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## Daffodils!



**T**HE daffodils in my flower beds bloomed today! I have not paid attention to them in years past so I cannot say if they were early this year, but it sure seems likely. The tulips and crocuses are pushing up behind them, but will not bloom for several more weeks. I'm not much of a gardener, but it is impressive to see one set of blooms succeeded by a second and then a third.

**T**HIS past week brought severe storms and shocking loss of life in Kentucky and Indiana, as well as in the surrounding region. The forecasters were able, a day or two in advance, to alert a general area to the danger of tornadoes, but the specifics, both location and timing, elude them and always will. Astro-weather forecaster **Carolyn Egan** tells me she is fearful that someday the **Weather Channel** will take up astro-meteorology. I am skeptical. Carolyn, I said, you'll know when they do, because one of their storm models will invariably be right, a week, two weeks in advance. All the official weather forecasters know of Astro-Meteorology, have known for many years, but their bias is so powerful that

*no loss of life, not even in the thousands, will make them see the light. We can do better!*

George McCormack said that **tornadoes are products of Neptune**. Here is an extract:

As the extreme expression of the Venus influence, this planet induces the heaviest downpours in the shortest space of time. During spells of heat, combined with excessive humidity under Neptune's influence, surface air currents ascend vertically, carrying dust particles in large quantities into the upper atmosphere. *Disturbances in the upper air levels are sometimes generated so quickly that a spiral motion is set in operation, forming like an inverted cone. These cloud formations have the effect of vacuums.* As these lowering dark clouds sweep in from the western horizon, preceded by increasing wind velocity, *the intense atmospheric turbulences sweep along narrow paths not more than a mile wide across country.* Such storms are intensified in the lowlands and along waterways, when attended by preceding high temperature. (my emphasis) — *from A Textbook of Long Range Weather Forecasting. Coming Soon!*

## ASTRO MED A to Z FROM C.E.O. CARTER'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA

**Neurasthenia.** This covers a variety of conditions of different degrees of severity and originating in many ways. We nearly always find them to be characterized by Mercury being afflicted in or from a Saturn sign, 26° Aquarius appearing particularly severe in this respect, or by Saturn itself. Degrees commonly involved are 10° Taurus and 25° Gemini-Sagittarius, and one or both of these I have found involved in nearly every case. The worse the afflictions the more severe the malady. Examples:

**N.N. 813.** Mercury square Mars and Saturn both in Aquarius and in an angle; Neptune 26° Aquarius. Female, born midnight, March 11, 1890, Birmingham. Shock and severe neurasthenia. Mercury 28° Aquarius heavily afflicted. Venus ruling 6th in 26° Pisces.

Male, born 9:30 am, April 29, 1870, Taunton. Shock and debility from wounds. Mercury 28° Taurus afflicted by Saturn in 28° Sagittarius . . .

— **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, by C.E. O. Carter.

## ALMANACK for the week (all times GMT)

07	09:03	♀♂☉
06	12:26	♀✳♀
	14:38	♀  ♃
07	01:29	☾✳♃ Void
	03:28	☾♃
	11:52	☾♃☉
08	09:40	☉18♃13 Full Moon/Void
	13:57	♀♃☉
09	04:51	☾♃
10	12:36	☾♃♂
11	03:10	☾♂♃ Void
12	07:50	♀SR
	18:31	☾△☉ Void

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## STAR OF THE WEEK



**MARKAB** alpha Pegasi 23✳39

**Notes:** A white star situated on the wing of Pegasus. From Markab, a Saddle, Ship or Vehicle.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mars and Mercury. It gives honour, riches, fortune, danger from fevers, cuts blows, stabs and fire and a violent death.

**If culminating:** Disgrace, ruin and often a violent death.

**With Sun:** Energetic, unlucky, impermanent martial honours, disappointed ambitions, accidents and sickness.

**With Moon:** Injuries from enemies, bad for gain and domestic matters, fairly good health but many accidents. If Mars be with the Moon, death by wild beasts or soldiers. If a malefic be with Cingula Orionis, death by human hands.

