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Chris Brennan speaks to us

CHRIS Brennan, graduate of the famed **Kepler College**, is a Denver-based Hellenistic astrologer. He has a **monthly podcast**, which, while a bit erratic in frequency, are quite good. They are now becoming more frequent.

This past week Marlene brought his **interview** with **Robert Hand**, from December 9, to my attention. Brennan and Hand carefully pick their way through the intricacies of Hellenistic astrology, which was completely refreshing. New to me, new to Chris, was Hand's revelation that **Planets in Transit**, still his most famous book, was originally written as a text for an early computer program. Which means the other books in the series, (Planets in Composite, Planets in

Youth) were for that Grand Central Station computer kiosk. Hand gave a fascinating account of how he reads houses and how he found his philosophical nature in his 9th house, once he had whole sign houses to guide him. It's not how I do it, but remember that what I do is off the wall. Hand is mainstream Hellenistic.

Which was an continuation of his **interview** last summer with **Kelly Surtees**, a Canadian astrologer from Australia who has also studied at Kepler. They had a wide-ranging discussion on whole sign houses and how they are essential to Hellenistic astrology. While the reasons why we may use this or that house system depends on the individual and what he wants to accomplish, it is unfortunate that so little is known about how houses are structured. I will have to work harder.

Brennan's latest **interview** is with **Benjamin Dykes**, on the origins of horary and how it developed over time. They start with Dykes' new translation of Hephaisstion of Thebes, an early commentary on the fifth book of Dorotheus of Sidon's **Carmen Astrologicum**. Published last October, I've overlooked it, I will have it in stock later this week. Meanwhile, listen to Brennan's interviews. He is recovering the ancient art and science of Astrology before our very eyes. And ears.

ASTRO A to Z MED

Accuracy (Mental Exactitude). This is usually the result of a strong Mercury, especially if he be in a good aspect with Saturn. Moon in good aspect with Mercury also gives correctness and accuracy in accounts and figures generally, particularly in household and business matters. On the other hand, inaccuracy results from afflictions between the mutable signs, and to Mercury. If Mars afflicts Mercury there is often great carelessness, untruthfulness, and exaggeration, especially if the fiery and watery aspects are strong. Exaggeration is usually found in Aries or Sagittarian natiivities. Virgo is nearly always neat and accurate.

Activity (Physical) results from strong Mars-positive, or Aries, influence, or Mars rising in a cardinal sign. Mars in a mutable sign inclines rather to diffusiveness of energy and restlessness, and this is often the case with the natives of Gemini and Sagittarius. Mars trine or sextile Uranus bestows great physical powers, and is constantly to be found in the horoscopes of people of notable activity.

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Vivian Robson's STAR OF THE WEEK

ALTAIR alpha Aquilae 1 ≈ 58

Notes: A pale yellow star in the neck of the Eagle. From Al Tair, the Eagle. Sometimes called "The Bird of Jove."

Influence: Opinions are divided. Ptolemy gives Mars and Jupiter. It confers a bold, confident, valiant, unyielding, ambitious, and liberal nature, great and sudden but ephemeral wealth, and a position of command, makes its natives guilty of bloodshed, and gives danger from reptiles. **With Sun:** Public honour, notoriety, favours from superiors, many friends and some envious ones who cause trouble through writings, some ill-health and losses, danger from bites of venomous animals. **With Moon:** Interest in a strange or ancient discovery, disappointment and loss over property and gain, some profit and preferment, friends become enemies, trouble through companies or public affairs . . .

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IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Lesson 19:

Arrangement of Planets

WITH your chart before you, the first thing you notice is the distribution of planets around the wheel, giving some indication of your mode of action in life – your pattern. Are they standing alone & thus dispersed? This reveals a scattering of interests, too many irons in the fire & danger of knowing a little about too many things that may interfere with knowing a lot about something in particular. In such a case, take the planet that squares the 1st cusp, the Ascendant, and recognize that it is the one you will ultimately succeed with (the square being forceful & the Ascendant representing your personal activity). Note the house the planet is in to see where its interest lies (page 8 herein) and the Sign the planet is in to find the channel it will operate through (page 10 or 11), and also the decanate of that Sign (page 12), which gives an added characteristic to take into consideration in its make-up. If the ruler of the Ascendant is standing alone in a Sign or house it means that you work best alone: you can forge your own way in life, independently, and at an early age.

