

# Total eclipse shows ancient shroud

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At approximately 8:13 on the morning of Feb. 26, the moon's shadow will touch the Pacific Coast near Astoria and sweep up the Columbia River like a giant wave.

Inhabitants of the Pacific Northwest will have the good fortune of seeing the last total eclipse of the sun on the North American continent this century. For most, the total eclipse will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Day will turn suddenly into night. Summer constellations will peek out and chickens will go to roost. And as suddenly as darkness fell, light will return.

People who have witnessed a total eclipse (when the sun's face is obscured by the moon) say an eerie feeling comes over them. Records of ancient civilizations show the totality of the occurrence, shrouded in superstitions and religious rites.

To early man, a total eclipse carried the significance of life, for if light was lost, so was existence.

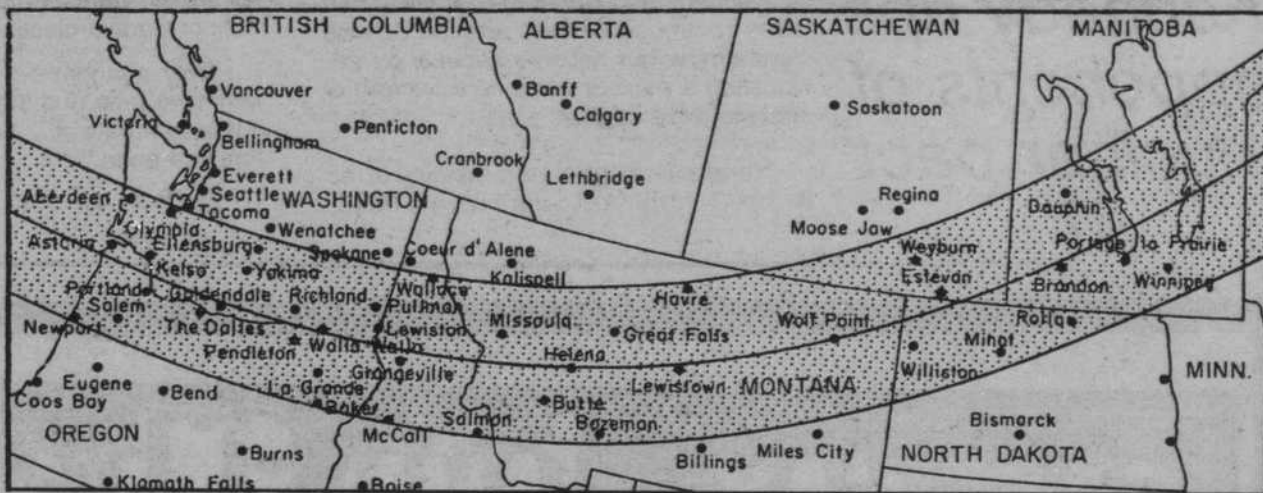
Antique races believed the sun was being swallowed by a monster and something bad was imminent.

The Shinto religion ordained that at the time of an eclipse certain jewels, regarded as amulets, should be suspended from the highest branches of the sacred tree Cleyera. The jewels' brilliance suggested the light of the sun which was to be restored.

The ancient Chinese thought a dragon was feeding on the sun and beat drums and fired arrows to scare away the beast. The Chinese ruler was thought to correspond to the sun and the eclipse was regarded as a threat from God to the emperor.

The Assyrians of Babylon believed the spirit influence of the seven accursed brothers caused eclipses. How to thwart these brothers is described in a 'charm' that said, "We go on our hands, so that we may eat flesh and we crawl upon our hands, so that we may drink blood."

The Armenians of Iran thought two dark bodies, offspring of a



primeval ox (an evil star), passed between the sun and the Earth. It was, moreover, a popular belief that a sorcerer using witchcraft could bring down these dark bodies from heaven.

In Egypt the king would walk ceremonially (and sunwise) around the temple.

In early North American history many cultures attached sexual connotations to a total eclipse.

The Alaskan Tlingits thought an eclipse occurred when the female moon visited her husband the sun.

Among the Eskimos was the belief that the sun and moon are brother and sister who commit incest during an eclipse.

Among Indian tribes, an eclipse meant great peril and most promised to lead better lives. They would try to scare off whatever was blocking the sun with loud noises that included beating and twisting dogs' ears to make them squeal.

The Yukon Indians who thought an unclean emanation descended

during the eclipse, turned over their pots and pans and wouldn't come outside.

The general populace of early middle America believed the sun was fighting with the earth or that a Jaguar was devouring the sun.

Many groups thought that pregnant women who gaze at an eclipse would give birth to a hareliped child.

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John Stennis has plans for you! Think a voice needed? frodo. 2-21

MJW: Dig it, Dot! 23 skidoo. You're the cat's pajamas, Marge. Thanks for your friendship. You're the absolute greatest! SPIKE 2-21

To my favorite little sis', Cindy. Congratulations and welcome to the ADPI actives. We're glad to have you! Love, LIZ. 2-21

GAMMA PHI (and ED): Many thanks for showing JUJU (Theresa Z?) and her friend such a good time Friday night. MARTY. P.S. Tucker wants to apologize for hanging around the house so much. 2-21

AMY, you're the best little sis' anyone could ask for. Congratulations. You're now "An Alpha Delta to the bone!" ADPI love, DEANNE. 2-21

STOKER: Help me, I'm lost without you — LADD (Your poster girl). 2-21

SIGMA CHIS: The roses were beautiful! Thanks for making my day special. Thinking of you. Love, YOUR SWEETHEART. 2-21

HANNER: Good luck this weekend. Let's both go for the gold! Then party down! SIR NOSE. 2-21

LITTLE GIRL: You might want to know That Fred has a bow And he wants to give it to you But before we get low A great time I will show So Happy 20th to you 2-21

BOB: Have opening prior to March 1st. How about crab quiche dinner — at the coast? From, WOMAN NAMED VANITY. 23-21

DEAREST DAVE: Here's to wrinkles, "big" jokes, my toothbrush, other people's marriages, and your mother. 2-21

JILLO WILLIAMS: Help me. What is this? It is garbage. We'll IRK with you any ole time. Love, the CLONE WOMAN: CHENE & MISHNEY. P.S. HAPPY BIRTHDAY. 2-21

PHIL B.: Please stay out from behind the bar. Cause dancing and stair-sitting are better by far! P.S. Don't bother to wash the socks — They'll wave better in the breeze. 2-21

## AMY

Tonight's the night. "MEMBERS" do it better. LOVE ALWAYS, SPUD. 2-21

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