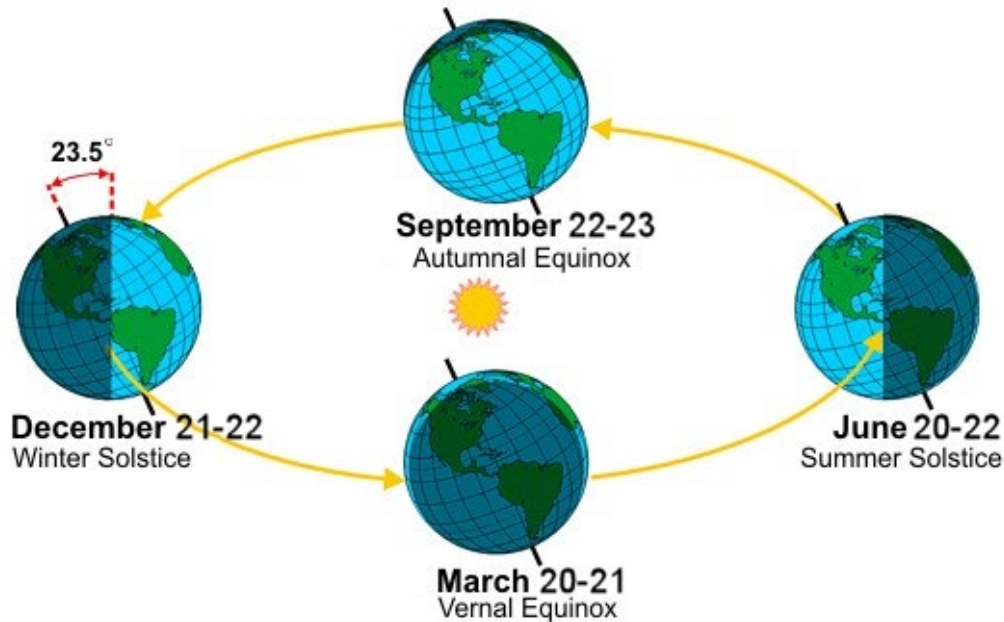


2016 Solstice Greetings

In the ancient time before humans had science to understand the causation of seasons, they just accepted the seeming miracle of the changing cycle. They did not know the Earth was round or that its planetary axis of rotation was not perpendicular to its orbital plane.



This 23.5 degree tilt in planetary axis causes the Northern Hemisphere to be gradually inclined toward the Sun for half the year, the Southern for half, and back again. This gentle tipping back and forth creates the consistent change of season so vital to agriculture, and consequently the evolution of life as we know it.

Without understanding how, the ancients were nevertheless keenly aware that their very existence was dependent on this movement, and sought to mark the cycle.

