The Heavens & Timekeeping Symbolism & Expediency

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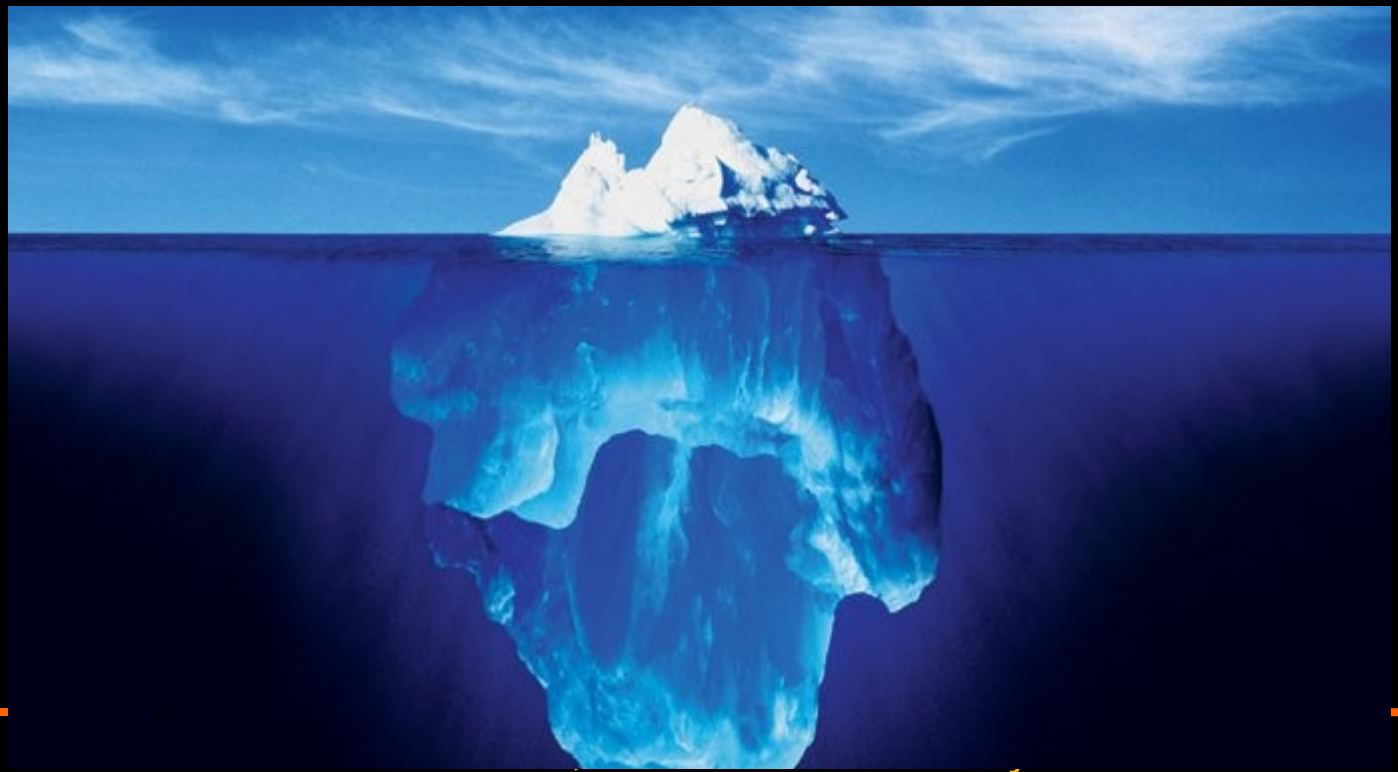

