

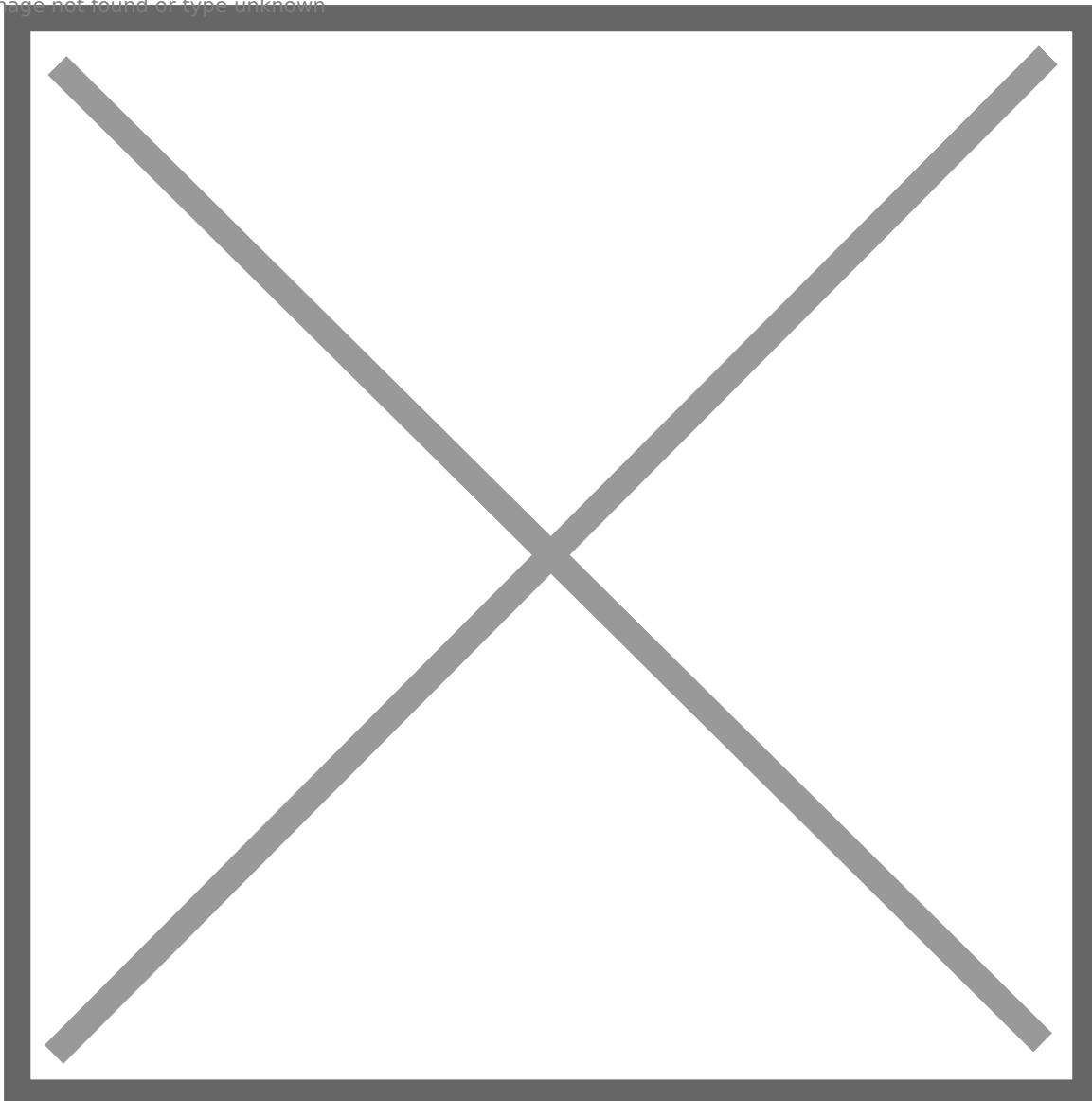
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Post by "Godfrey" of September 5, 2021 at 3:52 PM

You may have addressed this and I may have missed it, but I was intrigued by the similarity of "meteorology" and "meteor." Apparently Greek *ta meteōra* means "the celestial phenomena, things in heaven above," plural of *meteōron*, literally "thing high up."

