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S i r :

Reference is made to your letter of February 6th, regarding the comet that you see. The comet is one of the extraordinary celestial objects that appear every now and then. It is a celestial body belonging to solar system, the same as the planets that you see. The comets revolve around the sun, getting fainter and fainter, as they move away from us. The comet you see was seen in South Africa and New Zealand and has been visible to the naked eye for several nights in the Philippines. Now it moves away and it becomes fainter, to disappear soon from the sight.

The comets do not control our human activities. The actions of man are subject to the will of man and are independent of the light of the stars or the planets, or the comets. It is not true that the comets are cause of famine, flood, disease, or death.

I hope that you will consider the comet in its true light, as a celestial body, moving around the sun, without any influence on the activities of man.

Very respectfully,

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