THE OLDEST STORY
CHRIST AND THE STARS
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PART 1. THE CHRIST IN THE CONSTELLATIONS

A SUMMARY of DR. SEISS' BOOK

A progressive self-revelation of God is threefold:

1. The most recent - the Christ, in person about 2,000 years ago.
2. The intermediate - the Bible, by inspiration about 4,000 yrs. ago.
3. The most ancient - the Stars, "by divine purpose, 6,000 yrs. ago.
   a. The creation of the universe and the divine purpose - Glory.
   b. The grouping of the stars and the invention of the signs.
   c. The sidereal figures and their consecutive arrangement.

Later additions and changes of names to suit myths.

The results of historical and archeological research.

Let us examine these pictures painted with a brush of comet's hair.

--- A Unique Revelation---

ISGO - A fallen woman yet holding in her right hand a star Alazal which means the Branch and in her left the star Subilon, now called Spica, meaning the Seed of the woman.

Coma just above means the Desired One instead of Erenica's Hair.

Bootes to the left means the coming Shepherd with a rod and sickle. Its brightest star Arcturus means keeper of the flock and the star in his right hand Kataros means Rod or Branch.

Centaurus below means the destroyer of Jesus the wise, good, just and powerful healer who nevertheless as the Heb. indicates, was despised by men and finally killed.

IBRA - The balances to weigh the price of sin which is death. Scales have always been the symbol of justice. The first star Zuben Genubi means the price deficient - man. The second star Zuben Chemali means the price sufficient - Christ. The third star Algubi means heaped up high.

Crux below stands for the Cross and signifies sacrifice and its ancient name means cutting off, but temporary.

Lupus also below - the star Eta means wolf which was slain by the Centaur shows that Jesus the destroyer of disease and death allowed himself to suffer death, and that by his own will.

Corona above is the Crown of eternal immortality given as a reward for Jesus' willing sacrifice on the cross.

SCORPIO - The terrible scorpion in conflict with Ophiuchus the giant restrainer of evil who stands with one foot on the monster's back and the other on its tail by which he is fatally stung. The chief star Antares means wounding and tearing and refers to the effect of the sting which was the most painful injury known and in turn refers to the agony of the Christ.

Serpens is nearby endeavouring to seize the Crown but cannot since Ophiuchus holds it in his powerful grip.

Ophiuchus means deliverer and represents Jesus as our deliverer.

Hercules higher up is the giant god-man of the Romans but his real name in Egyptian means the Coming One and the star in his head Rasal Gethi means the head of the bruiser while the star in his right arm means the kneeling Branch. His foot is on the head of Draco the dragon.

SAGITTARIUS - The double natured archer is like the rider on the white horse. His arrow is pointed at the heart of the Scorpion for he must destroy the works of the devil.

Lyra is above and has always represented joy especially of victory. Its brightest star Vega means he shall be exalted in triumph.

Draco higher up is the Dragon, a bold, defiant, destructive beast lying half round the pole and representing the evil so widespread in the world which Hercules will destroy. Draco means the trodden on and its chief star has two names, Al Dib the reptile and Al Faid the one to be destroyed. Other stars are similar.

In this first series we have the Names, Suffering and Victory of Jesus.
In this second series of constellations we see the inception, struggle and eternal destiny of the Church which is the company of believers.

**Capricornus** - A dying goat conjoined with the living tail of a fish which represents the dying Christ as the sin offering for and the source of the living Church, since fish always have been the symbol of the saved. The names of its chief stars Dabih and Algedi mean the one cut off and the slain sacrifice. This unusual combination indicates the mystical union that exists between Christ and the Church.

**Segittea** lies north and means arrow, flying to its mark. Capricornus. It is the arrow of justice against sin which slays the One who took the sinner's place, but by his death the believers have eternal life.

**Aquila** means Eagle wounded and falling to its death. Its bright star Altair means the wounded one and the name of the star beside it means the bleeding one, a third star means the one wounded in the heel. The eagle is one of the Biblical symbols of the Christ and is the natural enemy of the serpent.

