

## **Korean records of celestial and terrestrial events**

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Humankind tends to interpret natural disasters and unusual terrestrial and celestial phenomena as the abrupt and disorders. Most of these may, however, be the result of systematic or periodic circulations of global scale, and they are out of ranges of short lived mankind, no matter how they expand the time span of their experiences. While the celestial events such as the solar and lunar eclipses, guest stars, sunspots, meteors and meteorites, and etc. had being wondered until recently, the atmospheric events like abnormal weathers are still remained as troublesome to human society. In addition to these, there are activities on the earth's crust. Such examples are the earthquakes and large scale tides including Tsunami, which are induced by the earthquakes. These were subjects to record in the very early times of human history. The mother earth is the warehouse of small but interesting treasures, such as the large scale of insect activities, the prevalence of diseases, abnormal human bodies and births, strangeness of birds and animals, and many others. These are well related directly or indirectly to the present-day human lives, and their causes and the external events are all subtly linked together.

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