Are your planets coupled in pairs? This reveals reliance upon another person, success in partnership, and promise of co-operation in life according to the houses they are in. If coupled with a retrograde planet, however, there is an indication of lack of full co-operation from that quarter so that it is wiser to depend upon another planetary couple. — **Correspondence Course in Astrology, 1968. Buy**

Astrology Replaces Science

LOOK what happens as a result of making one small but critical change in accepted astrological dogma.

Instead of the signs of the zodiac as energies raining down from the sky, make those same energies the product of the earth itself.

The signs of the zodiac are the four elements, *Fire, earth, air, water*, plus what astrology terms qualities and which I call energies: *Cardinal, fixed, mutable*, plus sex, gender, or polarity. **None of this exists in the sky**, because the sky, by definition, is *empty*.

But not only does all this **exist** in the earth, not only are they **abundant** in the earth, **astrology says the earth itself may be defined by them**.

So I have changed the location of zodiacal energies from the sky, *to the earth itself*.

The earth is more than big enough, more than complex enough, to have precisely these qualities. **Astrology is the earth, the earth is astrology**. We are literally standing on it. It pervades every single thing, it radiates out into space (presumably as far as the Moon), it cannot be escaped, it cannot be avoided. It is so ubiquitous that it can either be accepted, or denied outright. And since the world is, at bottom, polarized, that is precisely the case: Love/hate.

These twelve fundamental energies would be static except that *the earth moves*. The earth's energies will therefore vary with the earth's placement among the Sun, Moon and planets.

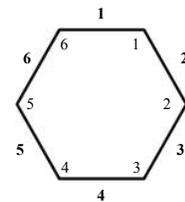
Presuming these bodies are organized in the same fashion as the earth – which they broadly resemble (elements, energies and sex) – then the result is a solar system of sun, planets, moons and asteroids that are all moving about and interacting with each other. Astrology then becomes the study of those interactions. If the Earth is structured this way, then so are all the others.

The mechanism for planetary interactions was accidentally uncovered a some years ago by researchers **Lars Stixrude in Atlanta, and Ronald Cohen** in Washington. They theorized the center of the earth to be a single iron crystal, 1500 miles in diameter. They did this by comparing the speed of seismic waves moving in different directions through the earth's interior. Using a super computer to crunch the data, the most likely explanation was a single hexagonal crystal, hence their theory.

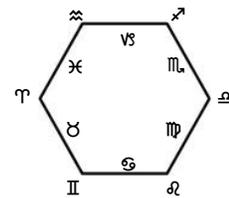
I took the hint and ran with it. If the earth has a single crystal at its center, then would not Venus, Mars and Mercury, similar planets overall, be the same?

Concrete evidence comes from meteorites. Many are composed of **hexahedrite**, which is a hexagonal form of iron and nickel. Meteorites are known to be the busted up remains of old planets, which means we would expect their cores to be crystalline. Just like ours.

Why do I hold these six-sided constructions to be *astrological*, when astrology has to do with **twelve**? Because hexagons have six sides *and* six angles (where the sides join):



Take your pick. The sides can be female and the angles male, or vice-versa. Six male alternating with six female, total twelve. **The hexagon is astrological:**



As are snowflakes. Not only is there a crystal at the center, the earth is covered in liquid crystal: *Water*. We are an inherently crystalline planet. The Star of David.

