesis 2:4-7 form a recapitulation attaching what follows to the preceding part of the Creation narrative. Think of what we have seen immediately before.

The Creation of the Universe; and the parent nebula of our system called "Earth".

The Solar System organized.

Life appearing on the earth successively.

The beginning of the human era.

This is steady progress and a steady process from Universal to particular activity. The procedure continues now in the world of man as: -

GEOGRAPHICAL TIME:

Formation of Adam
Planting of a garden

BEGINNING OF RELIGION:

Issuing of God's command to man
Forming of human language
Establishing home life
Moral consciousness developed by temptation
Moral failure through disobedience
Moral condemnation
Promise of Redemption
Expulsion from the garden

See how wonderfully this picks up and carries the story commenced in Chapter 1. There is the clearest kind of progress out of one into the other, out of Science into Religion.

JEHOVAH ACTIVITY. BEGINNING OF HISTORICAL TIME.

This time we have the birth of Cain and Abel, Earth's firstborn sons; the death of Abel, and defection of Cain, so that both of them drop out of the plan of God, and the genealogical line is broken.

Then in the 5th. Chapter we find the line of descent mended, which was broken by the death of Abel and the defection of Cain.

THE GENEALOGICAL LINE MENDED (Birth of the appointed Seed).

God
Adam
Seth (appointed)

Noah.

Shem.

Abraham.

Isaac.

Jacob.

Israel (the nation).

If anyone cares to change that for an evolutionary ascent from primeval forms of life, up from the ape to the man, they may do so; but I don't want to be involved in it. I am proud of my descent, and, by the grace of God, will not give up my birth-right.

You will see that this is not a third account of the Creation, but perfectly sequent steps in the great history of God's dealings with His people.

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CHAPTER II

It is necessary that we should take these things up a little more in detail.

The Bible reader will see that we have a progressive narrative indicated by the varying Names of God. It will be seen that the chronological stretch of time is long. In the narrative we have the beginnings of Astronomical Time; of Geological Time; of Solar Time; of Geographical Time; and of Historical Time. The scientist will know that it is a long cry from the beginning of Astronomical Time to the beginning of Geographical and of Historical times.

The first portion of the Creation narrative (Elohim) is in the realm of the physical. The second portion of the narrative (Jehovah-Elohim) commencing with the fourth verse in Genesis 2, proceeds to the realm of Geography, Psychology, and History. The third portion of the narrative (Jehovah) proceeds to the realm of History and Religion. To say that there are three or even two, separate narratives of one event, is evidently a fallacy. To say that various portions of the account of Creation are contradictory is also most certainly a fallacy. We have three progressive chapters to one consistent narrative of Creation down to the dawn of History, and that constitutes "the testimony of the Lord" as to Creation.

Now I wonder if I can cause you to see what I see in the first verse of Genesis Chapter 1:- "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth." Will you kindly try to detach the word "earth" from this world in which we live. It was evidently not so intended in regard to that opening statement of the Bible. It referred to one united body, which

consisted of all the Solar System, swinging as a single star of THE FIRST MAGNITUDE ALONE IN THE HEAVENS. I think that it is quite likely that viewed from the most distant heavens, our Solar System still swings through the heavens, apparently as one unit, as one star of the 1st. magnitude.

But the word "earth" in Chap. 1:1 of Genesis meant an enormous body, equal in size to the whole of our Solar System. This enormous body is the "earth" of the first verse of Genesis and thus, in the Astronomy of the Bible, it bursts upon our vision from the hand of Almighty God. Now the word "earth" was used first to denote that body. If it had been called the sun, we should have no difficulty. We should have said that from the sun the planets come - for these are terms that modern astronomers use. Thus Professor Newcomb in "Astronomy for Everybody" states on p. 105: - "The same theory (nebular) implies that the sun was larger in former times than it is now, and must have been larger and larger every year that we go back in history - its history. There was a time when it must have been as large as the whole solar system". Now the first verse of Genesis 1 calls it the "earth".

This intermediate planet, on which we dwell, with planets below us and planets above us and the sun as the center, took the name and was called "earth", when the parent body was divided into the sun and planets of the Solar System.

Later, on this earth, continents and islands upreared themselves, forming the dry land, set in the midst of the oceans - and that dry land is called "earth". Why?

The word "earth" is used to denote the dwell-

ing place of sentient beings. Our earth is such a dwelling-place in the Solar System. Because, not oceans, but continents and islands are the dwelling-place of man on the earth. "God called the dry land Earth." It is the home of humanity and other sentient beings that dwell there.

"And the Earth was (became) without form and void ('Tohu and Bohu' or empty and desolate)." This relates to the original body of the first verse of Genesis, not to our later formed planet. Isaiah says, evidently commenting on this: "He did not create it a 'Tohu'. He created it to be inhabited." If He did, then it was inhabited, for the purposes of God do not fail. What a world! What a diameter! What a circumference! What wonderful creatures of God inhabited that world! And it became empty, and desolate and dark.

What happened to the glorious beings that inhabited that magnificent orb? Was it an Order which sinned and fell and perished from off the earth? Or was it an Order which had completed its upward progress on that ethereal "earth" and had been promoted to the realm of pure spirit life, leaving its earthly habitation desolate? Was it the place of probation of the "Angels which excel in strength"?