**With Mercury:** Good mind, rash and headstrong. — *From Fixed Stars*, by Vivian Robson

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## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### The Shape You Are In

**I**F you could take off your skin and sit around in your bones, the pattern of your life's framing would show up at once, with Saturn the most evident of all your planets because he rules the skeletal framework and, by extension, your basic pattern in all things. To recognize your inherent pattern or the shape your life is framed in you must look to your natal Saturn therefore, noting which ANGULAR house he is already in or first enters by transit as he goes through the Signs either direct or retrograde, after your birth.

When actually achieved and thus in your 1st, 4th, 7th or 10th House — the ones that give shape to your wheel of life — then the pattern is considered to be shaped by the nature of that house and he throws two squares and an opposition to the remaining three, to modify your pattern accordingly. The angle he is in has the effect of a conjunction and makes matters of that house basic in your fundamental urges. The two houses that are square show where obstacles lie, and where too-zealous efforts to establish a pattern may react in loss, undue expense or much disappointment. The angle in opposition shows the non-cooperation or separative influence to be faced in maintaining your pattern. An opposition however is like a full Moon: you are fully aware of the conditions you face and can see clearly, since you have a light in the darkness. When we have an empty house we read it as an outside or world condition into which we are born on the planet Earth. —

[Here and There in Astrology](#), 1961

# The Snowflake Theory

The **Snowflake Theory of Astrology** is a development of my earlier theory, that the signs of the zodiac are not of the sky, but internal to the earth itself. So I will start with a review of the zodiacs:

## THE TROPICAL ZODIAC

**Z**ODIACS are defined by how they determine 0° Aries. In the Tropical Zodiac, Aries is defined as the moment the Sun's apparent motion shows it to be crossing the Earth's equator, going north. Cancer is defined as the Sun's maximum north latitude/declination (the Tropic of Cancer), Libra is defined as the moment the Sun crosses the Earth's equator going south, and Capricorn is defined as the Sun's maximum south latitude/declination (the Tropic of Capricorn).

For its part, the date of maximum north declination may be obtained, anywhere in the northern hemisphere, by using a plumb line to erect a vertical shaft, and then carefully noting the length of the shortest shadow of the year. Which will be at noon on the day of the Summer Solstice.

The dates of the equinoxes are a bit trickier to establish. For these, you need a reasonably well-calibrated clepsydra, or water-clock. Ideally, it should have a water reservoir large enough to run several days without refill, so that a central mean rate of water loss can be used as the unit of measure. We then measure the time from sunrise to sunset, and sunset to sunrise, until we find a single day where they are both of equal length.

Which is to say that very ancient, very primitive civilizations knew both the season, as well as the length of the year. In other words, they could calculate the Tropical Zodiac. In marking the seasons, the Tropical Zodiac shows a simple Sun-Earth relationship. Trisect the seasons and we have the twelve signs we know today. This has nothing whatever to do with stars or constellations.

Ancient Persians externalized the seasons  
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Secrets  
From A,  
Stargazer's  
Notebook

DEBBI KEMPTON-SMITH

## Past Lives

**I** THINK we make a mistake when we look for reasons. You have to be pretty wise or very foolish to chalk it all up to the Will of God, just shrug and walk away, when harsh or senseless events occur. Searching for reasons doesn't always work, either. Perhaps there has to be something in the middle.

Saturn's position in the chart shows where the pain, or improper thinking, started—in a past life *and in this one!* The astrologer Marc Robertson wrote an excellent booklet out about past life-times with Saturn in the twelve signs. The house position of Saturn can give you even deeper things about past lifetimes. Stare at your chart in the section where Saturn is. *What hurt you so damned much that you had to close off and quit trying?*

If Saturn makes nasty angles to a planet in your chart, your past-life fears and hang-ups are probably getting in the way of whatever you're trying to express with that planet.

