

THE POLES BETTER BE NAILED DOWN

Editor The Chronicle—Sir: I noted with interest some days ago Mr. Cahill's inquiry regarding the muddy waters of the Pacific, and intended to send in my bit of information for his interest, when B. S. Owens wrote in on the subject. The article was very interesting to me and substantially correct.

This morning I read the amused comment of Ole J. Sneide on the subject. Evidently Mr. Sneide is one of those who cannot bear any change in the existing order of things. So long as they can put off matters for 500,000 or a million years, they can be reasonably certain they won't be here to face any adjustments in the earth's surface!

But Mr. Sneide is entirely too optimistic with his hundreds of thousands of years. For thirty years the poles have been slowly moving, and our sun is growing old with traveling its long orbit. Adjustments are much nearer than we realize. Most of us are prone to make fun of what we don't understand, and rather than try to find out something about it we bury our heads in the sand and say it cannot be true because we don't believe it! We have a horror most of us that our thoughts may be directed away from our own little lives and interests to the greater things that are going on all about us. That is why so many of us today are going about not living and not dead.

ANTHONY MOORE.

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