"And darkness was upon the face of the deep." That body (Earth) had evidently been "set" in the heaven as a single Star of the first magnitude; luminous - a bright adornment in the Heaven. But its beauty faded; its form was lost; its LIGHT went out. The Earth became empty - desolate - dark.

"And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Thank God for that. The movement of the Spirit of God upon the waters was toward re-

construction. Now for a moment let us think about the waters. The Bible assumes all the knowledge that by and by, when we see face to face, and know as we are known, we shall attain. This is one of the things in which the Bible assumes knowledge to which we have not yet fully attained. "The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." The waters! Evidently the parent body was ethereal in substance. The concrete matter contained in Sun and Planets was extended to fill out a sphere equal in diameter "to the whole solar system". We cannot conceive of material diffused so widely as to fill out such a sphere as that. Water would not do it; it is too condensed. Gas would not do it; it is too condensed. That which we call ether, of which we have very little knowledge, might do it. We do not know. But evidently the chemical material which enters into the Solar System was diffused to fill out, more or less completely, that sphere. And the condensing, contracting process began, and with it the structural form of the substance was changed. First, condensation to gaseous state. Then to vapor. Then to waters suffusing the space occupied originally by the parent body, as rain clouds suffuse our atmosphere. At this point, the record gives us a cross-section of the process. "The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." The movement was towards a reconstruction.

The Holy Spirit and His activities are here introduced, and the object of His movement was a material world unoccupied by man. To you who believe that the Holy Spirit's office is only in the higher realm of spiritual life in humanity, think this over.

All the foregoing facts and activities are before the first of the Creative periods or ages.

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CHAPTER III

AGE I

And God said, "Let there be light" - and there was light. Not external light from a distant sun, but as a city in a black-out is lit by starting up the electrical machinery which transforms energy into light; so the world, the light of which had failed, received a new light from the movement of the Spirit of God upon the face of the deep; and from the energy of the Divine fiat - "Let there be light." Not from the sun outside, but from the transformation of energy within. The machinery of God was put in motion, and light was the result. Considering our Solar System was an unit, most of its light is still produced within itself, viz, in the sun.

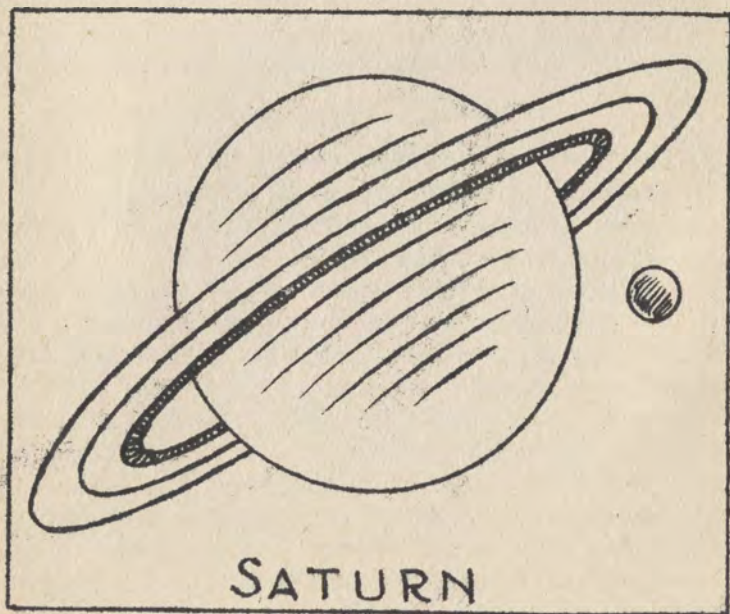
AGE II

And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters." The firmament which divided the waters from the waters is still related to the parent body now advancing towards division into the separate worlds of the Solar System.

The Firmament evidently consists of the heavens which separate planet from planet in the Solar System; and in which all of the Solar System bodies move. By Solar attraction, by gravitation, repulsion, inertia, momentum, and other forms of power, each planet is firmly held in place, and as firmly directed in its course. The unpassable space between planet and planet is the "firmament". The waters above and the waters below have proceeded in condensation until they have reached their present density; that of earth, as we know it to be; that of Jupiter, a third more dense than water; that of Uranus, about the density of water still. The process may be suggestively illustrated as follows: -

Think of that magnificent orb the parent earth, then many times larger than our present sun, one unit, spherical, swinging like a star of the first magnitude in the heavens, and called Earth; ethereal, inhabited, then falling into emptiness and desolation. Now begins the contracting process, the activities of which still form light in the sun, the center of our system.

Let us visualize films of cloud, each one a hollow sphere, or a long streaming spiral if you wish, one within the other, each in succession shed by the contracting parent body, with the sun at the center. Each of these films has formed for itself a center of gravity to which all that particular cloud film has gravitated, and by a process well understood by scientists, each has become a planet.



The films break up and thicken. Such a process is going on in the heavens today. The process is carried on until there is the complete formation of the planets.

There are rings around the Planet SATURN which illustrate in actual Astronomy something of what I have tried to show you. The size of our sun and of the planets as they swing on their courses in the heavens today is small compared with the original earth spoken of in the first verse of the first chapter of Genesis.