For example, Saturn attacking Mars in a man's chart hints that something in past lives gets in the way of expressing his sexy manhood fully in this life. Is his Moon in a feminine sign? The "feminine" signs are Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn and Pisces. If Saturn attacks Mars *and* the Moon is feminine chances are he is making the transition in this life from female memories and habits to his present male body. *This does not necessarily indicate the man is homosexual;* he is desperately learning to be a man in this life and is deeply afraid his is not man enough for the job.

Similarly a masculine Moon sign and Saturn attacking Venus in a woman's chart reveals a woman who "thinks like a man." She may be extremely popular with men friends *because she feels like one of them.* These women desperately want to feel pretty and successful at being women; the motivated ones work hard at it.

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This is a serialization of Vivian Robson's masterpiece, **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**. It is now in print.

Part 84:

# Love and Marriage

(b) *Female*. This is judged similarly from the positions of Sun, Mars, and Venus. [See last week—*Dave*] If these are strong, in fruitful signs, not afflicted by Saturn or Uranus, and the Sun is in aspect with Mars, marriage may be expected. The indications denying or delaying it are Mars weak and in no aspect to Sun; and Sun, Mars, or Venus afflicted by Saturn, Uranus, and sometimes Neptune, and weak or in barren signs.

*Time of Marriage.* (a) *Male*. The general strength and positions of the significators must be carefully considered and the probable time of marriage estimated by balancing the indications. An early marriage is indicated if the Moon is unafflicted in a fruitful sign; Moon or several planets between 1st and 10th or 7th and 4th; Moon increasing in light; or Moon and Venus un-affected by Saturn. These indications may sometimes also denote marriage to a very young partner. Delay is shown (or alternatively marriage to an older or elderly partner) when Moon or Mars are afflicted by Saturn; Sun and Moon afflict each other; significators in barren signs; Moon between 10th and 7th or 1st and 4th, or decreasing in light. — **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, by Vivian Robson. *Female time of marriage next week.*

- March 11: **Clocks Full Speed Ahead!**
- 1708—Queen Anne vetoes Parliament
- 1824—Bureau of Indian Affairs created
- 1851—Premiere of *Rigoletto*, Verdi
- 1861—Confederate Constitution adopted
- 1888—Great Blizzard, US east coast
- 1927—Roxy Theater opens, New York
- 1942—MacArthur leaves Corregidor

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# ASTEROID OF THE MONTH



## Toro

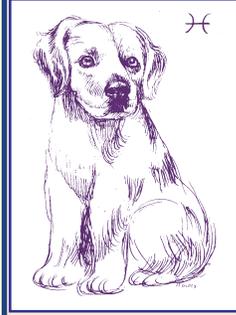
**T**ORO is Ernest Hemingway heaven . . . think of Spain and *corridas* and the streets crowded with men who prove their courage in *the running of the bulls*. Tests of testosterone! *Real men don't eat quiche!* While matadors are scarce in most neighborhoods, fear not: Toro is alive and well, embodied in Rambo and Rocky stereotypes; in football and prizefights, Stanley-Studleys, body builders, *machismo* and bullies. Toro is *cave man mentality* and the worst of "blue-collar" attitudes; it is unnecessary roughness. Toro is "seeing red" and charging blindly; it can be somewhat coarse, unpolished and unrefined! It is attempting to use force to get your way. It's being "pushy" and overly assertive or aggressive. Toro uses anger (along with the strengths of its Sign, House and Aspect Pattern) to intimidate.

It is also making with the muscles or doing the bull work, so it can be instances of physical work/labor or some kind of physical showdown (that is often elicited by a dare or the idea that anger/aggression is a contest through the aspecting planets). Resistance to the force of Toro is handled with a show of anger and attempts to bully or overwhelm. The positive Toro is competitive and assertive (through the Sign, House and Aspect Pattern).

Where Toro aspects more passive energies (such as the Moon, Venus, Neptune or retrograde planets) or is tied in a highly stressful Aspect Pattern, the individual has used these planets to defend him or herself from anger, violence or pushiness of others.

