The things we know about human history are reconstructed through physical evidence and recorded accounts. Accounts are frequently created with personal bias and political agendas. Physical evidence requires some way to analyze it. There is always the potential for bias and error and that potential gets bigger the further back in time you try to piece events together. Answers to questions about where we came from and how civilization came to be are at best educated guesses. Outsiders, on the other hand, can live for hundreds or even thousands of years. Their perspective provides us with invaluable insight to all the history that’s been lost or hidden.

Adding Outsider accounts and evidence to our own understanding paints a picture of Earth as a realm somewhat far removed from a busy universe. Earth also has an unusually low diversity of sentient life forms compared to those other worlds. Even more unusual is the tendency of Earth life to be simpler and more straightforward. Earthlings, no matter what species, seem to display much less impressive abilities than the “Aspects” Outsiders possess. The relative tranquility of our world is further reinforced by its apparent isolation. When the Outsiders discovered this planet they classified it as a welcoming backwater. Not long after their discovery (sometime in our prehistory) several of the Pantheons attempted to settle colonies here. These Pantheons seem to be the origin of a great number of our myths and ancient religions.

Eventually the War in Heaven reached Earth’s colonies and the Pantheons’ human allies went to war right alongside them. Our Inside and Outside sources tell us that Earth’s part in the War in Heaven ended with the arrival of a mysterious new group. The Host was affiliated with no Pantheons or Outside realms. During the time we’ve come to call Classical Antiquity, The Host targeted prominent Outsiders and their power structures. Outsider accounts of Host intervention are disturbingly similar to current day accounts. The Host was swift, cruel and thorough. By the time their work was done, the Pantheons were cast out and most gateways to Earth were permanently sealed shut.

More than a few sympathetic Outsiders feel responsible for bringing strife and warfare to an otherwise peaceful human race. We find that to be highly unlikely. Our own recorded history shows that human nature has changed little since then, and we know that Outsiders are not as lofty or infallible as they used to claim. We find it far more likely that the Pantheons’ wars on Earth were shaped just as much by human ambition as they were by Outsider greed.

After all, when the Pantheons were cast out humanity kept on fighting one another as if nothing had changed.

From there we have nothing but our own records to go by. As far as we can tell history passed much as humanity believes. Secret societies and conspiracies stumbled on genuine Outsider knowledge and artifacts every now and then, but it was almost useless without access to the Outside. During that time, the Outsiders who survived the Host’s purge kept a low profile. Many went native and became members of human societies rather than rulers of them. Most Outsiders believe the Host to be their own version of the bogeyman. An object lesson in what happens when you underestimate the locals and push them too far. We’re sure it’s something more. As humanity has learned to accept and forgive the Outsiders, more and more of them are visiting Earth. It’s no coincidence that it corresponds to a reappearance of the Host. Some things never change.