I discuss in all my books the fact that New Calendars throughout history have appeared shortly after the passing or the interaction of Earth with large celestial bodies, which includes most or all the planets in the solar system, the Moon and other comets or satellites of other planets. And we find many clues in historic records, that New Calendars are linked to mass migrations, climate change, natural disasters & sudden appearance of deserts or & ice sheets (as in the Little Ice Age) forming in places, & calamities that killed millions & forced the survivors to migrate; causing old kingdoms & cultures to disappear and new ones to appear somewhere else. And this points to a change in the Axis tilt or orbit of the Earth; which could even include a physical & magnetic pole reversal, caused by Great Comets or the close approaches of the planets Venus, Mars & the Moon, about every 575 years or so.

Note: Earth's GEOGRAPHIC Poles are not the same as Earth's MAGNETIC Poles. What we call 'North Pole or Arctic or Septentrional' is actually Earth's MAGNETIC SOUTH Pole. Currently, the magnetic south pole lies about ten degrees distant from the geographic north pole, and sits in the Arctic Ocean north of Alaska. And the Magnetic Poles MOVE CONSTANTLY; it is the GEOGRAPHIC or PHYSICAL Poles (Axis) that are affected by the passing of large Comets: https://wtamu.edu/~cbaird/sq/2013/11/15/why-does-a-magnetic-compass-point-to-the-geographic-north-pole/. Last night I was watching a documentary about the beautiful Art & architecture of Islam, and in the documentary the host pointed out to a medieval Islamic map that showed all of world (except America) and all the land masses were upside down; in other words South was considered North; and he also mentioned that after the
Angel Gabriel appeared to Mohammed, he told him to change the direction of prayer from Jerusalem to Mecca; & I realized that there must have been several pole reversals and changes to the axis as late as the 5th-6th century AD and again either the 9-10th century & during the mid 1500’s!! So I decide to do a little investigation into these unusual maps. Most of this maps give general information about the current position of the Axis of the Earth related to historic events; and include details of inhabitable zones according to climate and inhabitants and kingdoms during that particular era. They only look ridiculous to the people that are not aware of the many catastrophes and pole shifts and orbital changes that Earth has gone through together with most of the planets in our solar system. And the idea of Ptolmey that Earth did not orbit the sun for a long time seem to be correct, if we consider that Earth was herself a COMET, she must have been at the centre of the Solar system!!

Many of these seemingly strange maps, often called inverted or South or East up maps have been created since the time after the Deluge. If we look at the last 2,000 years, I have found a map made by Ptolemy c. 150 AD which shows North at the top of the European continent, just like have in maps today; but here are several maps from between the 8th century & 1566 CE that depict South at the top of the map; including the Albi map from 8th Century AD; the Islamic Tabula Rogeriana map from 1154, the Kagnido map of 1402, Cat. 1375 map, the Tabola di Velle map of 1430, Venetian Monk Fra Mauro Mappa Mundi of 1457-59, The Genoese map, drawn in 1457 based on the descriptions of Niccolo da Conti. Nicolas Desilens’ map from 1566, early Chinese maps of the same period i.e the Kangnido map, a Chinese-influenced Korean map created by the Joseon Dynasty in 1402, South is shown at the top, instead of North. The Chinese were the first to invent the compass, which pointed south. South was also a sacred direction, in ceremony the king would always face south. Persian maps also put South at the top. Yemen is so named because it is on the “yamin” right of Arabia.
In these maps, what we currently call the North Pole is called Septentrio and the South Pole is called Meridies. T&O maps are shown with Jerusalem at the Center and East or South at the top, and even though they were created in the 15-16th centuries, they are depicting the History of the Earth, according to Biblical texts, INCLUDING the different AXIS Earth had at the time, which was EAST at the top (instead of North pole).

Many attempts have been made to rationalize the fact that ancient maps did not have North at the top. Some ancient maps also have East at the top. It is amazing and absolutely silly to think that highly advanced ancient cultures in mathematics & astronomy, that could build amazingly precise structures & circumnavigated the world, would not be able to make precise maps or be able to ‘figure out’ NORTH from SOUTH, EAST & WEST or keep track of were the Sun rose (EAST) and set (WEST) or determine the Magnetic NORTH. Some examples are the ancient Egyptians, Greek, Mesopotamian, Persian, Chinese, Maya, etc... And within this cultures their maps CHANGED as needed, placing of South or North on their maps & describing in detail the climates, animals & types of peoples inhabiting these lands.

In most ancient maps, North and West was rarely put at the top. Early Chinese who already used magnetic compasses put South at the top of the maps. In ancient Egyptian maps, East was at the top of the maps. The Giza Pyramids are aligned to True North.

