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Building this thirty meter telescope is an insult to native Hawaiians and many people around the world. What if telescopes were built at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, in Jerusalem. Where they believe Jesus Christ was buried. Or even the mystic ‘Spotted Lake’: A sacred site that produces therapeutic waters near Osoyoos in Canada?

How about The sacred landscape of Callanish – ‘Scotland’s Stonehenge’ which has many astronomical alignments to this site in Scotland.

Perhaps even Vatican City should get a thirty meter telescope, one of the most sacred places in Christendom, where they attests to a great history and a formidable spiritual venture.

In addition what if Mecca which is declared as the holiest site in Islam ordaining it as the center of Muslim pilgrimage, one of the faith's Five Pillars. What if TMT had plans for a telescope to be built there?

Lastly in Japan Mount Fuji is a volcano, which geologists estimate was created 600,000 years ago home to Lake Biwa (the largest lake in Japan). Mount Fuji has been regarded as sacred mountain for virtually as long as humans have lived nearby. It was originally a sacred mountain of the Ainu, the aboriginal inhabitants of Japan.

For Shintoists (modern followers of the native religion), Mt. Fuji is also sacred to the goddess Sengen-Sama and an embodiment of the very spirit of nature. The Fujiko sect goes even father, believing the mountain itself is a sacred being with a soul. Fuji is also sacred to Japanese Buddhists, who revere the mountain as a gateway to another world. Sound familiar? Is building a thirty meter telescope okay now?? or are we ALL just living in the past????

Mahalo
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