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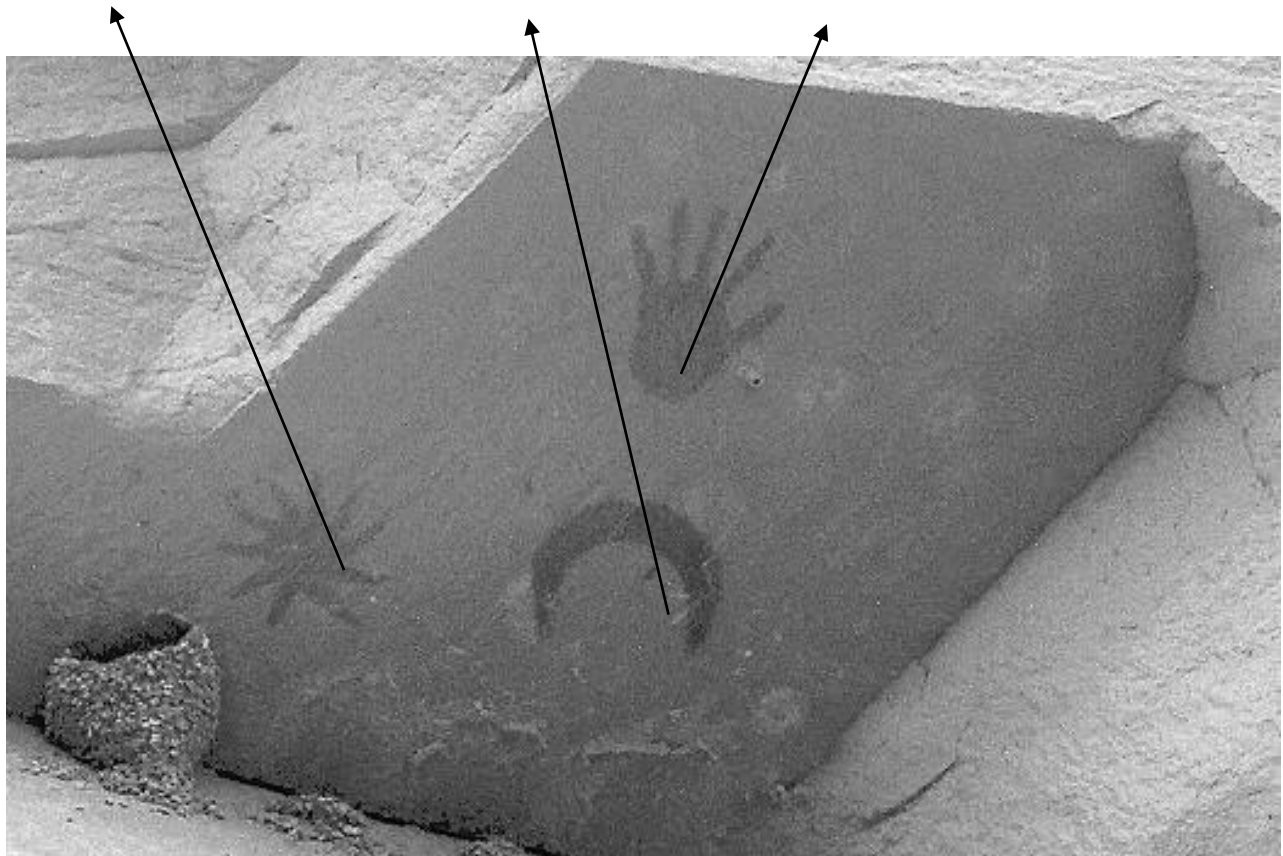
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A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

People have often said that a picture is worth a thousand words. The Ancestral Puebloans had a functioning language, but they did not write. Instead, some archaeologists have suggested that they used rock art in the form of petroglyphs (rock pecking) and pictographs (painted pictures on rocks) to convey ideas that translated themselves into stories. These narratives became the basis for their culture. You have already seen that spirals and concentric circles represented sun-watching stations. The photograph below details the three parts of the most famous astronomical painting of the Ancestral Puebloan world. It is located in Chaco Canyon near Nageezi, New Mexico. Your task as investigators is to derive a working hypothesis of what this image is trying to convey. Students will find clues to the answer on the next page.

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- 2.
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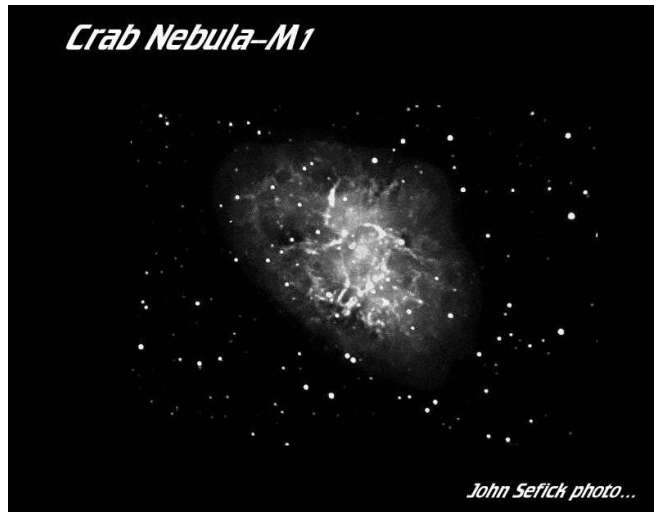
Put it all together. What do you think this pictograph represents?



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Clue 1



Clue 2



Clue 3

