Noah Webster on the Electric Universe:
Samuel Noah Webster, c. 1780. List of comets recorded since ancient history and related phenomena (plagues, famines, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, climate change...):

“A BRIEF HISTORY OF EPIDEMIC AND PESTILENTIAL DISEASES; WITH THE PRINCIPAL PHENOMENA OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD, WHICH PRECEDE AND ACCOMPANY THEM, AND OBSERVATIONS DEDUCED FROM THE FACTS STATED.”

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It is remarkable that tradition has preserved a faint account of a similar phenomenon, during the approach of the same comet, at the time of the Ogygean inundation, before Christ 1767. It is said, that the planet Venus changed her color, size and figure. An account is preserved in tradition, of a phenomenon of the same nature, during the approach of the same star, in a subsequent revolution. Gibbon in the chapter above cited.—Pliny, as I have already remarked, mentions a similar phenomenon, about the time the same comet appeared, soon after the death of Julius Cesar.

The appearance, in the period under consideration, is a well authenticated fact, and witnesses a singular change in the properties, and reflecting powers of the atmosphere, or denotes an essential alteration in the face of the sun, which is improbable. In either case, it seemed a prelude to the most dreadful calamities, famine, earthquakes, and pestilence. I am not without suspicions that Europe might have been overspread with a vapor like that in 1783, during the eruption of Heckla.

In 534 AD is recorded one of the most distressing famines, that ever afflicted the earth; it continued many years, and destroyed multitudes of the human race. Pompei(opolis) was overwhelmed this year. And From Pliny Nat. Hist. lib. 2. 83:
The year B. C. 44 was distinguished by the death of Julius Cesar, by the hands of conspirators; soon after which appeared a comet, supposed to be the same which appeared in 531 AD and 1680 AD whose period is calculated to be 575 years.

In 531 appeared the resplendent comet, whose revolution is fixed at 575 years, supposed to be the same comet (Venus which was visible in the year 44 BC, after the death of Julius Cesar).
This was the fifth year of the reign of Justinian. Famine and a slight plague prevailed in Wales.

At this period Gibbon commences his lively, but unphilosophical description of the formidable and destructive calamities, which afflicted the whole earth in the 6th century. See his history, vol. 4. ch. 43.

Not long after the approach of the comet (Venus) in 531, the sun assumed a pale color, and shone with a feeble light. In a translation of Cedrenus, this phenomenon is thus described. "Toto anno eo, sol lunae instar, sine radiis, lucem tristem praebuit, plerumque defectum patienti similis."

During the whole year, the sun gave a gloomy light, like the moon, and appeared as if eclipsed.

If this is its period, it must have been seen in the year B.C. 1767, in the reign of Ogyges, when Attica was inundated and rendered barren for a number of years; and when the planet Venus is said to have changed her figure, colour and course. When we survey the uniform effects of comets in tempests and floods, and compare the traditional account of that event with the terrible inundations which have happened in Greece at other times, and especially with that in the time of Thucydides, which rent Atalanta from the main land; which events all took place during the approach of comets; we are constrained to believe the fact of the Ogygean deluge, and fable rises to the dignity of authentic history. This inundation might have happened during the approach of some other comet, but the probability is, that it was during that of the comet under consideration, which fixes the time of the Ogygean flood, in the year B.C. 1767. This circumstance may serve to correct the chronology of the early events in Greece."

(Note: was the planet Venus, seen as a Comet during the time of the Exodus and Moses; seen again as the Comet of 44 BC, when Julius Caesar was depicted as Transfigured into an 8 pointed star -the symbol of Venus approaching Earth once again?)
The close approaches caused orbital changes to Earth requiring Calendar changes in 44 BC with the Julian Calendar, in 525 AD the Anno Mundi was replaced Anno Domini (Year of our Lord) and in 1582 AD the Gregorian Calendar 2 years after the approach!!
“The expression, “ingenito humore egens,” contrasted with the usual source of water, rain, evidently carries with it an idea that the evaporation from the earth was unusual; and this may easily be accounted for, by the violent action of internal heat or electricity.” „The words ferrugo and luridus give us an exact idea of the colour—a paleness tinctured with the colour of rust. A similar defect of light in the sun occurred at the time of the next appearance of this comet, (Venus) A. D. 531, as will be hereafter related. The fact is curious. It is well known that this comet approaches very near to the sun; but whether the defect of splendour in the sun was the effect of the attractive powers of the comet, or of an alteration in the electrical atmosphere of these bodies; or whether it was occasioned by an alteration in the terrestrial atmosphere, is a question not easily solved. It might have been owing to a vapour, like that which overspread Europe in 1783.”