"Specific sense of 'fireball in the sky, shooting star' is attested from 1590s. Atmospheric phenomena were formerly classified as aerial meteors (wind), aqueous meteors (rain, snow, hail), luminous meteors (aurora, rainbows), and igneous meteors (lightning, shooting stars). All the other senses have fallen away." From:

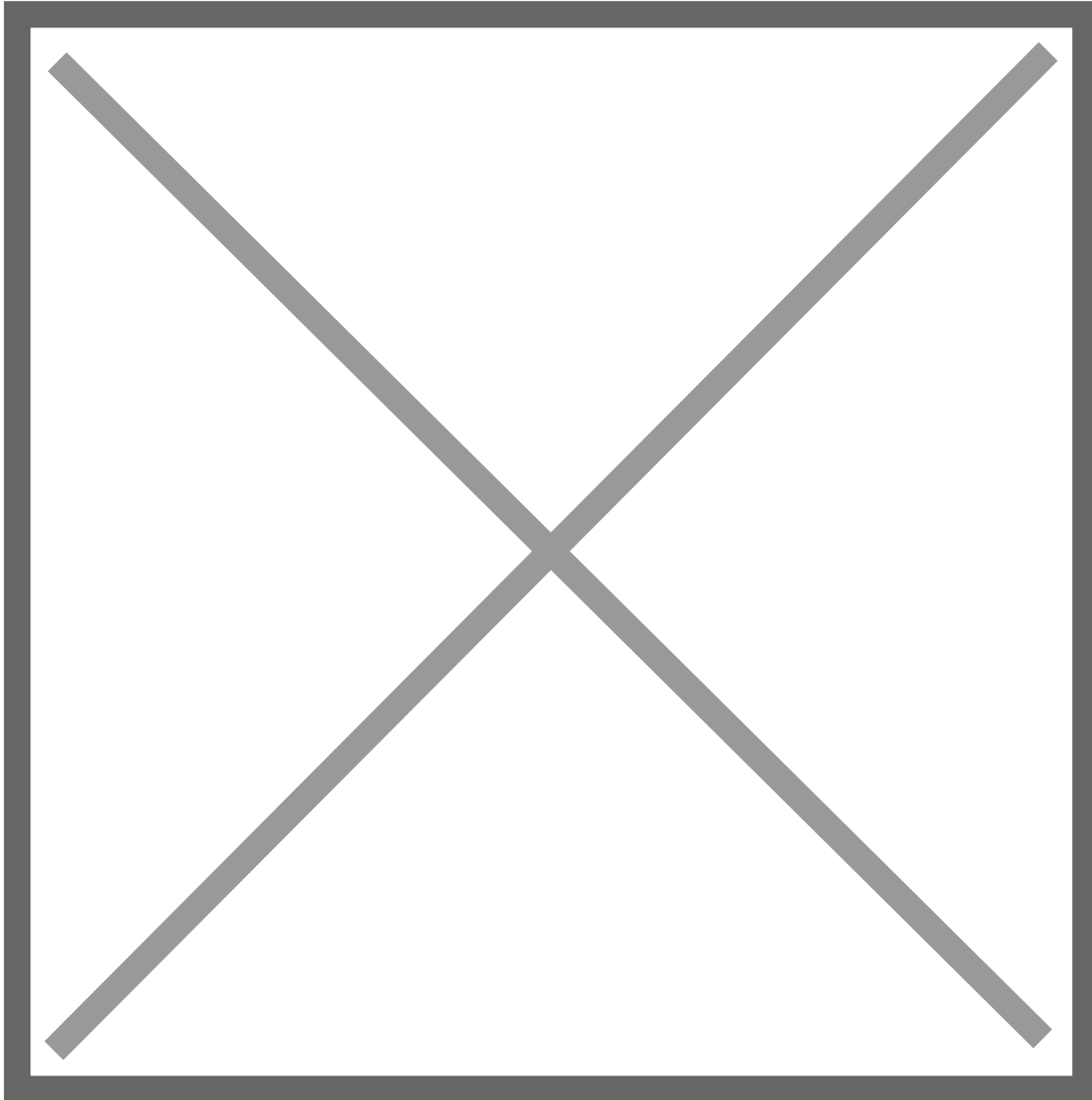
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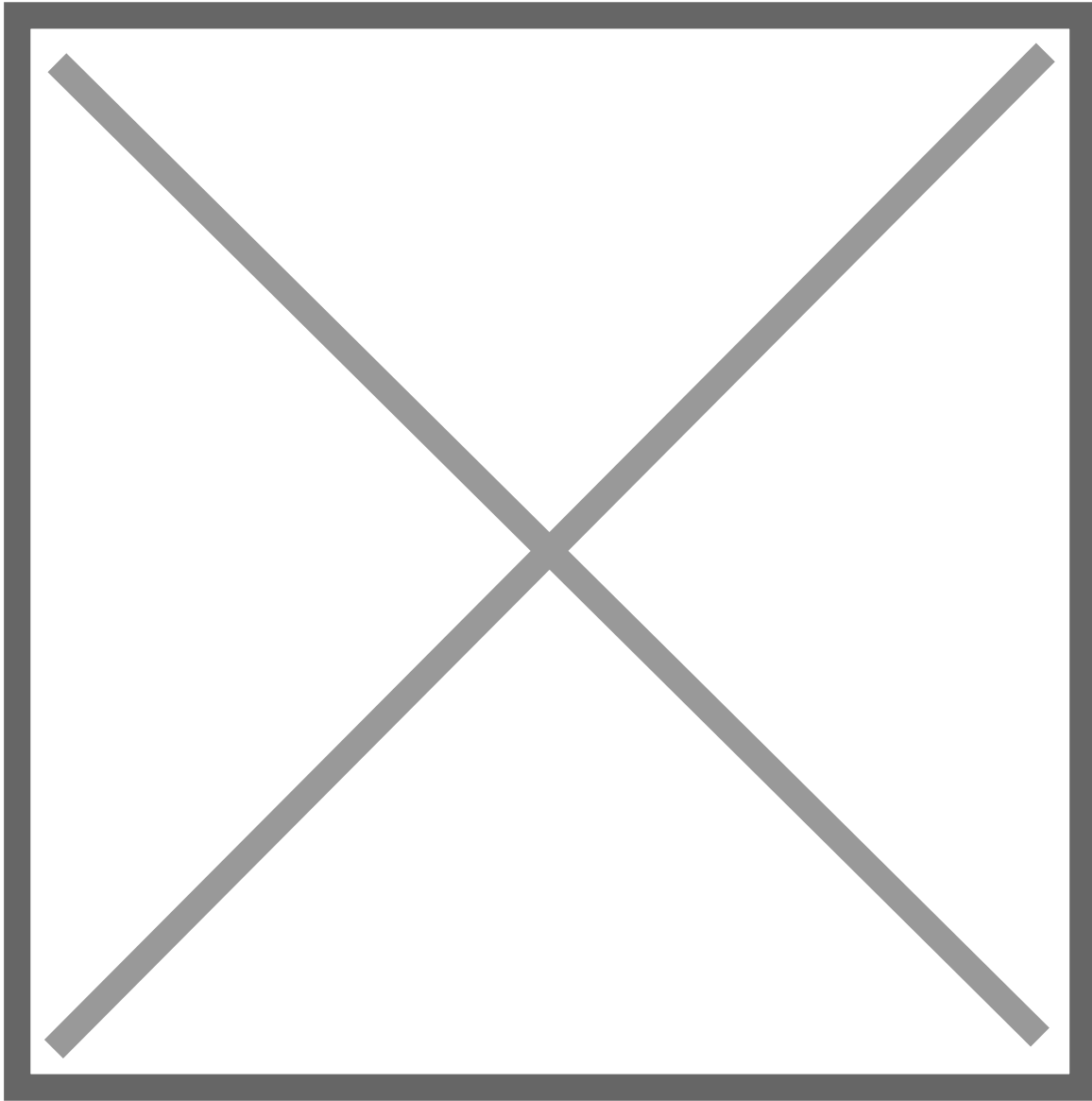
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