The Tabula Rogeriana map, influenced mostly by the Ptolemaic conception of the world was created by Islamic Muhammad al-Idrisi for Roger II of Sicily in 1154, and depicts SOUTH at the top and was the most accurate map for the next three centuries or until the 1400’s. The Piri Reis world map created in 1513 shows Antartica WITHOUT ICE and with animals of warmer climates; is another clue that perhaps we have not been told about the recent pole shifts and ice sheets forming around the world due to these cataclysms.
I discuss in my book ‘King Arthur and the Dark Ages’ that the Second Coming of Christ (or a Cometary catastrophe) was expected to take place around 525AD, and Anno Domini or (Year of our Lord or AD) was created by Dyonisius Exiguus and replaced Anno Mundi (Year of the Word) due to the expected alignment of some of the classical planets: Jupiter, Venus, Earth & the Sun. The Dark Ages worldwide, including the time of King Arthur & the fall of Rome were caused by many comets including the approach of Venus, Mars, the Moon; the Justinian plagues which lasted for over 52 years, as well as massive death, global catastrophes & the climate change can be observed in tree-ring data associated with the years 536-545.

The calamities were not over and in 602 Earthquakes killed 60,000. In 607 Haley’s comet was seen & in 608-10 conflagrations and lighting storms in Ireland caused much destruction. In 610 AD Muhammad had his first “revelation” and was visited by the Angel Gabriel (which means he saw a Comet) it is said that after angel Gabriel appeared Muhammed was shown to change the direction of praying towards Mecca instead of Jerusalem and Islamic maps show North & South reversed, pointing to a polar reversal where North became South. Medina is between Jerusalem and Mecca. Mecca is now South of Medina & Jerusalem is North of Medina, where Muhammad allegedly changed the direction of prayer. In 615 Earthquakes and pestilence occurred. In 616 big Meteorites fell in China & other places; and the black stone in the Ka’aba might be have fallen then & considered a piece of the Angel Gabriel, or it could be a piece of the comet seen at the time of Muhammad’s death or ‘ascension’ becoming the Comet seen at the time of his death. In 622 AD Islam is founded by the Jewish prophet Muhammed who also worshipped Venus and the Muslim Calendar began as a result of the pole reversal & passing of the Comet. Perhaps the symbols of Islam, also seen in Russian churches, was the planet Venus or Mars & the Moon seen as Comets around that time.

So, before the Comet that passed by Earth seen by the Jewish prophet Muhammad and referred to as the vision or visiting of Angel Gabriel, muslims
had been preying towards Jerusalem some say for 16-17 months, but AFTER the passing of the Comet (after 623 AD), the direction of prayer or qiblah from Medina, was reversed probably from North to South (towards the direction of Mecca). The temple of Ka’aba was supposed to have been built by the first High Priest or Patriarch Adam and rebuilt by Abraham after the catastrophes c. 2100 BC; also caused by Earth close interactions with Jupiter & Jupiter’s satellites. The end of the world was announced due to the cataclysms experienced & conversion to Islam spread fast throughout Europe in the depopulated areas that had suffered decades of pestilence, plagues & natural catastrophes. The mosques are built aligned to the qiblah. The muslims also used astrolabes to find the correct direction of the Qiblah.

Al-Bara said: We prayed along with the Prophet facing Jerusalem for sixteen or seventeen months. Then Allah ordered him to turn his face towards the Qibla (in Mecca):- “And from whence-so-ever you start forth (for prayers) turn your face in the direction of (the Sacred Mosque of Mecca) Al-Masjid-ul Haram..” (2.149).

Before 934 South was already shown at the top in a map drawn by Abu Zaid Ahmed (ibn Sahl al-Balkhi) who lived from 850 & died in 934.

Ibn Hawqal’s map 934, an Arab scientist of the 10th century who developed a world map, with South at the top. A map (also oriented with South at the top) by the widely travelled Abu al-Qasim Muhammad b. Hawqal, originally from al-Jazira region in Turkey.

I have not found a map that shows SOUTH at the top before 800 AD. And the maps of the Islamic Tabula Rogeriana is dated to 1154 AD, Psalter Christian map of 1265, Gervase of Ebstorfc. 12th c, Cat. 1375 map, the Kagnido map of 1402, the Tabola di Velle map of 1430, Fra Mauro mappa mundi of 1450, Nicolas Desilens’ map from 1566, early Chinese maps of the same period including the Kagnido map, a Chinese-influenced Korean map from 1402, ALL STILL SHOW SOUTH AT THE TOP instead of North. So during those 6 centuries,
South was North.

FRA MAURO MAP of 1450
Fra Mauro was an Italian monk from Venice cartographer that created one of the most detailed world maps of the time of Europe, Asia and Africa, were SOUTH was at the top. This map was made with the help of Andrea Bianco, a sailor and cartographer, and reflects his extensive knowledge of the world.

From 1580 until 1583AD multiple Comets were recorded, earthquakes, plagues, pests & tempests took place in 1583-1585. As a result of those comets or of previous comets a few decades before, a new calendar called the Gregorian Calendar began in October 1582. The first maps to show North at the top were Gerardus Mecator’s map of 1569, Hondius map of 1590-1602.

