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TO: The Herald, Church of Alienism
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Russell Ranch and the Problem of Several Histories in One Place

Submitted for consideration by The Herald.

Junior Researcher Erika Andersson has completed a follow-up review of the Russell Ranch area in the central Cascades. The terrain includes tectonostratigraphic mélange-style assemblages, older metamorphic and metaigneous rocks, and younger volcanic materials superposed across a comparatively small region.

Nearby units include amphibolitic and gneissic rocks with Late Jurassic metamorphic history, while younger Quaternary basalt occurs elsewhere in the broader White Pass region. None of this is anomalous by itself. The Cascades contain complicated geology.

What makes the site useful is the way different histories are physically juxtaposed. A person standing on a visually continuous surface may in fact be standing across boundaries representing radically different origins, ages, and tectonic environments.

This has become a useful physical analogue for Church descriptions of the Veil and Nodal convergence. A landscape may appear singular because the observer receives one coherent surface, even though several geological histories are standing together beneath it.

We recommend additional petrography and geochronology before making any broader doctrinal claim. The site is interesting precisely because ordinary geology already demonstrates how many histories can occupy what the eye accepts as one place.

Respectfully,
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