

Atlantis of Plato, was sunk by a violent earthquake ; the natural consequence would be, that the sea would necessarily have flowed in from all sides, and formed what is now called the Atlantic Ocean, leaving vast continents dry, and possibly those which we now inhabit. This revolution, therefore, might be made of a sudden by the opening of some vast cavern in the interior part of the globe, which an universal deluge must inevitably succeed ; or possibly this change was not effected at once, but required a length of time, which I am rather inclined to think ; however these conjectures may be, it is certain the revolution has occurred, and in my opinion very naturally, for to judge of the future, as well as the past, we must carefully attend to what daily happens before our eyes. It is a fact clearly established by repeated observations of travellers, that the ocean has a constant motion from the East to West ; this motion like the trade winds, is not only felt between the tropics, but also throughout the temperate climates, and as near the poles as navigators have gone ; of course the Pacific Ocean makes a continual effort against the coasts of Tartary, China, and India ; the Indian Ocean acts  
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