AGE III

We are now brought down to the planet earth and the commencement of Geographical time. The planet earth is a pigmy compared with the parent earth of Genesis 1:1. Will you please note carefully now that we step out from the field of Astronomy into the lesser field of Geology and Geography.

The crumpling of the earth crust, due to the contraction of the earth, made hollows into which the waters flowed, and made up-thrusts of earth which arose above the level of the enveloping waters. Thus dry land was born on earth - Continent and Island appeared - Rivers flowed - Lakes occupied the depressions of the land, and oceans occupied the deeps.

And God said: "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind, whose seed is in itself upon the earth." And it was so. This is the dawn of life on earth. It is in the Vegetable Kingdom as we should expect it to be.

AGE IV.

And God said: "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from night; and let them be for Signs and for Seasons, and for days and for years. And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth"; and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; He made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good!

The apparent swing of the sun through the sidereal heavens for signs; the tilting of the earth upon its axis for seasons; the spin of the earth upon its axis for days; and the circuit of the earth around the sun for years. This is absolutely correct in every scientific detail.

"And let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and for years." Thus was the great clock of the Solar System arranged in the Heavens, within the "firmament" of the Solar System.

And God made two great lights; The sun overflowing with energy, and throwing up great shafts and floods and storms and hurricanes of light within its own firmament. The energy passes on to us - enters our earth's "firmament" and atmosphere, and floods us with light and energy of various kinds.

After the Sun as a "great light" is the surface of the Moon. The Moon is dead, non-luminous. But it catches and reflects the light of the Sun, and so becomes the lesser light to rule the night.

Here is a wonderful thing. Lights, Lights, Lights, not sun and planets primarily. Universal night is the order of unlimited space. "Lights in the firmament" are the exception.

A visitor to the Mount Wilson Observatory on one occasion, was privileged to take a look at one of the great stars in the heavens, and she was so impressed, that she said "That is not worth looking at. It is just like a great electric light globe hanging out there". Lights in the firmament you see - energy which becomes light is transmitted from star, sun and planet, but while crossing interplanetary and interstellar space it is dark - entering the resisting medium of the firmament which surrounds heavenly bodies, it becomes Light. The speed of light is measured, and stellar distances are completed in "light years". Light is energy transformed by passing through a resisting medium. The electric current passing through the conducting medium of the wire is not luminous. It is in passing through the resisting medium of the fibre in the light globe that produces incandescence. Light energy passing on its way to earth at times passes through the "firmament" of other worlds. During such passage it becomes luminous; is bent by the attraction of the celestial body; then passes into "outer darkness" from such firmament, until it finally enters our own and reaches us as light. This is the way the firmament divides the day from the night. Day is provided for within the firmaments - perpetual night reigns without. This is the way that God made great lights in the firmament.

"He made the stars also." But how small this record seems in comparison with the making of the lights! There is a reason why. The light is life to us. The concrete bodies of sun and planets are of little importance to us outside of the "firma-

ment" laws of attraction; electric energizing which is part of the "light" and so on. And so the Solar System is organized, and Solar time has begun to be ticked off on the great clock in the heavens. Modern Astronomy has made no such perfect pronouncement as is contained in the first chapter of Genesis.

AGE V.

"Let the water bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that hath life."

We will not go into any details on this for it deals with Zoology.

AGE VI.

"And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle and creeping thing, and beast of the earth, after his kind.... and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind'. And God saw that it was good."

This also deals with animals - the mammoth creatures of the earlier ages, such as the mammoth and the mastodon, etc.

AGE VII.

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day (the seventh age) God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made."

Hence we find in this first chapter of Genesis the mighty sweep of the Universe. Its lines of perspective are on the grandest scale.

First the material universe is embraced in its sweep. Then it contracts to the solar system. Then to this tiny earth.

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CHAPTER IV

Now that we have a background knowledge of the beginnings of Astronomical Time, and the formation of our Solar System, and the fact that the Planet we live on was created FIRST, before even the Sun, Moon and Stars, we will next proceed in our study to the Pole Star, and deal briefly with the Past, Present and Future.

Our prodigal Earth is breaking all astronomical records of speed in its sensational dash towards a New Pole Star. When the race has been run and the goal reached, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself - in Person - will return to this earth to take over the Throne of David and establish His reign and rule in His Kingdom. That is, of course, provided that the stellar symbolism in the region of the Polar heavens is as Scripturally sound as the Twelve Signs of the Zodiac (Job 38:32 Rev. Ver.) and their Decans, then it can be proved beyond all question of a doubt that the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is very very near and the establishment of His Millennial Reign is in the immediate future.

The earth is not the only scene of very startling unprecedented events; the stellar heavens are now demonstrating an abnormal activity that is breaking the natural law of star movements and establishing a new and phenomenal record. In our search for additional knowledge of the future, we will have to lift our eyes from the earthly international scene of crisis, chaos and blitzkrieg to the top of the visible starry heavens and behold a contemporary scene that caps the climax of all prophetic research. "Believe it or not" the heavens are confirming the facts that we gather from fulfilling Biblical Prophecies among world events

- that the international down-grade movement toward civilization's collapse demands the personal appearance very soon of the Prince of Peace and the Golden Age of Paradise Lost with universal righteousness and real earthly prosperity.