—from **Mechanics of the Future Asteroids**, © 1988, 1991

## DOG OF THE MONTH



The Pisces dog is an adorable pet, and big or small needs absolutely loads of affection. He will go to anyone who will pat him on the head or stroke him. Never leaves your side, even when walking, so he is a joy to be with. Also he give you an excuse to take that much needed stroll.

Left alone at home, when you go shopping or whatever, he will hang his head and look mournfully at you as you leave.

They are real people dogs and you can easily relate to this one. Definitely will blubber all over you, so be prepared for undying affection.

Sometimes they seem to see and react to things that are not readily apparent to your sight. Could be disconcerting or amusing, depending on your frame of mind.

© Marian Futterman, 1976, **Your Dog and Astrology**, \$3.00. Yes, Marian, we still have copies. Some of the best sun-sign writing I ever came across.

## The New Newsletter

**M**ost people, most astrologers, even, have no idea how rich, how varied, astrology really is. I'm lucky. For the last eighteen years, I've lived in what amounts to a world-class astrological library, which I've been passing off as **AstroAmerica**. Every week I will serve up a slice for your amusement.

'Til next week — **Dave**

- March 11 birthdays:**
- 1926—Ralph Abernathy
  - 1931—Rupert Murdoch
  - 1934—Sam Donaldson



into convenient stars. This let them easily see, in the night sky, what season they were in, and how long it would be until the season changed. They called these the four Royal Stars. They were:

**Regulus**, which marked Summer/Cancer.

**Antares**, which marked Autumn/Libra.

**Fomalhaut**, which marked Winter/Capricorn.

**Aldebaran**, which marked Spring/Aries.

These four are more or less square and opposed to each other. Regulus, which to the ancient Persians was at or around 0° Cancer, is now at 0° Virgo. As fixed stars move at a rate of 1° every 72 years, we may date the Persian externalization to be approximately 4300 years ago, or about 2300 BC.

Around two thousand years later, this convenience became mistaken for something else entirely and a large and misleading superstructure of stars and constellations grew up around it. I am *not* being revisionist. I am merely observing first causes and tracing their influence. The Tropical Zodiac is based entirely upon the Earth-Sun relationship. Always has been. Always will be.

## The Sidereal Zodiac

Well, then, the Sidereal Zodiac is based on the stars, is it not? It is, after all, based on the *motion* of the stars, 1° every 72 years.

But no. It turns out the Sidereal Zodiac has no stellar basis. The apparent drift we see is not based on the stars' own true motions, but on the Earth's wobble.

What is the "Earth's wobble" - ? As we know, the Earth spins about on its axis, making one revolution every day. What we sometimes forget is that the Earth, like a spinning top, has a secondary wobble.

Why does the Earth have a wobble? Because the Sun pulls the Earth in one direction, while the Moon pulls the Earth in another. In other words, the Earth's wobble is due to the Moon. Not to the stars.

The Earth's wobble defines the Great Year, which is to say, one degree of drift (wobble) every 72 years, times 360 degrees, equals a complete cycle of 25,920 years. Divide by 12 and you have the Astrological Ages, each of which are 2160 years. (All of these numbers are approximate.)

Stars in fact have their own proper motion, and it seems that every star is different. You may read about the proper motion of stars on pgs. 13-14 of Robson's celebrated **book**: *In the year 1718 Halley discovered that Arcturus and Sirius had moved southwards since the time of Ptolemy, and it is now recognized that all stars possess a proper*

*motion that causes them gradually to change their positions relative to each other. In all cases the relative motion appears very small owing to the great distances of the stars . . .*

The Sidereal Zodiac is no more star-based than the Tropical Zodiac.

**T**HE relative value of these two great systems, Tropical and Sidereal, can be judged. Vedic astrologers have long touted their Sidereal system as superior, based, in part, on their preservation and continued use of many ancient texts. Conversely, many Tropical astrologers have found themselves apologetic and defensive, based upon their incomplete and fragmentary understanding of the Tropical zodiac, owing entirely to the loss of the Tropical system over the past 300 years, in particular, the great loss in the latter half of the 20th century. Which I, and many others, are determined to correct.

