

who flew in a slow plane across the country in a slow plane every week for two or three years would come, on the same route, would come to know the pattern of the very clearly ~~with~~ different areas over which he passed.

Before the sight of the sky was dimmed by the artificial ~~of~~ lights, the pattern appeared very fixed. It is only with a very fine instrument that we are able to observe any change, much of a change in the position so-called fixed stars. As the earth ~~trick~~ twirls, as the earth slowly moves, the stars seem to move across the heavens, but the pattern remains fixed. The only thing that changes is the movement of the seven heavenly bodies which ~~are~~ ^{were} recognized by the ancients and carefully studied Babylonian records tell us the exact position of Venus time after time. An occasional comet would be ^{the only} ~~an~~ additional fact that changes in the pattern. Nowadays most practically, hardly anybody ~~questions the~~ suspects the presence of a pattern of a comet, unless he reads about it in the newspapers. Only a hundred years ago everyone was very conscious of the appearance of a comet. ~~Without~~ Without the artificial lights to blind our eyes to the sky, we would come to know the pattern of the stars as ^{well as} ~~we~~ know of the pattern of the streets in the area in ~~which~~ which we live. To say that a man like Abraham would not know from any point on the earth surface the number of stars that were visible ^{was} ~~is about~~ now over four ~~of~~ thousands, is imputing to him an ignorance that is hardly ~~reasonable~~ imaginable.

The six ^M magnitude stars are the weakest ~~in the~~ that are visible to the human eye. I doubt most ~~of us~~ would even see the six magnitude stars. They are only one hundredth as bright as the first magnitude stars. ~~There are~~ There are fourteen first magnitude stars, and an increasing number of each magnitude until we reach about two thousands of the sixth magnitude. The stars arranged in a very marked pattern. Abraham probably was familiar with at least forty constellations