The particular "SIGN" now being studied deeply and conscientiously considered is located in the top of the Stellar Heavens on the Pole of the Ecliptic, which is the apparent path of the Polar Axis around the Zenith of the Celestial Sphere.

In order to understand the significance of the "SIGN", it is necessary to know something about the Geography of the Polar Constellations and the Path of the Pole of the Ecliptic which runs through them.

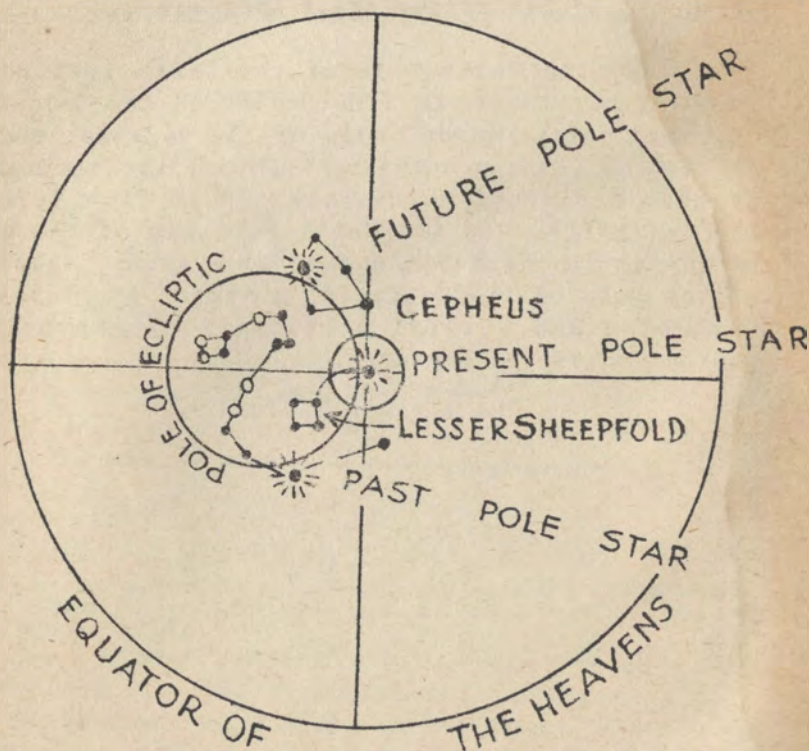
There are THREE constellations in the Polar heavens which are basically associated with our present study together this afternoon. They are respectively: -

- (1) DRACO
- (2) THE LESSER SHEEPFOLD (more commonly known as Ursa Minor, the Little Dipper and the Little Bear).
- (3) CEPHEUS

Each of these constellations contain a star which is in the direct path of the Polar Ecliptic, which is circular (see next page).

These stars are known as Polar Stars. One of them functioned in the PAST, another is active at this moment, and the third will become active in the very near future. In other words, we have not always had the same star to mark the Polar Center of the Heavens which naturally changes the point of the Celestial Polar Axis from one star to another. This rotation in the heavens, or perhaps we had better call it 'celestial motion', is associated with the Precession of the Equinoxes.

The Precession of the Equinoxes is due to changes in the position of the celestial equator, which is gradually slipping around the Ecliptic. As a result of the shift of the position of the Equator, the North and South Poles of rotation gradually change their positions in the sky, since each Pole must always be exactly 90 degrees from every point on the celestial equator. As a result of the motion of the North Celestial Pole among the stars, no single star can be considered the "North Star" for any considerable length of time.



THIS IS PART OF THE SKY MAP OF THE STARRY HEAVENS OVER OUR HEADS, SHOWING THE SERIES OF STARS WHICH ACT AS POLE STARS, IN CONSECUTIVE ORDER AS THEY APPEAR ON THE POLE OF THE ECLIPTIC.

Perhaps you have wondered to yourself on many occasions just what causes the Precession of the Equinoxes. Well, the answer is, the cause of the Precession of the Equinoxes lies in the present unnatural position of the earth. Our earth is somewhat flattened at the Poles and is revolving around the Sun with its axis inclined at an angle of $23\frac{1}{2}$ degrees to the plane in which it is moving. If the axis of the earth was perpendicular to this plane, there would be no Precession of the Equinoxes. Originally, the Earth was in this position (Genesis Chap. 1) but as a result of Divine Judgment, it was knocked out of its perpendicular axis on not less than two different occasions, and has been $23\frac{1}{2}$ degrees out of its proper orbit ever since.

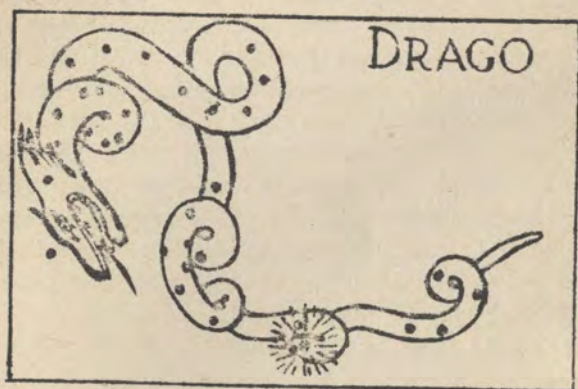
Now, the North Pole of the Earth instead of pointing constantly to "True North" in the Celestial heavens, points at an angle of $23\frac{1}{2}$ degrees, and as it wobbles (like a spinning top that is leaning) it creates a circuit which is known as "the Pole of the Ecliptic". As the North Pole end of the axis of the earth points to and rotates around the path of the Pole of the Ecliptic, a series of stars are contacted and several of these stars have been designated as "Pole Stars".

