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TO: The Herald, Church of Alienism
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SUBJECT: Sierra Nevada Feldspar / Buried Road

PROSPECTIVE HERALD SUBMISSION
The Pale Stones and the Buried Road

Submitted for consideration by The Herald.

Institute sampling across portions of the Sierra Nevada batholith has focused on plagioclase varieties, paleomagnetic behavior, and detrital zircon populations. Most results fall within the expected complexity of a large intrusive province.

A smaller group of samples show zoning reversals difficult to reconcile with their host textures, paleomagnetic deviations that do not match the most obvious alteration histories, and anomalously old zircon grains transported into younger settings.

The Church record contains a passage: 'When the pale stones divide without a seam, and the western mountain remembers a direction no compass retains, seek the older sparks carried downward by water. There the buried road shall declare itself.'

The language is unhelpfully specific. Pale stones, directional memory, and older sparks carried by water correspond too neatly to feldspar, remanent magnetization, and detrital zircon to ignore entirely.

We have not identified a literal road. The current interpretation is that the prophecy may describe a geologic pathway rather than constructed infrastructure: a buried sequence or transport corridor preserved in mineral history.

Additional sampling will proceed without excavation. If there is a road, the minerals may already have traveled it for us.

Respectfully,
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