In Pages 304-305 he discusses Electricity at length:

… The influence of the electricity incoming from the Moon, during the day, may excite fever in the human body; during the night, a subduction of excitement in the atmosphere, may induce debility, and favour the invasion of disease and the approach of death. These are mere hints and conjectures, intended to excite investigation.

With respect to the supposed influence of comets on the elements of this globe, I would remark, that on the principles here suggested, that influence is very clearly proved and may be easily understood. The facts stated demonstrate that the sun and moon exert great powers on the globe; and the fact that earthquakes mostly happen in certain positions of the moon, prove that the medium of her influence is the electric principle.

Now comets are known to be of various magnitudes. Some of them are as large as Venus; much larger than the moon; with highly electrified atmospheres; and sometimes approaching near to the earth. The comet of 1577 came within less than a million of miles distance. Those comets which pass the system at an immense distance from the earth can have no great influence; but others approaching near, produce tremendous effects. Hence during their proximity to the earth, the number and violence of earthquakes and volcanic discharges; tempests, inundations from rains and extraordinary tides; and most sensible changes in the powers of animal and vegetable life. That such are the effects, is proved not only by the concurring opinions of all the ancient philosophers, who were accurate observers of nature, but by one uniform series
of historical evidence, for more than two thousand years. On the principles of
electricity, which is disturbed, attracted, repelled and modified in its
combinations with other substances, by the approach of distant bodies, the
solution of the phenomena is easy and philosophical.
…but by the great principle of action, electricity. Indeed the discovery of the
fact, that most earthquakes happen under particular phases of the moon, and
that volcanic eruptions are obviously affected by her position in her orbit, seems
to place this point beyond question.
It seems then to be very certain that the electricity which exists in and about the
earth is influenced by the sun, moon and planets, but especially by the larger
comets; which pass near the earth. The influence of these bodies, or the
essential laws of the universe, disturb this fluid and vary its distributions and its
combinations with other substances.
Previous to earthquakes, volcanic discharges and hurricanes, it is evident from
many phenomena already enumerated, the electricity of the earth passes out of
it in unusual quantities; and as the air is often a bad conductor, the fluid accede
to it and carries along, the water upon the surface and within the bowels of the
earth. This process continued for some weeks and months, exhausts all the rivers
and springs. The atmosphere, in the mean time, becomes more and more dry,
and a worse conductor, until both air and earth become perfectly electric, or
non-conductors. In this situation, either a great demand for the fluid in some
distant region, or a great accumulation of it in the bowels of the earth, has
prepared the way for a sudden explosion, but no conducting medium exists,
sufficient to convey it. A fall of rain, at this time, may create that medium; and
hence the common fact that earthquakes happen soon after rain, succeeding
severe drouth. If no rain falls, the fluid accumulates, till it forces a passage
through the great apertures, formed for the purpose, the volcanic mountains,
setting fire, on its way, to the hydrogen, and other inflammable substances,
which the ocean generates or deposits in their bosoms.
I know not that these conclusions are just, but the facts from which I reason, are
indisputable. The uncommon discharges of electricity, previous to these great
concussions, are indicated not only by the exhaustion of streams and springs but
by many phenomena in the atmosphere, showing it to be highly electrified.
Meteors, huge globes of fire, shoot through the air, not only after, but before
the eruption. Witness the meteors of 1758, 1762, and one in May 1783,
mentioned in the preceding history. And Sir William Hamilton informs us that the
air was unusually charged with electricity, some days before the eruption of 1794.* Unusual halos and mock suns, fiery and luminous appearances in the heavens, with extraordinary tempests, and hail, are evidences of the same fact.... The sun is probably the great electric of the system, which excites into action the heat of the atmosphere and the earth...” (more on the electric universe continues....)

*Note: Venus, approached twice during the Exodus & Ogygean flood (& Phaeton’s conflagration) in 1450 & 1500 BC. The Flood of Ogyges, took place circa 1500 BC in the days of Joshua, according to Calvisius, in Opus Chronologicum (1629), assigns the year AM 2429 (1519 BC) to Phaethon’s conflagration, and AM 2432 (1516 BC) to the Flood of Deucalion, and 2453 (1495 BC) to the Exodus (see Velikovsky’s Worlds in Collision).

If Venus close-approached Earth again as in 44 BC, when Julius Caesar was depicted as Transfigured into an 8 pointed star/Venus. Also in 531 AD & 1680 AD (see more calendar changes). In 1450 BC we were closer to Jupiter & the periods Venus close approached were shorter. Earth, Venus, Mars & Mercury were captured by the Sun & were moving towards the inner solar system, they behaved like comets, changing orbits/axis as they interacted with each other, Saturn & Jupiter. Venus must have also close approached Earth as it did Mars around 600 BC while its orbit was becoming more circular and stable around the Sun. The approaches above match the cycle of 575-year-ALIGNMENT of electric current sheets, between the Sun, Venus, Earth & Jupiter, which brings Venus’ orbit closer towards Jupiter & also towards Earth, disturbing Earth’s orbit & causing catastrophes due to higher electric currents.