In the Tropical Zodiac, the signs mean pretty much what they say they mean. Tropical astrologers have traditionally made much use of the signs, as well as their elemental and energetic qualities. Hellenistic and horary astrologers often use decans and terms. Aries produces rams. Taurus produces bulls. Aries is fire and cardinal. Taurus is earth and fixed. Aries is ruled by Mars, co-ruled by the Sun. Saturn and Venus are debilitated. Tropical Aries, like all twelve signs, has three decans and five terms/bounds. As I have demonstrated in this newsletter, the Tropical Zodiac will precisely delineate the individual.

None of this is true for the Sidereal Zodiac, and I am being neither hasty, nor ignorant. In this room, a few feet away, are upwards of 500 Vedic astrology books, imported from India, written by the very best Indian pandits, including a good number of ancient texts in modern translation.

In Vedic astrology, while the signs have the same meanings as in Tropical, those values are rarely used. While there are ruling planets, those rulerships are rarely used. There are the same four elements and three modalities, but, again, Vedic astrology makes little use of them. In Vedic astrology there is, so far as I am aware, no decans, nor terms. So far as its overall structure, Vedic astrology is cruder than Tropical. Vedic astrology relies on many mathematical calculations and complex relationships, many of which have little to do with actual planets.

Where Vedic astrology shines is in its forecasting ability. Most Vedic astrologers, as well as many Western astrologers, believe forecasting to be not only the primary use of astrology, but also its highest and best use.

But there not just one Sidereal Zodiac. There are many. Each of which is used for a specific purpose. Each of these are known by its shift, in degrees, minutes and seconds, from the Tropical Zodiac, which, unlike the many Sidereal variants, is the only zodiac that can be precisely timed. This shift is termed the **ayanamsa**. Using a computer program, you may easily calculate the ayanamsas of the various systems: Calculate a chart for the Sun's entry into Tropical Aries, but set the chart in the Sidereal Zodiac of your choosing. Subtract the Sun's zodiacal position from 30°00'00" degrees. The result will be the ayanamsa of that system as of that date.

**In 2012, the Sun will enter Aries on March 20, 2012, 1:15 am EDT. Which is 5:15 am GMT.**

If, for example, you want to predict using solar and lunar returns, use the Fagan-Bradley Zodiac. Its ayanamsa is currently 24°55'. This is what you must SUBTRACT from Tropical positions to get positions in the Fagan-Bradley (or Fagan-Allen) Sidereal Zodiac. (Traditionally ayanamsas are given to the nearest second of arc. I have skipped this, which is my error.)

To forecast using Parasara's Vimshottari Dasas, you must use the Lahiri Sidereal Zodiac. Its ayanamsa is currently 24°02'.

If you wish to use the Krishnamurti system of subs, you must use the Krishnamurti Sidereal Zodiac. Its current ayanamsa is 23°56'. The Krishnamurti system is more nearly a system of divination. It gives the most astonishing results.

Are these hairsplitting differences? Yes, but as each system is very precise, you must be equally precise. **Richard Houck** had his own ayanamsa, which was a tweak of the Lahiri. I suspect it was close to Krishnamurti.

In addition to these four ayanamsas, there are many secondary ayanamsas, among them, Raman, DeLuce, Shill-Ponde and Usha-Shashi. When all the various systems are stacked up in this fashion, the limitations of the Sidereal Zodiac, the superiority of the Tropical, become clear. (Sorry about that!)

## The Snowflake Theory

**T**HE Snowflake Theory sets out to resolve a problem. Yes, the signs of the Zodiac, all twelve of them, are in the Earth. Not the sky. And because of this, dispositors and rulers and lords and planets in exaltation, debility and fall, can actually work, since, down below, it's all one big muddle anyway.

Since we're made of that same stuff, that's why the head is ruled by Aries and Mars, but

the left eye of a male is ruled by the Moon. Mercury in Virgo rules the hands, except the Sun rules the right hand in males.