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CHAPTER V

Our study of the Polar "SIGN" necessitates a knowledge of ALL the Polar Stars and the constellations of which they are a part. Therefore, we will consider the characteristics and significance of (1) DRACO; (2) the Lesser Sheepfold; and (3) CEPHEUS.

The constellation of DRACO is always present and can be viewed with the naked eye in the Polar regions of the heavens any clear night in the year. The stream of stars which make up this constellation describe the letter "S" and suggests the hiss of the serpent, see illustration below.



THE FORMER POLAR STAR WAS ALPHA DRACONIS, AND WAS IN THE SECOND COIL FROM THE TAIL END OF 'THE CROOKED SERPENT' (JOB 26:13) IN THE CONSTELLATION OF DRACO.

In Biblical Astronomy the Twelve Signs of the Zodiac and the thirty-six decans (supplementary constellations) in their original form, symbolize and visualize the fundamental doctrines of the Holy

Scriptures. This fact is illustrated in DRACO.

One of the stars in the head of DRACO is called "Etanin", which means "the long serpent" or "Dragon". The second brightest star in this constellation is also in the head of DRACO, and in the Hebrew is called "Rastaban", which means "The head of the subtil". This same star in Arabic is called "Al Waid" and means "who is to be destroyed". The Hebrew names of two other stars in this constellation are "Grumian", meaning "the subtil", and "Giansar", meaning "the punished enemy". Other names of stars in Arabic are, "El Athik", meaning "the fraudulent"; "Al Dib" meaning "the reptile"; and "El Asieh", meaning the "bowed down".

The most brilliant star in this entire constellation is located in one of the latter coils of Draco, and is called "Thuban" in the Hebrew, and means "the subtil". "Thuban" (Alpha Draconis) was the Polar Star from about the time the Great Pyramid of Gizeh was built, consequently many thousands of years ago. This may have been the Pole Star when Lucifer was in charge of the original Earth. Then, as a result of his rebellion against God (Isa. 14: 12-17; Ezek. 28: 11-19), he became the Prince of the Power of the Air (Eph. 2:2) and the god of this world (II Cor. 4:4). Is it not rather significant that his starry symbol, DRACO, should be predominant at this time! Thus, the governing point of the earth's motion, the huge or central gate, was then in the enemy's possession, as if to indicate his subtle influence in all wordly affairs.

Furthermore, the symbolism of DRACO and the Biblical Record coincide, as may be seen by referring once again to Revelation 12, in the 3rd and 4th verses, we find: - "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon,

having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth; and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."

Satan is not only symbolized in the heavens by DRACO, but we note that "his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven". It is not just a mere coincidence that the constellation of Draco consists of and is located among ONE-THIRD OF THE STARS OF HEAVEN! Neither is it an accident that one-third of the angels of Heaven that sinned against God with Satan, were cast out of the Heaven of heavens into outer darkness and will one day be cast onto the Earth. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6).

"God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment" (II Peter 2:4).

Today, as a result of the Precession of the Equinoxes, Alpha Draconis, is far away from the Pole. We now have another star acting as the Polar Star, and we shall consider it our duty to study it as part of the next constellation in the rotational order on the Pole of the Ecliptic.

THE LESSER SHEEPFOLD

The Lesser Sheepfold is the original name of the constellation in which the present Pole Star is located. This is more commonly known as Ursa Minor

(Little Dipper). We now come to a grievous mistake or ignorant perversion of primitive truth. There were no "bears" in the original Zodiac, neither were there any in the Indian, Persian, Chaldean or Egyptian Zodiacs.

A glowing discrepancy is noted in the "tail" of the Little Bear. Those who figure this constellation as a "bear" are obliged to give it a long uplifted tail, such as no bear ever had! And what is very astonishing is that the most important and remarkable star in this constellation is located in the tip of the unnatural "tail" of the bear! Where is the sense that would lead any astronomer, ancient or modern, to locate the mysterious Pole Star, the central star of the heavens around which all others revolve, in an imaginary tail of a feeble little bear-cub? The very idea is, of course, absurd and we may feel certain that the patriarchal astronomers committed no such folly as this.

There are seven principal stars in The Lesser Sheepfold (see diagram next page) and they suggest a connection with the "Seven Stars" which Christ holds in His right hand in the Revelation. Especially is this true when we understand that the Lesser Sheepfold symbolizes the same "sheep" which are presented in the first vision given to John on Patmos (see Rev. 1:10-11 and 20).

