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With scientific method, and you would have given them their historic mission. Explore this place and find out how it works and what it means that we find ourselves alive here.

You know you had kept your certainty about a God-ruled universe and, because of that, your certainty about the nature of God himself. But you felt you had a method, a conscientious-building process through which you could discover the nature of everything around you, including God, and including the true purpose of mankind's existence on the planet. So, you sent those explorers out to find the true nature of your situation and to report back.

He paused and looked at me.

The Manuscript, 'he said, 'says that at this point we began the preoccupation from which we are awakening now. We spent these explorers out to bring back a complete explanation of our existence, but because of the complexity of the universe they weren't able to return right away.'

"What was the preoccupation"?

'Put yourself in that time period again, 'he said. 'When the scientific method couldn't bring back a new picture of God and of mankind's purpose on the planet, the lack of certainty and meaning affected western culture deeply. We needed something else to do until our questions were answered. Eventually we arrived at what seemed to be a very logical solution. We looked at each other and said, "Well, since our explorers haven't yet returned with our true spiritual situation, why not settle into this world of ours while we are waiting? We are certainly learning enough to manipulate this new world for our own benefit, so why not work in the meantime to raise.