And it makes no difference where in the sky the ruling planet may be. At the moment Mars is retrograde in Virgo, but he still rules that chunk of sky 60 degrees over yonder (Scorpio), and that other one 150 degrees in the other direction (Aries), as well as having a dislike of the next sign over (Libra), as well as not liking Taurus, liking Capricorn, etc. Once “the food gets to the stomach” as it were, your ham sandwich can interact directly with the green salad you ate just prior.

But when we tear ourselves free of the Earth and look into the sky, it’s entirely different. J.H. Nelson’s work with radio transmission, undertaken while an employee of NBC in the 1950’s, did not need rulers, nor dispositors. Neither did George McCormack with his work with the weather.

And it’s frankly difficult to reconcile a muddled mess of signs-in-the-earth with the exact zodiacal positions we find in the ephemeris. Nor can we dodge the issue by transcribing, say, Pluto’s declination into zodiacal longitude, as that process only works for the Sun.

We are left with the conclusion that while things in the earth may be a muddle, as soon as the Zodiac (that’s the Tropical Zodiac) breaks free of the earth, it becomes twelve distinct, precise, “rays.” Like “beams of light.” Earthbeams. A “ray” of the Zodiac is like a searchlight combing the skies, searching, not for enemy aircraft, but for the odd wandering star, aka planet. To which it immediately gives a degree number and a sign.

Which implies there is something at the very center of the earth that produces these “Earthbeams”. Which on the way to the surface are muddled by the intervening layers of the Earth’s crust, before breaking free to shoot straight out into the cosmos above us.

Something that sends out invisible beams. How about a crystalline structure? Suppose at the center of the Earth was a 12-sided crystal?

I was seized with this idea on Thursday, February 23rd. Eagerly I went to Google and made a search. Science has long said the center of the Earth to be a mass of iron. There is a new theory that the iron at the center of the Earth to be a **single, gigantic crystal**. If that’s a 12-sided crystal, then I’ve got it!

Regrettably, my Google search informed me that iron does not form a 12-sided crystal. Only a **cubic one**. But then I thought, maybe under intense pressure and heat, maybe that simple cube would morph into

three interlocking cubes. That would give me the twelve rays/signs/beams I needed.

Excited, apprehensive, I was staring at a Google page of **crystal images**, when my eye chanced upon a snowflake.

And then it hit me.

My theory did not need a twelve sided crystal. It only needed a six sided one.

The pointy parts of a snowflake are the six masculine signs.

The valley things are the six feminine signs.

**The crystal at the center of the Earth is six-sided.**

So, is there a version of iron, an alloy or isotope, that is six-sided? I am still staggered by what came next.

Yes. There is. It is a rare mixture of iron and nickel, known as **hexahedrite**.

Where is hexahedrite found?

Hexahedrite is found in some meteors.

What are meteors?

Meteors are believed to be the cores of smashed-up planets.

It is therefore reasonable to believe the center of the Earth is a massive hexahedrite crystal.

And if there is such a crystal at the center of the Earth, it is reasonable to believe there are similar crystals at the center of the Moon, Venus, Mercury, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and the Sun itself. If all of this is true, then,

I have now reduced Astrology to this astonishingly fact: **Astrology is the study of giant planetary crystals**. Most importantly, the giant crystal upon which we live.

The rest falls into one’s lap:

The daily rotation of this crystal, in conjunction with the sun, produces sect and the houses.

The tilt of the Earth’s axis (23°44’), is the tilt of the crystal itself. This determines Zero Aries. This is because the Earth’s axis always points in the same direction. What direction is this? By definition, the north pole points towards the Sun at Cancer and away from it at Capricorn. So the “Aries/Libra alignments” happen when the Earth’s axis is at right angles to the Sun. Therefore it is *the tilt of the Earth’s crystal, in relation to the Sun crossing the Earth’s equator, going north, which determines 0° Aries*.

