



Cleveland Astronomical Society

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Thursday, Sept 1, 2011 Meeting Announcement

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Leonard Krieger CanalWay Center

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Speaker – Dr. George W. Collins II

Department of Geological Sciences – Adjunct Professor
Resident CAS Astronomer

The Millennium Star or the History of the Crab Nebulae

Most everyone believes that the supernova giving rise to the Crab Nebula was first seen by the Chinese in June of 1054. In reality it was seen in Europe in May of 1054, but references to it largely have vanished from the literature. The reason is that there were political happenings that led to the suppression of the information. It is worth looking at what was seen and by whom and why it was suppressed. It may also have been seen by Native North Americans in the middle of June 1054.

Dr. Collins addressed the CAS group on this topic some time ago, but he has new information which he will include in his fascinating story. He ties his interest and knowledge in Global Warming to this topic with information about climate change in Southwestern U.S., where those fleeing drought conditions may have seen the supernova.

High School Teachers interested in bringing two students, as our guests, please contact Bob Sledz, President, at 440-333-7827 or isledz@yahoo.com by the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting date.