There are 24 stars in The Lesser Sheepfold, this is the sacred double number of 12, and points to the "four and twenty elders" whom John beheld "round about the throne...clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of Gold" (Rev.4), surrounding the throne, these 24 elders or kings constituting the government of the kingdom of heaven and Israel students agree (or should do so) that the millennial kingdom of Israel will be similarly

organized since Christ told His disciples that "in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit upon the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Matt. 19:28). In Rev. 22, Christ's government is likened to a city with 12 foundations named after the apostles and with 12 gates named after the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Hence it has been suggested that in Christ's government over Israel and the world there will be 12 more thrones to be occupied by 12 saints out of Old Testament Israel (thus making 24 all told). So here we find the Lesser



THE PRESENT POLE STAR, POLARIS, IS LOCATED IN THE HEAD OF CHIEF SHEPHERD, IN THE CONSTELLATION OF THE LESSER SHEEPFOLD.

Sheepfold safe in the highest heavens with the Great Shepherd.

The ancient names of the stars in the Lesser Sheepfold are significant, "Kochab" "Waiting for Him who cometh", is identified with the promise of Rev. 2:28, "I will give him the morning star". Another star, "Al Pherkadain" in the Arabic means "The Calves" or "the young" as in Deut. 22:6, Hebraically "the redeemed assembly". Another star, "Al Gedi" means "the kid - the chosen of the flock", and still another "Al Kaid" which means "the assembled" or "the gathered together"; while "Arcas", or "Arctos" (from which we derive the term "Arctic" regions) means "a travelling company". This definition compares identically with the meaning of the SEVEN principal stars. They are called "The Septentriones" which means "The Seven which turn".

The brightest star in the Lesser Sheepfold is located at the point of the absurd tail in the fictitious bear and is the most important in the whole heavens at this time. It is called "Al Ruccaba" and means "the turned" or "ridden on", and is today the Polar Star. But, how could this have been known when it received its name, which means "the turned" or "ridden on"? That it was known is very clear. So likewise was it known in the Written Word that the original blessing included not merely the multiplication of Abraham's seed, but it was then added: "And thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies", i.e. to take the house or possession of the foe and thenceforward to hold what the enemy previously held; so remarkably revealed in the change of the Pole Star from DRACO to the Lesser Sheepfold.

Instead of the present Pole Star being in the unnatural tail of a bear-cub, it is in the head of

the Great Shepherd. And ALL persons, places and things revolve around HIM and are speeding toward Him at the rate of FOUR HUNDRED MILLION MILES A YEAR, whether we like it or not!

CEPHEUS - THE KING

The Constellation in which the future Polar Star will be located is CEPHEUS. In this constellation we have the glorious figure of a king, wearing his royal robe, bearing aloft a sceptre, and



having on his head a crown of stars. He is calmly seated in the repose of power in the highest Heaven.

The next Polar Star, now rapidly coming into position is "AL DERAMIN" - the "quick returning One", and is located in the right shoulder of CEPHEUS, the constellation of the King. When this becomes the Polar Star, Christ as King will be upon the throne of David.

An old Ethiopian name for this star was "Hyk", meaning "a king". His name in the Denderah Zodiac is "Pe-ku-hor", meaning "the one who cometh to rule". The Greek name by which he is known, "CEPHEUS" is from the Hebrew, and means "the royal branch" and is called by Euripedes "the King".

The name given the bright star in the right shoulder of CEPHEUS is called "Al Deramin", which means "the quickly returning One". The star in the girdle is called "Al Phirk" in Arabic, meaning "the Redeemer". The star in the left knee is named "Al Rai" meaning "Who bruises" or "breaks". By combining these significant star-names we have "The Royal Branch" (House of David) WHO is "the quickly returning ONE" - "WHO cometh to ride"; "The Redeemer" "Who bruises" the Serpent's head, when this glorious King of Israel, "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" returns to earth to "break" the chains and set the "captive" free to enjoy the blessings of the Kingdom of God on Earth with Christ as the ruler.

Thus, as CEPHEUS, the crowned king, comes to rest over the North Pole, his feet shall touch, as it were, the Earth. It will spin beneath his royal feet, and it will then indeed be "his footstool". The stars could not possibly point to anything clearer than that the King of Kings is soon to come

to this Earth and usher in the long-looked for and long-expected reign of Righteousness and Peace.

A recent article in an English Religious Magazine by Doctor Albert Close gives a remarkable testimony from scientific sources as to strange and unprecedented things that are occurring in the astronomical heavens. The article is by Dr. Albert Close and is as follows: -

"I have read a most interesting account of an address by Commander R.G. Studd, R.N. His particular remarks on the Sun, Moon and Stars as predicted in St. Luke's Gospel indicating that the Second Advent is near at hand, are in perfect agreement with the latest scientific information published by the Admiralty on the Admiralty charts, as well as in the "Nautical Almanack" mentioned by Commander Studd."

"Commander Studd mentions that recently the Royal Astronomer, who always predicted years ahead for the Nautical Almanack the times of the High and Low Water of the Tides in all parts of the world, has observed that the Moon has by some means or other 'got out of gear,' and accordingly it has been necessary to recalculate the tide tables for future years for the first time in history."

"All nature seems to be out of joint, all over the world. Seldom, if ever, have there been such great gales at sea as during the last two or three years, on the testimony of the great ocean liner captains."