**Delphinus**, close to the others, is a strong fish, the Dolphin the symbol of resurrection, leaping from the sea and representing the return of Christ from the grave as well as the resurrection of those who are his.

**Aries** - A man with a large vessel pouring water from heaven to earth, symbol of the river of the water of life, in a never ending supply and signifying the outpouring of the divine spirit on the Church. Its chief star Sadal Melik means the record of the outpouring.

**Pisces Aus.** to the south is another fish which is drinking in the entire stream poured fourth by Aquarius and symbolizes the unlimited supply of refreshing for the believers.

**Pegasus** to the north is the flying horse of the fountain bearing good tidings. Messengers rode horses then. Pega means chief and sus means the coming horse while the other star names, Market means returning, Scheat means going, Enif means branch, Algenib means one who carries, Homan means the waters, all of which point to the command to carry the message to all.

**Cygnus** is farther north and is the great swan, lord of the waters. Its name means circling and returning and its chief stars Deneb means the judge to come, Pagase means glorious and shining, Sadir means returns in a circle, Adige means flying swiftly, with the message to come and drink.

**Scorpio** - The two fishes joined by a band, again the symbol of the Church, in the old and the new dispensations. Its chief stars Okda and Al Samaca mean united and upheld.

The Band in uniting both periods represents their connection and mutual dependence. The unusual looping of the band round the foot of the Ram or Lamb shows how Christ is the point of the unity between the two dispensations and that He upholds, guides and governs both by the same means.

**Cepheus** farther north is a great king holding aloft a branch and wearing a crown of stars. He is seated on a throne with one foot on the pole star and represents Christ in his exalted reign. The names of the stars are significant. Alderamin means quickly returning and Alphirk means redeemer which the Egyptians called the ruler that shall come.
Andromeda is just above was a beautiful woman chained to rocks out of spite and represents the Church in the world of sin and by it hindered, opposed and even bound so that she cannot do the work for which she was intended. Her name means ruler of man and expresses the authority of the Church over the lives and conduct of its members. The Church must innocently suffer because of the world's ill-favor. The chief star names mean afflicted, weak, broken and chained just as history tells us.

This is a Ram or Lamb and its name means chief or head and the principal star AlHamal means the sheep while the two others, El Natik and Al Sharetan mean the bruised and the slain. Another star nearby means uplifted, so we see the Christ once slain now exalted and holding the band of the two dispensations of the Church.

Cassiopeia lies far to the north and is a stately queen lifted from the sin-cursed earth, her age-long enemies to a place beside her king and husband in the sky. Her name means the one delivered from all evil while the star named Shedar means the one freed, Ruchbah means enthroned, and Datos Cursa means the seated one.

Cetus directly below is the leviathan of Job and Isaiah, the great natural water enemy of the fishes and the beast satan who would here destroy Andromeda, the Church. Its chief stars Menkar and Diphda mean chained enemy and overthrown in harmony with the prophecy that the Christ will some day bind and destroy him.

Perseus above the ecliptic is the Breaker spoken of in Micah. The figure of a mighty warrior with uplifted sword in his right hand and the bleeding head of the Gorgon in his left. He is coming to free Andromeda and destroy the beast. The star at his left foot is Atik and means breaker, Algenib means the one who carries away, Mirfak means one who helps, Medusa means the one trodden down, AlGhoul (Algol) means the evil spirit satan.

We have now seen the Church begun, developed, hindered, despoiled and finally raised to its divine and eternal destiny.
PART THREE
THE JUDGMENT ON THE CONSTELLATIONS. OUTLINE

In this third series of constellations we see the assignment of eternal awards and the consumption, glory and felicity of the Christ of the Church he has saved.

