

# Re: Precession of the Equinoxes

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In article <Xns97EB9DFC1F960ak47catshotcoolmaild@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, AK47 <ak47cats@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Quotation from "The Weather Makers: How Man is Changing the Climate and What it Means for Life on Earth" by Tim Flannery (Melbourne, Australia: 2005)

"The ?cycle which runs its course every 22,000 [sic] years, concerns the wobble of the Earth on its axis. During the course of this cycle, Earth's axis shifts from pointing at the Pole Star [sic] to pointing at Vega. This affects the intensity of the seasons. When Vega marks true north, winters can be bitterly cold and summers scorchingly hot."

I cannot understand this. I can see how two other long-term cycles of the earth's motion (the axial tilt and the orbital eccentricity) can affect climate, but I fail to see the effect of precession.

Can anyone explain?

precession means a varying axial tilt – hence difference in severity of seasons for temperate latitudes?

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The greatest enemy of science is pseudoscience.

Jaffa cakes. Sweet delicious orangey jaffa goodness, and an abject lesson why parroting information from the web will not teach you cosmology.

Official emperor of sci.physics. Please pay no attention to my butt poking forward, it is expanding.

Relf's Law?

"Bullshit repeated to the limit of infinity asymptotically approaches the odour of roses."

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