I had previously guessed that astrology worked because the mass of the Earth interacted dynamically with the mass of Sun, Moon and the other planets. A single, central, massive crystal, with its highly organized molecular structure, under high heat and enormous pressure, possessing a powerful magnetic field, will obviously have many

unique properties. One of which would seem to be the ability to interact, to be in relationship, with other, similar crystals.

It is therefore obvious that as the crystal at the center of the Earth receives vibrations from the other crystals in the other planets in the Solar System, it produces its own response to which we, its unwitting passengers, must adapt. Simple crystals can both **transmit and receive** radio signals.

It is as if the Earth was a ship at sea. In calm seas the crystal is tranquil and so our lives are as well. When malefic planets form stressful aspects, in other words, when a cosmic storm comes up and our Earth ship is thrown about, then so are we. Those of us who are healthy and have “sea legs” will survive the storm. Those who cannot will fall ill. Those who are overwhelmed by the intensity of the crystalline vibrations may be lost.

Since we cannot escape the crystal at the center of the earth, it is our duty to study and know it, as it is the very core of our existence. This is Astrology.

As the center of the Earth is a six-sided crystal, its vibration will favor other six-sided crystals, which we find in abundance.

Water, one of the most plentiful substances on the planet, when frozen becomes a six-sided crystal. Groups who adopt six-sided symbols as their emblems will of course find themselves in alignment with the fundamental energy of the planet and as a result may come to believe themselves to be fortunate in some unique way.

Note that humans are not qualified by six, but by five and ten. Therefore the five pointed crystal (you may substitute the word “star” for some of this) is the unique emblem of humans, as entities distinct from the Earth itself. As six-ness can give birth to two-ness and three-ness and four-ness and 12-ness and many other variations, the fact that humans are five hints that humans, or more precisely, human souls, are an alien species. Which is in keeping with old metaphysical teachings.

A secondary, specialized use of 5-sided crystals is to cut oneself off from the 6-ness of the Earth. Note that five is the lowest number that has nothing in common with the Earth’s six.

## SCIENCE

**S**CIENCE, like Art and Philosophy, has always been with us. Like Art and Philosophy Science is a noble and profound subject, but about 350 years ago a new version arose. This new “science” made great claims, which should have been a warning.

It insisted it was Truth itself. This new discipline immediately repudiated Astrology. We know of this mistake as **The Age of Enlightenment**.

The new movement patterned itself after Martin Luther's **Reformation** of 150 years earlier. By the start of the Enlightenment (the end of the **30 Years War**), the result of Luther's rebellion was clear: The power of the Church was broken, and hereafter religion was whatever some individual said it was. Man was no longer subservient to God. Man was now his own master.

The Enlightenment extended this secular power at the expense of Astrology. Because astrologers could not cite any material basis for astrology, the new science said there was therefore no such thing as astrology and that astrology must be thrown out. Astrologers were stripped of their power and Astrology itself was discarded.

At no time was there any hesitation, at no time any doubt. This new science could have had an open mind and left Astrology alone to sort itself out. Science could have made proving or disproving Astrology one of its goals.

Instead, science invented numerous methods to further discredit Astrology. Science has held astrology to standards that it applied to no other discipline. It has refused to make any serious investigation of its own, and has refused to accept proofs that Astrologers themselves have presented.

Within a span of only twenty years, **J.H. Nelson**, **George W. McCormack** and **Michel and Françoise Gauquelin** each presented strong scientific evidence for the existence of astrology. Science was not deaf, but hostile, as each of these researchers learned to their dismay. Michel Gauquelin, who started his researches as an astrological skeptic, was personally converted to astrology, and then made proving it his life's work, was eventually driven to suicide.

In other words, the Enlightenment was not about science or truth. *It was about power.* Explicitly, power at the expense of Astrology.

I am not interested in being another sacrifice. "Science," with its rigid ideas of "truth" and "falsity," has long been a clique, a deformed religion. It is past time to abandon this science and reassert the primacy of Astrology. We can do this. We can reclaim our own the power. We can seize it.