**Cetus** — Called the Bull but it is the terrible two-horned Reem of Job and Isaiah, a fierce untamable giant ox of great strength and speed. This is again the Christ now coming to judgment, a Lamb in his Church but a destroyer of evil. Its chief star Aldebaran means the coming Captain or Leader, coming from the Lamb and together standing over the head of Cetus. The Pleiades are seven maidens representing the Church who are with Him in the work of judgment. "Taking vengeance on them that know not God".

**Orion** to the left is another picture of the powerful agents of judgment, a mighty hunter who according to Jeremiah shall hunt all hiding sinners and bring them to the bar of justice. His name Orion means he who cometh forth as light, while the chief star Betelguese means the coming Branch, Rigel means the foot that crushes, Bellatrix means swiftly coming and destroying.

**Eridanus** just below means the river of the judge found in Daniel and Isaiah, a river of fire engulfing all that is evil and sweeping east and west on its way to the lake of fire. But in the midst of the destruction there is opportunity for any who truly desire safety and so the next group.

**Auriga** farther north is not a chariot driver as the Greeks imagined but a shepherd carrying two kids in his arms and its chief star Capella means little kid. The shepherd is holding them safe from the great destruction.

**MINI** — The so-called twins, also called Adam and Eve. The idea is of two persons united in a sexless marriage and once again we have Christ and his Church, the marriage of the Lamb. Pollux means the judge, Wasat means seated, the Egyptians called him Horus the coming slayer of the serpent. Castor means the coming judge.

**Lepus** beneath Orion is not a hare but a serpent, its ancient name Basti-Beki means the offender confounded and its three most important stars, Nibal, Rakis and Sugia mean the mad, the caught and the deceiver.

**Canis Major** to the left is the great dog destroyer of snakes and its brilliant star Sirius means victorious prince, Mirzem means ruler, Muliphen means chief, Wezen means illustrious, Adhara means glorious and Al Habor means mighty. The Egyptians called Seir and Naz Seir from which comes Nazareth.

**Canis Minor** the smaller dog and companion of Sirius. Procyon means Redeemer and Al Gomeiza means redeemed.

**ANCER** — The great crab, again the Church with its many members. The crab discards its shell periodically as the believer casts away the old man of sin and is renewed. In the centre is a wonderful group of stars called Praesepe which means the multitude of the innumerable seed, Kahn means the resting place and cer means encircled. The Church at last gathered to its safe resting place. Its chief star Acubens means the good shelter, Ma'Alaph means assembled thousands, and Al Himarein means lambs.
Major well to the north is at present called the Great Bear. But look at its tail. Its chief star name Dubhe was thought to be from doth which in Greek means bear but it really means fold, Merach means flock, Asad means the assembled multitude, El Acola means sheepfold, Alloth means the ewe and El Kaphrah means the redeemed.

Minor near the pole is a smaller sheepfold with Al Ruccabah the pole star meaning keeper of the fold, Kochab means those waiting for the coming one, Alphirk means the young, Al Cedi the kid and Al Kaid the assembled.

Argo to the south is the ship of Zion which has reached the heavenly port. Its chief star Canopus means the possession of him who cometh, Sephina means a multitude of goods, Tureis means the possession secured and Soheil means that which was desired.

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The Lion of the Tribe of Judah. It was Judah's sign and its ancient names all mean the one that tears, rends and destroys. The king of wild beasts, quick, agile, powerful and terrible to meet. Here is Christ again but in the role of a lion. He is no more the weak lamb but the great King, Lord and eternal Judge. Regulus, like Rigel in Orion, means the feet that crush, Denebola means the judge who cometh, Al Giebah means the exalted and Zogma means the brilliant.


dra is beneath and is another form of serpent whose name means the abhorred, Al Phard means separated and excluded, Minchir al Sugia means the punishing or tearing to pieces of the deceiver.

rater is the cup of the wrath of God poured out on the serpent. Corvus is the raven or bird of prey also on the serpent. AlChiba means the curse inflicted, while Minchir al Gorab means the raven tearing to pieces. The bird of doom.

Divine judgment has finally fallen on the wicked world.