

To the **Temple Council of the Fifth Sun**  
High Chamber of Teotihuacan  
TEOTIHUACAN

5<sup>th</sup> of Tun, 14<sup>th</sup> of Winal, Long Count 9.5.0.0.0  
In the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Ajaw's Supreme Lordship

Lords of the Fire Mouth, High Watchers of the Fifth Sun,

I kneel before the altar, but the gods do not kneel with me.

Three nights have passed without a moon. No eclipse. No veil of cloud. Simply nothing. The place where the moon should rise is blank—as if it has been removed, not hidden.

The fires in the Temple of the Feathered Serpent burned lower that night. The priests grew restless. Even the obsidian mirrors gave back only static light. The drums fell silent in mid-beat. And then we heard it: the low thunder from the eastern mountain.

The farmers say the mountain weeps. I say the sky withdrew.

The murals in the northern palace show the gods feeding light to men. Now, we offer light—and nothing returns. The rain comes late. The jaguar priests grow thin. The clay effigies crack before we fire them. The people whisper that the calendar turns too fast, or too slow, or not at all.

I looked into the night sky and saw not stars, but gaps. As if something moves between them—something that takes, not gives.

This is not the end foretold in the Codex of Flames. It is something stranger. A silence in the pattern. A swallowing of signs.

We once believed the Fifth Sun would end in fire. But what if it ends in unbeing?

Let it be known:

*In the rule of the Ajaw of Teotihuacan, when the moon fled the night without warning, Ix K'in Balam, priest of the Fifth Sun, inscribed the vanishing into sacred glyphs that the voice of the sky endure.*

You are receiving this letter because you guard the Long Count. Etch this day into the stone, but not with glory. Etch it with warning.

Let it be known: *there came a night when the moon did not rise, and the Fifth Sun flickered, and the priests did not dance, but stood still—and listened for gods who no longer answered.*

In reverence and dread,

**Ix K'in Balam**

Sunkeeper of the Western Fire Temple

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