

PSYCHIC ARCHEOLOGY: PROBLEMS WITH ACCURATE DATING

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In Psychic Archeology there is the continual problem of assigning a date to the particular period of time under examination. When the era is relatively recent, and given the speed and extent of changes that have occurred, we can use references to famous individuals, descriptions of textiles in normal use, aspects of clothes and shoes, hairstyles, available technology, weapons, writing (if used), and so on, to gauge an approximate date.

The difficulty of dating however increases the further back in time we go because there is a smaller variety of temporal indicators; these have changed more slowly over time, and are also chronologically not as well-defined as more recent indicators.

If we are lucky enough to have someone - the “*regressor*” i.e., a person who while under hypnosis can access a much older “*personality*” - who today has at least some knowledge of the night sky and constellations (not easy because in cities it is virtually invisible), then it may be possible to question him/her productively on this subject, since in earlier times a knowledge of the sky was far more common than now. An exchange of useful information between the previous “*personality*” and the current regressor may also be possible because their respective knowledge overlaps and the current regressor may “*see*” and recognize the sky through the eyes of the previous “*personality*”, yet identifies stars and constellations using modern classifications.

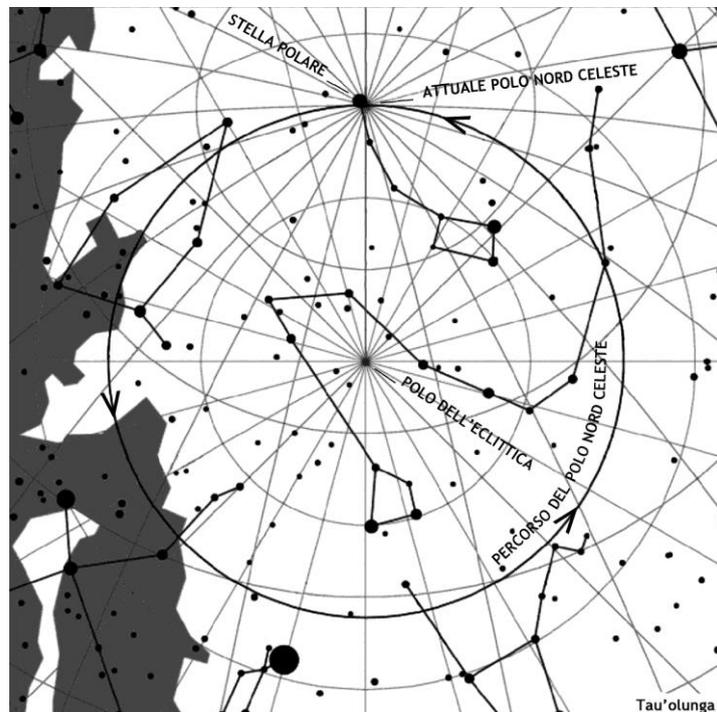


Fig 1 – Path of stars of the terrestrial North Pole due to earth's precession.
(See below for diagram terms)

In this fortunate instance we can use the precession of the equinoxes for dating, which is described in detail in APPENDIX D: THE PRECESSION OF THE EQUINOXES from my book entitled

“THE MEGALITH BUILDERS – Psychic archeology and the Nuragic civilization”, which can be downloaded free from this website (Suggested Readings).

In fact the path a celestial pole (such as the North Pole) - which is the extension into the sky of the earth's rotational axis - executes among the stars due to the precession can be used to date an event by way of the so-called “circle of precession” (Fig 1), which takes 25,786 years to complete at a constant speed (one degree every 71.66 years). We only need to know near which star the celestial pole is located in a particular era and a date can easily be mathematically calculated.

The long (by our human standards) decline of the last ice age, that began about 20,000 years ago and ended about 10,000 years ago, caused a world-wide rise in sea levels of approximately 120 metres, submerging many coastlines, although it was more of a jerky uneven progression rather than a constant gradual one.

Undoubtedly the immense ice caps that covered a large part of the northern hemisphere produced, towards the end of the ice age, vast lakes of fresh water contained within large icy dykes. The progressive increase in temperature reduced them until they collapsed into tremendous long-ranging tidal waves, resulting in a homogenous redistribution in the oceans of huge quantities of water previously locked inside a defined area, and a subsequent not very pronounced change in the earth's rotational axis. Nonetheless many concurring signs lead us to believe that between 11,000 and 13,000 years ago there was some kind of ‘huge catastrophe’, so much so that it altered the climate of many areas of the planet in a short period of time. This subject is dealt with in detail in the section titled APPENDIX E: THE FLOOD AND THE PRECESSION OF THE EQUINOXES from the aforementioned book.

The most reliable theories to explain the origin of that especially serious catastrophe are:

- 1) A meteorite impact, the rock being not too large but enough to significantly alter the rotational axis.
- 2) Slippage of the earth's crust, not necessarily accompanied by a significant change in rotational axis.

Both of these can explain the disastrous earthquakes, violent hurricanes, enormous tsunamis, widespread fires and a prolonged darkening of the sky with cold and rain, which appear in virtually all traditional indigenous stories around the world and which describe this so-called “Great Flood”, as it were.

How can we be sure then, that the precession remained unaltered before and after when, according to the meteorite theory, there could well have been a sudden and large change in the orientation of the rotational axis? This could even impact radiocarbon dating due to the associated heat strain and the probable prolonged changes in atmospheric composition.

As a researcher I pose the following questions: Is there proof or, at least, serious evidence that tells us how the earth's rotational axis was aligned before the “Great Catastrophe”, and what was the precession of the equinoxes like, if it existed at the time?

Knowing the answers may allow us to use the precession's motion to date events that occurred more than 11,000 years ago.

Diagram terms and meanings:

CURRENT NORTH CELESTIAL POLE = Imaginary extension into the sky of the earth's rotational axis

POLAR STAR = The Polar Star as it is found today (near the current North Celestial Pole)

PATH OF THE NORTH CELESTIAL POLE = The path in the sky traversed by the North Celestial Pole due to the precession of the equinoxes.

ECLIPTIC POLE = Imaginary extension into the sky of the axis of the cone traced by the motion of the earth's rotational axis, due to the precession of the equinoxes.