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Louisiana, USA has seen snow this year as wildfires destroy parts of California. This might seem a little unusual for those in Baton Rouge, yet unfortunately familiar to Californians. However, this appears to be the beginning of a period over the USA during which the weather and environment will not behave as it usually would.

Some conspiracy theorists posit that deliberate, accelerated climate change, from using fossil fuels has caused the ice of north-west passage of the Arctic Circle to retreat, allowing a potential trade route. Yet, this is not necessarily the case. It appears to be a curious happenstance, for when the ice recedes in one area, it tacitly gives back elsewhere.

Similar to Moses and the plagues of Egypt, there is scope here to explain that the weather & environmental phenomena occurring as if earth was talking to us. We can see examples of this type of behaviour within spiritual scripture, as if there is banter between humans and the environment, which often serve as metaphors to memorialise significant events, as demonstrated in Judaism itself; items they adorn have significance and are directly associated with their history, thus carrying their culture with them. Weather and associated environmental phenomena feature heavily within histories and texts, often being the harbinger and 'enacting' lessons, revenge and messages.

As such, it is feared that such extremes of weather will be on the rise and as such, they should be seen as warnings. For as Rabindranath Tagore said, "The one who plants trees, knowing that he will never sit in their shade, has at least started to understand the meaning of life," so by considering the immediate need of a resource, as opposed to exploring alternatives, is incredibly selfish, harmful and failing future generations.

The instinct thus far is to observe the environment and weather of northern America, as it presents its challenge with a coincidental withdrawal from a certain agreement to lessen the use of fossil fuels in the world. It is interesting timing, to say the least, and ports to be a circumstance that could be utilised to drive reconciliation between America and the Paris Agreement.

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