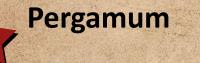


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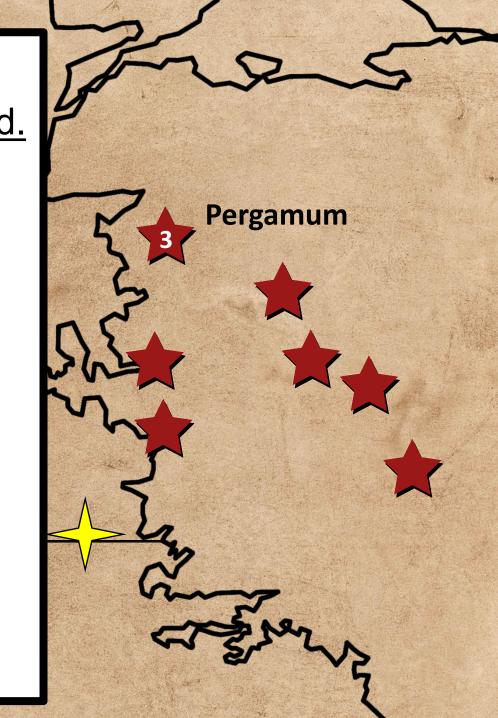


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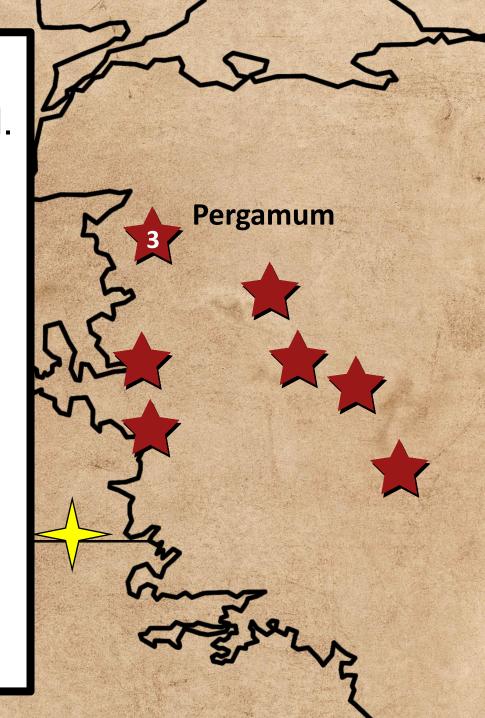








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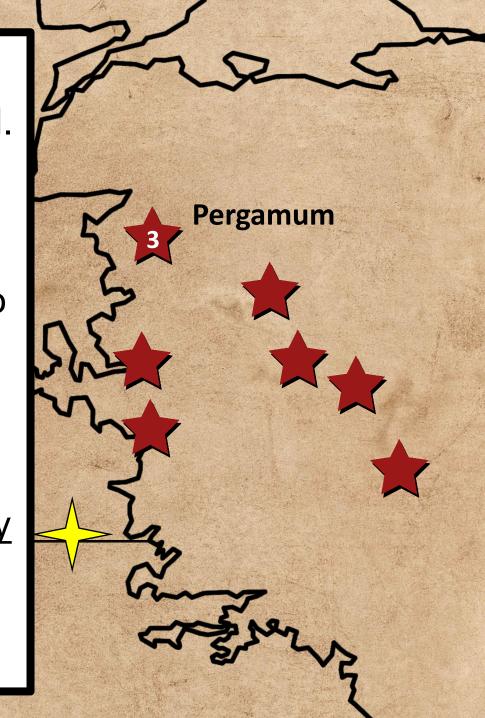
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- C. S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters





"Why is my mind under so much duress? Why do I feel inflicted by the ideologies of our time? Why do I feel this tug-of-war of desires in my own chest? Why do I keep coming back to self-defeating behavior? Why is there a steady stream of bad news from across the world? Why does injustice rage when so many of us decry it as evil? Why can't we seem to fix the world's deepest problems, even with all our money and technology and political prowess? And why do I even care? Why does it weigh on me so heavily? Consider this: Could it be our souls are at war with another world?"

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