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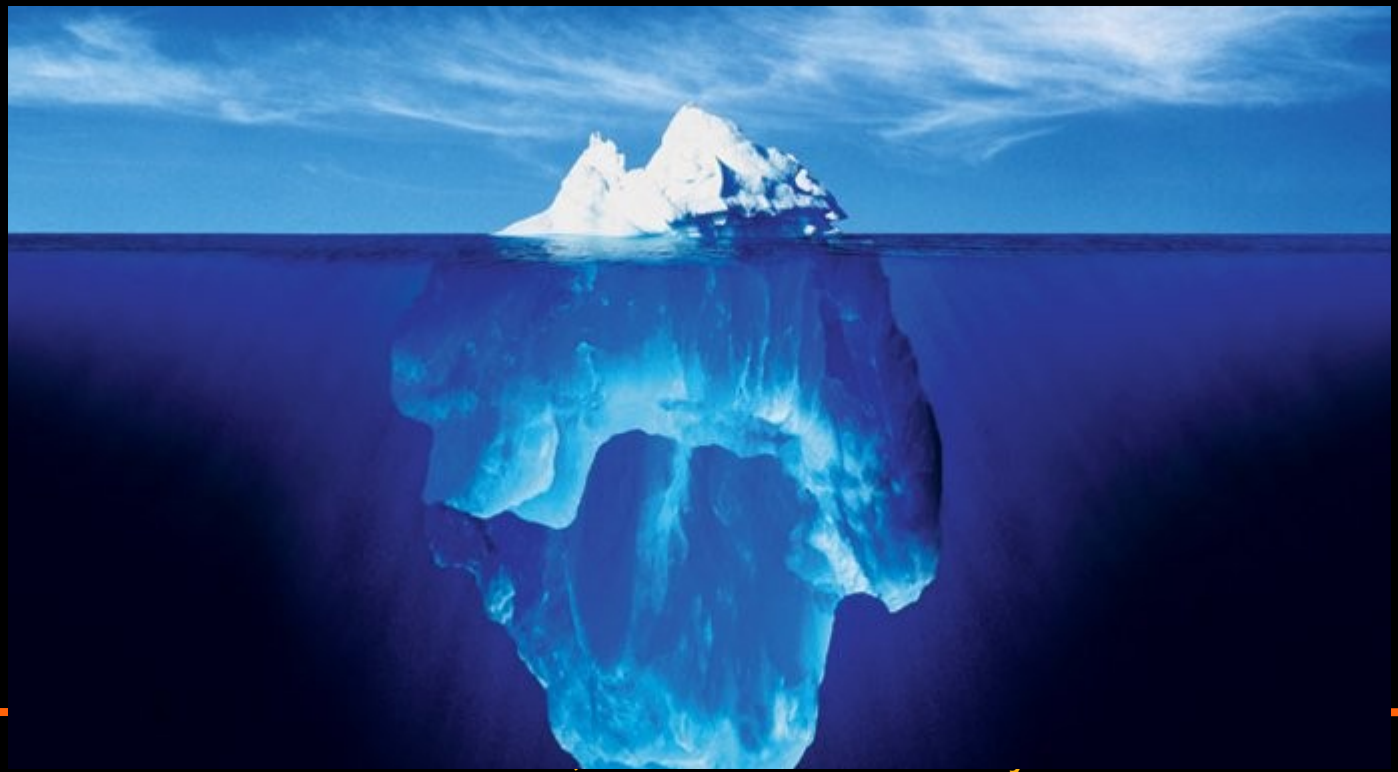

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Hanshu, j. 21A

"It is good to conform to the Heavens in order to bring about the accords [between observation and calculation]."

Jinshu, j. 18

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  - Ganymede: orbit. p. = 7 * (24h 32min)

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- Get in touch with underlying forces
- Understand the dynamics
  - Conformity
  - Continuity
  - Timelessness
  - Inertia
  - Expediency: empirical → calculated
  - Relationship between symbols and reality; general perception and fact

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- I prefer to maintain the coupling.
- If decoupled, then
  - Make clear that decoupling is temporary
  - until a new coupled scheme (TIMEFRAME!)
  - improved because more expedient (calculated).