While some may think forecasting to be Astrology's purpose, Astrology is the knowledge of **True** and **False**. It gives man the ability to separate the **Real** from the **Unreal**.

Astrology is the **only** discipline which can do this. Prediction is merely a side-show. Truth is Astrology's real power.

Discredit Astrology, strip it of its power, throw the astrologers out, and petty mendacity, casual evil, lies and mayhem of all sorts will appear and establish themselves in its place. Freedom will be lost. Men will become slaves. This has been the goal of evil men for thousands of years. But until the arrival of the Enlightenment and science, Astrology was stronger and not only survived, but prospered.

Astrology was supreme until a false science imposed arbitrary standards to deceive the world. Look around you. This is not a "scientific" world we live in. We live in the latter stages of an industrial revolution, which was itself based on simple engineering. Engineering has been with us forever. It was the **Industrial Revolution**, not the Age of Enlightenment, which produced the money to buy our present opulence. Just as it was near-industrial revolutions that gave Rome, Persia, Egypt, India and China their wealth and power. Of the physical sciences, Engineering is far and away the king of all.

Science, by contrast, has given us medicine that cripples instead of heals. It has given us doctors who lack the ability to make a simple diagnosis. It has given us weather forecasting that can barely predict the temperature a day in advance, and which has, over the past week, left millions of US citizens defenseless in the face of deadly tornadoes and storms. Which George McCormack, single-handedly, could predict more than half a century ago, by means of techniques which were almost lost.

Science has produced a religious credo which we must affirm daily, or risk denouncement: *Evolution is real and important. Climate change will kill us.* Forty years ago the fathers of these same scientists were convinced we were about to enter a new Ice Age.

Who cares!

The central fact of our existence is fear of death. Before Luther, the Church had this problem solved. When you were on your deathbed, you rang for the priest. Who, corrupt and venal and greedy and stupid as he may have been, came, heard your final confession, and gave you absolution. The next day a requiem mass was said over your dead body. And, properly reassured, you died in peace. In destroying the Church, Luther destroyed its way of death.

Men and women now die in mortal fear. We are terrified of what lies beyond. After the destruction of religion, the purpose of

science was to remove the fear of death, once and for all. Instead, science blindly pretended that nothing could be known of death. I myself know otherwise. Science has insisted the coarse material world *which it invented* to be the only world that exists.

This past week I taught a friend in Australia how to rescue discarnate humans, people who die in distress and who need the help of the living. I have done such rescues since 1985. When properly done, the result will hit you, completely by surprise, smack between the eyes. Indeed, this is one of the most effective ways of proving the images in our heads are not entirely imaginary. There are millions of souls in dire distress. Without our help, they will remain in distress for upwards of a full century. Every minute of every day an agonizing eternity.

Yet if I were to teach this openly, I would be attacked by know-nothings and idiots, posing as "scientists." If you are an American, what are your chances of ending up in such distress? *At least one in three.* People you know, people in your immediate family, will end up in this horrible condition, a literal nightmare from which one cannot awake, from which there is no relief. Without help people stay in pain and agony until they simply burn out and fade away, yes, a century later. Instead we have Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson, of SciFi's **Ghost Hunters** ignorantly traipsing about, discovering a tiny fraction of the distressed souls out there, and, if anything, making matters worse. The utter scorn I have for "science" and its endless charades.

Science gives itself the right to decide real from unreal, truth from fiction, based merely on whim. Upon the egos of its various members. Upon passing fads. It has substituted nihilism for knowledge. Science is a cult. There is nothing I, personally, scorn so much as the wide-eyed acceptance of this utter fraud.

With the understanding that Astrology is the study of cosmic crystals, we have proven astrology to be the master. Science as we know it can be discarded, and the real science restored. This moment is long overdue.

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**T**HE quadrennial conclave known as the **United Astrology Conference** will be held in New Orleans, May 24-29. I have been asked if I will be there. I did not apply to speak, nor have I been asked. I confess I am not the most social, so I will not be there as an attendee.

The Snowflake theory, that the Zodiac is

