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New Mexico: Ash That Remembers Another Mountain

Submitted for consideration by The Herald.

Veronica Engstrom, associated quietly with the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, has provided the Institute with a set of observations from the Los Alamos and Pajarito Plateau region. Her work combines geology, documentation research, and a separate line of inquiry into historical abduction reports.

The Bandelier Tuff and related volcanic units are well studied. Engstrom's samples nevertheless include anomalously old Proterozoic zircon populations and several paleomagnetic departures that do not fit comfortably within the simplest depositional reconstruction.

One restricted Church passage reads: 'Where the ash remembers another mountain, and the oldest stones return without climbing, there the Record has folded back upon itself.'

Engstrom's interpretation is cautious. Old zircons in younger volcanic or sedimentary contexts can arise through ordinary inheritance and transport. Paleomagnetic irregularities likewise have multiple physical causes.

What remains interesting is the recurrence of the same pattern in documentation unrelated to geology: reports of missing time, displacement, and return without a clear path of travel.

I intend to summarize the New Mexico work at the next Clavicular. The ash may remember another mountain. It may also be reminding us how easily several kinds of evidence can be made to tell the same story.

Respectfully,
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