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Excerpt from Ancient Chinese Account of the Grand Canyon, or Course of the Colorado

The ancient Mexicans likened North America to a Tree - a stupendous Mulberry Tree - "planted in the land known to us today as South America" (n. 5).

The Chinese geographers or mythologists teach that at a distance of 30,000 le (10, 000 miles) to the east there is a land 10,000 le (over 3, 000, miles in width).

Now the land referred to must be North America, for, 10,000 miles east from southern China brings us to California; and we further find that North America, now reached, is 10,000 le, or over 3,000 miles in width, measuring from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

The Chinese accounts further call our eastern realm a Fu-Sang (or Helpful Mulberry) land.

A Mulberry land(3, 000 miles wide) is There, say the Chinese.

The Mulberry land(3, 000 miles wide) is Here, say the Mexicans.

Like the Mexicans, the Chinese sages declare that there is an enormous Tree-the Fu (or helpful) Sang Tree in the eastern Mulberry land 3,000 miles wide.

As just remarked, the Chinese call the enormous Eastern Tree a Sang, and the Mexicans call their enormous Tree a Beb (both terms standing for the Mulberry, - a fact to which no writer hitherto has directed, or called, attention.)

Observe (see Figure 2) that at Tehautepec (a little west of Yucatan) our continent narrows down to a width of 100 miles (or 300 Chinese le).

The Mexicans say that North America is a Tree, and that it has a correspondingly enormous Trunk, - which at Tehautepec measures 100 miles (or 300 Chinese le).

Now the Chinese writers declare that the enormous Mulberry in the region east of the Flowery Kingdom has "a Trunk of 300 le" (or 100 miles) What a prodigious dimension! (see note 6.)

A Mulberry Tree, with a "Trunk of 300 le," is There, say the Chinese.

A Mulberry Tree, with a "Trunk of 300 le," is Here, say the Mexicans.

Such a stupendous Tree ought to have enormous Branches to match the Trunk, and we are not surprised when informed that our monarch of the forest goes up-up-up even to the Place of the 10 Suns (in the Arctic

zone.)

The One true sun is, of course, high above the mountain ranges, or "Branches" of our Continental Mulberry.

But the extra Nine are false or delusive and more reflections of the true sun on fog or vapor. The Chinese account, truly enough, states that they bear wu, and this term stands for "blackness," "inky," or "dark" (Williams diet. p. 1058.)

This identical term wu also stands for black or dark fowls, such as the raven, blackbird, and crow; and one Oriental scholar, dwelling indeed in Japan, assures us that each of the Nine Suns bears a Crow! We are seriously informed, that "all bear" - literally cause to ride - a Crow" (note 7.)

As well might it be asserted that because wu signifies "black," the Nine Wu borne by the Suns must be nine blacks or negroes!

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