

underneath the North Star as representing the axial point of the vault of heaven.

Having thus shown that the traditions of ancient nations with singular uniformity represent the Paradise tree of each nation as being in the centre of the north, it will be unnecessary to show that the Paradise of each nation was with like uniformity fixed in the same region. This Dr. Warren proves in a way that has both surprised and satisfied leading scholars of the age who have given this subject much attention, though in one particular the view he has presented of ancient cosmology has compelled them to reverse all their previous conclusions. This applies especially to the belief that in the writings of Homer and many of his successors the earth is regarded as a plane surface. President Warren's discovery of the falseness of this belief, and his finding of "the true key" to ancient cosmogony, has already won for him the thanks of eminent scholars on both sides of the Atlantic. It has at the same time placed him in a position to ask the learned world the question: "How came it to pass that the ancestors of the oldest historic races and peoples agreed to regard the North Pole as the true summit of the earth, and the circumpolar sky as the true heaven, and why were Hades and the lowest hell adjusted to a south polar Nadir?" His own answer is that "The one and sole satisfactory explanation is found in the hypothesis of a primitive north polar Eden."

In this connection attention is called to the fact that the north seems always to have been regarded as "the sacred quarter." "With a marvellous unanimity the religions of all ancient nations associate the abode of the Supreme God with the North Pole, 'the centre of heaven,' or with the celestial space immediately surrounding it." The Egyptians located their "land of the gods" in the extreme north. . . . The passage out of the secret chambers of the Great Pyramid was pointed precisely at the North Pole of the heavens. All the other pyramids had their openings only on the northern side.

To this day the priests of the Haranite Sabceans—the most direct heirs of the religious traditions of the Tigris-Euphratean world—in the act of sacrifice, like all ancient priesthoods, face the north. In prayer the Greeks turned toward the north. The Emperor of China and his assistants, when officiating before the