The article from December 2016 between the 575 years connection between Jupiter, Earth Venus & the Sun supports the dates of supposed Venus approaches to Earth as found in historic records given by Samuel Noah Webster.

“A Direct Connection Between the Venus, Earth and Jupiter Tidal-Torquing Cycles (a Proposed Driver of Solar Activity) and the Long-Term Strength of Perigean Spring Tides”
And from these article “Earth's orbital changes have influenced climate, life forms from at least 215 million years”, supports the article above in that the influence of Jupiter & Venus affects Earth orbit because they exert such strong orbital (in EU due to electric current sheath connections between the planets & the Sun) influences because of size and proximity & causes pole shifts, extreme climate changes & changes to life forms, such as droughts, floods, warming or cooling. The cycles of”405,000-year cycles” is absurd though considering that ice build up only began less than 10,000 years ago; all their calculations should match the 575 year cycle mentioned in the first article.

The study is deducted from analyzing ‘ancient’ rocks drilled In the Arizona desert rocks which have also been formed in recent times (see Andrew Halls papers on the Electric Earth & the research of the late Michael Setinbacher) & “Earth in Upheaval” by Immanuel Velikovsky. Ice cores have also been analyzed, however, there are no volcanic ash layers there to provide precise dates. But those cores do contain polarity reversals similar to those spotted in Arizona.


***AND Did Venus close approach in 1680 AD disrupted Earth’s orbit & sent us closer to Mars?:

More from Samuel Noah Webster: 1766 AD the summer was every where hot and in Europe excessively dry. In Germany, the Rhine was lower than in the terrible drouth of 1476, and in many places, was forded. In Scotland, the people were compelled to kill their cattle for want of fodder. The heat and drouth produced great hail storms, and in autumn, were followed by inundations, one
of which at Montauban, in France, swept away 1200 houses. Terrible tempests marked the year, and in the West-Indies, those hurricanes which lay the islands waste, and are recorded among the memorabilia of the climate. **In August, the planet Mars was nearer to the Earth, by two millions of miles, than it had been for many ages, and in the spring appeared a Comet.** The winter preceding this remarkable summer, was extremely cold in Europe. At Ratisbon, Reaumur's thermometer was two degrees lower, than in the noted year 1709, and birds perished with cold. At Naples, the snow lay in the streets, to the depth of 18 inches, and Vesuvius began to discharge smoke, the harbinger of an explosion. At Lisbon, Reaumur's thermometer was 3½ degrees below the freezing point, and at Madrid, people skated on the ice. 1780 Earthquake in Iran kills 200,000....”

**ANNO DOMINI in 525**

“The immediate cause was the looming “calendrical end of the world” due to the arrival of Anno Mundi 6000! A date linked to the resurrection at the return of Jesus Christ, from the chronology of Africanus that dated Christ’s birth to AM (Anno Mundi) 5500. Influencing this was the ancient cosmological doctrine (secret or occult astronomical knowledge *see Mythos & Cosmogony for full explanation) attributing the origin, beginning, and end of the time to an alignment of all (Or some of) the “classical” planets (Mars, **Jupiter**, **Venus**, Saturn, Mercury, **the Sun**, and the Moon **plus Earth?**), which induced Dionysius to investigate and calculate a future conjunction (close approach & electric interactions?) of all planets and to determine the beginning date for Anno Domini, 2000 years before this conjunction. **The interpretations of the Gospel and the Revelation of St. John, as well as the early medieval rate of precession, were central to the theme.** The planetary massing in May 2000 was the focused date of the end of the world, according to the calculations of Dionysius Exiguus. This theory is confirmed with many quotations and images.”

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In wikipedia we find the following explanation: “At the time, it was believed by some that the resurrection of the dead and end of the world would occur 500 years after the birth of Jesus. The old Anno Mundi calendar theoretically commenced with the creation of the world based on information in the Old Testament. It was believed that, based on the Anno Mundi calendar, Jesus was born in the year 5500 (or 5500 years since the world was created, This means the “world” was created about 7500 years ago, 1656 years before Noah’s Flood -of circa 4000 BC) with the year 6000 of the Anno Mundi calendar marking the end of the world (what did the astronomers know to believe that?) Anno Mundi 6000 (approximately AD 500) was thus equated with the resurrection and the end of the world, but this date had already passed in the time of Dionysius.” *Does this mean that the clergy expected one or more of the comets who’s orbit was calculated to return around 500 AD, would this be Venus or a different comet, or referring to the Jupiter-Earth-Venus-Sun conjunction, to partially destroy humanity, but the comet’s calculated orbit changed and wasn’t as bad as they though it would be?