"I have been a deep sea chart publisher for thirty-five years for the deep sea fishermen, in cooperation with the Admiralty. When I bring out a new chart, I always set the compasses ten years

ahead for magnetic variation, so that they do not get out of date so soon.

"I may explain to those not acquainted with nautical terms that Magnetic North at Greenwich is about 11 degrees to the West of True North, and that the magnetic needle for over 100 years (in fact for over 300 years it has moved east and west), and has been moving toward True North at the rate of about five minutes annually. Since the last war the rate has more than doubled annually and according to the present order of things, in about another seventy-five years the magnetic needle of the compasses around Britain should point True North. (The increasing speed around the Polar Axis is rapidly shortening the 75 years until it is impossible to accurately calculate the exact time when True North will be reached.)

"Today the rate of decrease is about 11 degrees annually, for the first time in history. No man can explain why; all the Admiralty can do is to register the change and alter the compasses on the charts to agree with the change. If they did not alter the compasses a navigator would be many miles out on a long voyage.

"In 1925, I set the compasses on my New North Sea chart for ten years ahead of 1935, allowing for the usual five minutes annually of decrease in variation. To everybody's surprise this mysterious increase in speed since the last War, had by 1930, put my chart five years in advance instead of ten years. It really looks as if the increase in speed of life has extended to the very laws of Nature."

"Truly, as Commander Studd has told us, there are signs in the Sun, Moon and Stars, such as there is no record of in past history."

THE GOLDEN AGE

What Dr. Close says about the moving of the magnetic needle for the past century toward True North, while the rate of this movement has more than doubled since the last World War, is profoundly significant. For it is to be remembered that the Throne of God in Heaven is in the North. There are several Bible passages that declare this, such as Isaiah 14:12-14; Psalms 75:6-7; Job 26:7.

Another very significant thing is seen in connection with the acceleration of the speed of the heavenly bodies around the Polar Axis, and that is, the swinging into place of a new and vitally important Polar Star (Al Deramin - "the quick returning one"). It is Scripturally significant that the next Polar Star should be in the shoulder of the King, for as Isaiah the prophet said: "the government shall be upon his shoulders".

In Bible Astronomy, Ursa Minor is the Lesser Sheepfold which symbolizes the Shepherd of Israel watching his flocks and guarding them, and all Bible students now agree that this present dispensation is being brought to a rapid close and that the next Dispensation is to be the Dispensation of the Kingdom. During this latter Dispensation the Messiah will be upon the earthly throne of His father David, in Jerusalem and will reign as King of kings and Lord of lords over all the earth for one thousand years.

It is exceedingly interesting to note that the next Polar Star is located in the constellation of CEPHEUS, the crowned King. Through the same Precession of the Equinoxes and a shortening of time, CEPHEUS, the King, will ascend the top of the central heavens and will rule the Earth. The

shortening of time - except those days shall be shortened (Matt. 24:22) - will be brought about by the increasing acceleration of speed around the Polar Axis and the terrestrial and celestial upheavals that will throw the Earth back into its original orbit.

The rulership of the Polar Star in CEPHEUS will be ushered in sooner than it would in the ordinary Precession of the Equinoxes. At this point we note the striking experiences of the Astronomer Royal as related by Dr. Close, for the speeding process around the Polar Axis is already taking place.

Thus, the time is being shortened just as the Scriptures prophesied. It is also of great interest especially to all Great Pyramid students, that the shortening of time is shown in the Great Pyramid as taking place since World War -1 began, and how this is now tied in with the findings of the world's great Scientists and Astronomers, therefore there is only one conclusion that can be arrived at, namely, that the Coming of the King and the establishment of His Kingdom on Earth is drawing very, very close at hand.

Again, may I remind you that the year of 1941, saw the END of the SEVEN TIMES OF PROPHECY.

Both of these last mentioned items, the Great Pyramid and the SEVEN TIMES of Prophecy, coupled with the promise of the shortening of days in Matt. 24, and these Astronomical facts laid before you, are certainly the most convincing evidence of the immediate ending of this present age and the ushering in of a NEW AGE, when War will be no more and the Prince of Peace shall rule and reign over the Earth.

Another scientist comes to the fore during the past two weeks by stating that Dame Nature is about to start a volcanic "BLITZ" that will put man, with his relatively feeble explosives, to shame. Father Bernard Hubbard, the Santa Clara University geologist and explorer, perhaps better known to many of you by the title "Glacier Priest", has just predicted that the eruption of Mexican volcanoes following the earthquake are the opening guns in a new cycle of Volcanic Activity. Such a cycle, the Glacier Priest is certain, will cause an extended period of unusual weather over the entire earth.

His theory on the relation between volcanoes and the weather conditions is based on his observations in Alaska where he accurately predicted the monster volcano Aniakchak would erupt in May 1931. He also stated that: "We are keenly interested in the relationship between the series of Alaska-borne storms that have harrassed the Pacific Coast and the cycle of volcanic activity which the world is now entering. The 1200 miles of high volcanoes with their narrow passes, together with the Bering Sea on one side and the warm Japanese current to the west, constitute the cradle of our storms.

There will be considerable volcanic activity during 1941 and 1942 and it appears that the recent eruption of Colima in Mexico may have marked the start of this cycle. Thus nature may be expected to give a pyrotechnic display that will dwarf those of men in Europe. Of course, the precise place and hour of any one eruption cannot be predicted."

