

Of the Sky, Of the Sea, and of the Stones
Chapter 2 - Of the Sky
Part 25 - The Calling Currents

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As of writing this, it has been 50 years since the Aetherian scholars came to Orosilla. After their integration, they became a boon to not only the Mount Oros Chapter of the GLRU but to the entire organization spanning the known world. Shared knowledge benefits all, therefore great knowledge amounts to great benefit.

The first great change to the world took place a few years after the Aetherian calendar was discussed by the world's foremost scholars on time measurement. The currently used system was to count the days until 100 had passed and then start over. No one knows where this practice originates from, but it was a custom that was part of human culture since before people began recording history. It is one of those artifacts from a bygone time whose origin we'll likely never know.

The Aetherian calendar also worked on years of 100 days but was broken down into 5 months with 20 days each. It also had a historical record of when certain important global developments happened, including the creation of the Sky, Sea, and Stones. Thousands upon thousands of years of history referenced and organized into creating a system that could be useful. Because it was already so detailed, the GLRU decided to adopt the Aetherian calendar as the one to be used the world over.

The starting year for the Aetherian calendar is about 1'000'000 years ago, but everything in modern times is referred to by the amount of this timeline that humans have been able to keep track of major events, which was about 50'000 years ago. Expressed in written form, I would say that the year that the GLRU adopted the Aetherian calendar was the year 50'702.

Years following this change, people began documenting certain natural events happening on that same days every year. Migration patterns of animals became predictable, as did the flowering periods of many plants. Hunters and farmers alike benefitted the most from this information but many other industries found a use for this data as well.

Oceanic currents were able to be predicted as well, with the same ones appearing in the same places at the same time each year. Navigation around less explored places became easier and as a result, so did expeditions.



Figure 32. Artist exaggeration of what oceanic currents look like from above

40 years ago, 10 years after the calendar was adopted, I found my next great horde of information about the Sources. After returning to Mount Oros from my voyage to Temptes Equit, I decided not to return to Agalloch and investigate the chaotic 4th Source just yet. I needed more context about the Sea now that I knew how it was apparently at war with the sky. I traveled far and wide, but only found shreds of data and hints of legends long dead. That is until I sailed up to the frigid islands of the Koivu Sea to seek out possible remnants from the cyan-skinned folk's interaction with the Children of Ziz.

I had no desire to search these icy waters, as I abhor the cold, which is why it took me a decade to go there. But what I found shed a great deal of light onto the origin of the Sea and the maddened serpent god I had read referenced in *Theories of the Sky: Volume 1*. This fallen deity is apparently the one who started the war between the Sky and Sea. One who is prophesied to quench the sun with the waters of the world.