

The Vanishing Planet

The following account assumes that there is life on Venus, and that the story is related by a person on that planet. It is a prophecy of what might become of our world if its nations continue to rain destruction on each other in useless wars that only bring sorrow and death to their people. The time is the future.

Many millions of years ago there existed another world much like our own. This world was a planet called Earth, and on its crust lived a prosperous people who had developed a high standard of living. These people were a greedy group who nursed a desire for power and sought ways of destroying each other. Their knowledge of science had progressed far beyond their civilization and developed until it had uncovered the primary unit of energy that made up their world. The scientists harnessed that energy and without giving thought to what the future might hold in store for them used that energy in a global war. Great cities were leveled to the ground, millions of people were killed, and whole continents were destroyed. One nation now controlled the entire world, but that controlling power did that nation little or no good. Vast stretches of barren land could not be entered because of the free destructive energy that radiated from every stick, and stone, and piece of twisted steel. The war was only the beginning of the destruction that was to follow. The releasing of that primary energy unit that controlled Earth had set up a series of chain reactions that were slowly to destroy the entire planet.

Billions of radioactive neutrons now filled the air and bombarded Earth's crust with innumerable gamma particles. These particles penetrated the surface and stimulated many radioactive elements into action. Immense heat was generated, and over a long period of time great formations of rock that lay deep under the crust of Earth melted and turned into molten



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lava. Intense pressure was built up under the surface of the sphere; the face of the planet split open and the white hot mass of the melted rock gushed from the openings; immense tidal waves covered the land. Earth looked as if it would turn inside out. Death covered the planet, and the remainder of the population of Earth was soon destroyed. Earth was now a barren waste scarred with deep cracks, towering volcanoes that spit up liquid rock, and jagged craters. Large bodies of water covered some portions of the distorted world.

Even with all the past destruction the elements were not satisfied. The heat that had destroyed life on Earth had also destroyed part of its gravitational attraction for other planets and stars, and

Nutshell Thoughts

Jealousy is a small green caterpillar who uses your heart for a cocoon and feeds upon imagination. This wee animal eats until he is big enough to break out of his cocoon, which proves to be your broken heart. Does this caterpillar turn into a butterfly? No, only a little gray moth who continues to eat away at the entire fabric of your world.

—Betty Sanders.

If man could but realize the tragedy of foolishly raising his umbrella of indifference to ward off the bountiful showers of blessings from Heaven.

—Allen Brown.

it was gradually pulled toward the sun. Earth passed through the orbit of our planet, Venus, in the fifth month, but it was too far away to affect it. The orbit of Mercury was enlarged about ten million miles as Earth drew closer to the tiny planet. Earth had stopped spinning by the time it passed into the realm inside of the orbit of Mercury and had burst open at each pole because of the lack of force exerted from the center of the planet to the equatorial line. The absence of this force caused Earth to contract around the equator and the surface at each pole to crack open to make room for the matter that was forced to move. As Earth approached the sun, its temperature increased, and at a distance of about twenty million miles from the sun the land began to melt, and the great bodies of water began to boil. The clouds broke up into their primary elements and burned. The waters were turned into steam which was consumed by the fire in the same manner as the clouds. Earth was now a bubbling mass of liquid rock that was traversing its orbit around the sun in less than a month.

All things must have an end and so did Earth, for when it came within about three-hundred-thousand miles of the sun a great fiery arm reached out and gathered in the tiny mass of fire. Earth had then returned to its origin in the reverse order from which it came.

Do rays of God's eternal love break through

The mists of doubt and fear that shroud your way;

Or have you blindly groped while seeking truth,

And never thought to pause and kneel and pray?

—Allen Brown.