How will this new cycle of volcanic activity affect human beings?

"For one thing", Father Hubbard declares, "huge quantities of volcanic dust will virtually

insulate many large areas from the sun's heat. It will be almost as though a giant sunshade were raised over this planet. The result is a lowering of temperature in the regions affected. And this would start general forward movements of the world's glaciers. For example, it required a drop of only 6 degrees in the mean temperature to signal the "forward march" of the ice."

Briefly, the Glacier Priest thinks that we may look forward to some more "unsettled or unusual" weather in the coming years with greater volcanic activity than we have experienced in many a long period. The only note of optimism in his prediction is that whereas the winters everywhere may be a bit colder, the summers won't be quite so hot.

Father Hubbard points out that there are between 400 and 500 active volcanoes on this earth. When it is realized that Aniakhchak blew out 90 cubic miles of finely divided debris and dust and that Bandaisan in Japan belched forth 2,900,000,000 tons of material, it is clearer how an eruption epidemic could throw a monkey wrench in the weather "engines", and also into the reaction of humanity as far as their health is concerned. Vast clouds of volcanic dust would dim the sun, and this also would affect the health of us human beings.

Some idea of temperature decreases resulting from just such a gigantic sunshade is suggested on a very small scale by what happened in Los Angeles county during the freeze of 1937. After thousands of smudge pots had burned for several nights, Scientists at the California Institute of Technology found that day temperatures beneath the smoke pall to be a few degrees colder than in areas where the sky was relatively clear.

Another point, which is worthy of consideration is the fact that with the talk of so many cities and towns having what is called "black-outs", there is one thing that you cannot "black-out" and that is the glowing red light of an active volcano and as recent experiments conducted in the "black-out" of one of the United States outposts, it was found that in spite of the perfect cooperation of all the citizens, that the pilots could clearly see the entire outline of the Island at night, by the surf breaking. These are all points to be reckoned with in man's puny efforts to conquer his fellow-man.

So with the cycle of Volcanic activity already started; with the speeding up of the shift to the New Pole Star; with the shortening of days revealed in the Great Pyramid since 1914; with the statements of the Astronomer Royal of Britain; and with the shortening of days promised in Matt. 24, none but the FOOL who cannot see that we are, even now, on the very edge of a tremendous change-over which will affect the lives of everyone living on this planet at that time. "PREPARE TO MEET YOUR GOD", and be sure to have your Lamps filled with Oil and burning brightly when this great change takes place. Don't try and run away from it, stay where you are, if it is your Destiny to stay clear through and see this New Age brought in, all the earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tidal waves and other hazards of Nature will not harm you, although perhaps you may go through some experiences which may not be what you might call, exactly pleasant.

There is one last warning which I want to share with you, namely, when this great change comes, and come it most assuredly will, be not disturbed about your own welfare, but rather let your first thought be "What can I do to help someone else?" Have no fear what you shall eat or

drink; these things will be provided for those who seek to do His will.

"WATCH AND PRAY, FOR YE KNOWETH NOT THE DAY NOR THE HOUR."

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ADDENDA

The amazing spectacle of the volcano out of Mexico City about 125 miles, now known as PARACUTIN, is one of the highlights since the American entry into World War 2. Strange as it may seem, this volcano began as a spark in a furrow behind the plow and a team of oxen on an Indian farm. It has grown from that insignificant beginning to a dangerous menacing cone of molten fire some 1600 feet high.

This eruption was the outcome of a series of very violent earthquakes in the Carribean area, and which in due course extended its activities to Mt. Vesuvius in Italy, during the height of the Italian campaign the violent eruption of Vesuvius even stole the show from the War News, and correspondents left the war fronts to take in the big show that Vesuvius was staging.

Then on August 18th of the year of 1944 a large METEOR flashed across the sky in the United States, it created quite a furor, and Scientists are now eager to get any data possible on this METEOR.

Doctor Chas. P. Oliver of the American Meteor Society of Upper Darby, Penna., has requested anyone and everyone who saw this big Meteor to report to him all the details of where in the sky it was

first and last seen, how high it was in the sky and its direction or bearing. Also information on the meteor's train or smoke trail is particularly desired, also its shape and changes, if any, and which way it drifted.

Since the advent of excitement regarding this Meteor, we have had the news of the SIX-HOUR-LONG-EARTHQUAKE in Japan during the past two weeks. There seems to be no doubt but that this disaster was just as tremendous as the famous earthquake of 1922.

To those who have been following the trend of events closely, this Japanese earthquake is no surprise, for it is a well-known fact that Japan is the most volcanic spot on the face of this sorrowful planet, with the Holy Land, i.e. Palestine and vicinity, ranking second in volcanic underpinning.

These Cosmic changes are before us, they are now an established fact, and no longer guesswork, we know that they have actually happened and we may expect many more equally, if not more, spectacular in the near future. We shall watch with interest the Great Change as it makes headway toward the dawn of a NEW DAY IN A NEW AGE, when War shall be no more, and every man shall live in Peace in his own bailiwick.

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Since the above was written, there have been two new volcanoes born, one in Africa, the other in the Philippines.