Interestingly enough is the fact that several cartographers (map makers) also made maps of versions of Ptolemy’s maps from 150 AD, which also depicted the North at the top as we currently do; so it makes me wonder if they were recreating this maps to compare them to their current maps that depicted a polar reversal and South at the top instead of North. Some of these cartographers were: Beatus of Liebana (730-785), who circa 780 AD made a map for his book “Commentary on the Apocalypse” describing the diaspora of the Apostles, with Europe close to the Septentrio or North Up; Beatus stated the end-date of the world was 801 AD, from the number of the Holy Spirit plus Alpha, as well as a few other astronomical calculations; although he warns people that it is folly to try to guess a date that even Jesus in the Bible claimed not to know (because comets & planets can change their courses/orbits. Also Ruschelli’s & Mecator’s recreated Ptolemy’s map from 150 AD. Schedel also recreated in 1493 Ptolemy, 2nd ‘world era’ or after the Deluge, which depicts the world being divided among the sons of Noah: Japheth, Shem & Ham/Cam and series of hybrid human-animal creatures, & humans with mutations spoken of in mythologies and the old testament & rabbinical sources.
In 1595 Gerardus Mercator’s map, still visible in a 1623 map, shows Frisland, an island that sunk, due to floods & or earthquakes, and therefore does not appear in latter maps. Also, his depictions of the Arctic Polar regions are extremely fascinating, where he shows 4 pieces of land masses with mountains and 4 openings with a small island at the centre. Mercator uses as his reference a fourteenth-century English friar and mathematician who used an astrolabe to survey the septentrional regions. The four channels carry the sea towards the pole where it disappears into an abyss with great force. For his geographical information, Mercator quotes Plinly the Elder, Pomponius Mela, Ptolemy & Marco Polo. A map of the poles has either south or north at the top and at the bottom or in all directions. Unusually, the opposite compass direction will be located in the centre.

Other maps or Cartography with variations of East at the top:
There is evidence from the Torah that EAST was at the top of maps. In Genesis, Abraham’s nephew, Lot, is captured in war and carried away. Abraham races to the rescue. He and his men catch up with Lot’s captors, and set him free, in “Chovah, which is to the left of Damascus.” (Gen. 14:15). Chovah is north of Damascus. In Psalms 89:13 it says, “The north and the right, You created them”. This implies that right is synonymous with south, so you are facing east when you read the map. This is the reason some early medieval maps from 9-10th century also show East at the top & Jerusalem at the centre of the map, such as the Christian Hereford Mappa Mundi, drawn by Richard of Haldingham in the 14th century; Gervase of Eberstorff’s map of 1200’s, Isadore of Sevilla, Spain c. 636 drew a map reprinted in 12th century of Asia shown at to top of the map, the Mediterranean as a ‘T’ dividing the continents; Europe at the left and Africa to the right. This was a convenient way to project the different Axial alignments of Earth at the time and which continent was pointing towards our current North Pole. The ‘O’ is the surrounding Ocean. Paradise and the Garden of Eden was considered as originally also have been in Asia.
The Abi Mappa Mundi from circa 750 and represents 3 continents & 23 countries in the form of a horseshoe, opening at the level of the Strait of Gibraltar, and surrounding the Mediterranean, with the Middle East at the top, Europe on the left and North Africa on the right. The full manuscript contains 77 pages. It is named in the eighteenth century "Miscellanea" (Latin word meaning “collection”).

Conclusion:
From the maps that I found, we can deduct that in the year 150 AD, NORTH was at the top (the North Pole), and that between 150 AD and sometime before the 8th century AD the Poles reversed so North became South. The Albi Cathedral Mappa Mundi in France of 8th century AD, & a map by Persian Geographer Abu Zaid Ahmed ibn Sahl al-Balkhi (850-934) made BEFORE 934 AD and Ibn Hawqal’s world map drawn BEFORE 977, also shows SOUTH AT THE TOP. And at the time of making the map Tabula Rogeriana from 1154 SOUTH was STILL AT THE TOP, and as late as 1569 -97 & 1602 the maps BEGAN TO SHOW NORTH AT THE TOP, AROUND THE SAME TIME the Gregorian Calendar was instituted in 1582.

From the stories of Muhammad in mid 7th century, & catastrophes during the Dark Ages and approaches of Venus, Mar, the Moon & other Comets, seems that Earth’s Poles shifted from North to South between 150 AD and 750 AD, and the Poles SHIFTED AGAIN from SHOUTH to NORTH around 1582 AD.

It is very plausible that the Calendar changes that Velikovsky pointed to in his many books and articles are related to axial changes & the approaching or passing of great celestial bodies, including the planets Mars, Venus & the Moon.

What amazes me is the fact that we might have gone through several polar reversals and axis tilts and many survived a physical shifting of the Poles... If you feel curious & encourage you to do some research into these unusual maps.
If you know or find any more maps with South or East north at the top, please share them in the comment section. There seem so much more to explore and information to be acquired from these ancient maps.

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