Which only leaves the Sun. What is it? The theory that the Sun is primarily nuclear is a modern version of an ancient theory, which is that the Sun is the biggest and hottest thing of which we know. When that was a raging fire, the Sun was a raging fire. When it was a glowing coal, then so was the Sun. Now the biggest thing we know is thermonuclear, so the Sun is a giant H-bomb. **Same theory. Surprised?**

Regrettably, simple nuclear physics describes almost nothing about the Sun. Thermonuclear radiation is messy. **Bikini Islanders** are still unable to go home, more than half a century after they were sacrificed to the US Navy. While the atoll was hit with both fission

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Part 51:

Personal Appearance

Capricorn, continued:—

Head: prominent, narrow, pointed and bony chin, sometimes lantern-jawed; browbones prominent; ears sometimes project and are deficient in the lobes. *Hair* dark or black, thin, lank and usually scanty. *Eyes* dark, usually deeply set. *Nose* long, often bent inwards at the tip; prominent; often strongly aquiline producing nutcracker appearance in age. *Teeth* often bad. *Complexion* dark or swarthy, often with coarse skin. *Peculiarities.* Often like a goat, camel or elephant; awkward, jerky, but energetic walk, sometimes holding head down, and often appearing as if they would fall to pieces; angular movements; often deformed; frequently hurting their knees; usually grave and serious, and often look worried; strong voice, but inclined to be harsh and rasping, and sometimes cracks unexpectedly; thin beard, if any; angular and cramped style of handwriting; dry and businesslike form of expression.

AQUARIUS. *Body.* Medium height or over, rarely short; full rounded figure, often squarely built and tending to stoutness. *Head* often droops slightly. *Face* oval, or long and fleshy; straight features but sometimes rugged; often good looking; well developed chin; large mouth showing all the teeth when laughing; sometimes ethereal appearance; often with enquiring expression. *Hair* pale brown, flaxen, silky, and slightly curling; sometimes falls in heavy clump over one side of the brow. *Eyes* blue or hazel, deep set and wide apart, with rather far-away expression; sometimes hypnotic. *Nose* straight, but often very slightly aquiline. *Teeth* often poor. *Complexion* beautiful and clear, refined delicate skin. *Peculiarities.* Fascinating; very pleasant, soft and refined voice; seldom laugh; excellent speakers; very quiet and retiring; often brisk walk.

— A Student's Text-Book of Astrology, by Vivian Robson. Buy.

Borrowing Money

from **Electional Astrology**
by Vivian Robson

FORTIFY the lord of the second, the sign containing it, and the second cusp in both the radical & electional maps; also fortify Jupiter. Let the Moon be decreasing in light & in Leo Scorpio, Sagittarius, Aquarius or Pisces; and let Jupiter or Venus be in favourable aspect to the ascendant, or Moon, or both if possible, but see that neither Jupiter nor Venus be cadent. Take care that the Moon is not afflicted by any of the malefics, nor in conjunction, or any affliction, with Mercury. If the Moon is afflicted by Mars there is much solicitation, difficulty, and often quarrels; while if the affliction is from Saturn there is considerable delay, and often failure or a disappointing end. Never borrow or lend money when the Moon or ascendant is in the first degree of Gemini, Leo or Sagittarius, or the Moon is in the ascendant at noon, for much inconvenience will arise, particularly to the lender.

If the transaction is to be kept a close secret, let the Moon be within 17° from the Sun & applying to a conjunction or good aspect of Jupiter or Venus which are themselves free from affliction. If the Moon after separating from the Sun applies to the conjunction or any aspect of Mars the business will be divulged, and known by those from whom it is desired to keep it. It is advisable also to see that the Moon is not in conjunction with either of the nodes, nor placed between 15 Libra and 15 Scorpio, nor in the ascendant at noon.

If it is desired to keep the money idle for a long time let the angles, and especially the ascendant, be in fixed signs, and the lord of the ascendant, the Moon, and the lord of the second be also in fixed signs, strong and free from affliction. If to be used quickly, set the same in cardinal signs. — **Electional Astrology**, by Vivian Robson. Buy

MEDICAL ELECTIONS

Taking Medicine or Beginning Treatment

LET the ascendant be the sign ruling the diseased part of the body, and see that it is free from affliction. Fortify the Moon and take care that it is not in conjunction or opposition with the lord of the sixth, eighth or twelfth at the decumbiture, or in the patient's radical map, or in the election. It is best to have no aspect from the Moon to these planets, but if one cannot be avoided let it be a sextile or trine, if possible with reception. Let the Moon be in the eastern half of the map.

If the illness is all over the body let the ascendant be a human sign, Libra being the best, and let the Moon and lord of the ascendant be also in human signs [Gemini, Virgo, Aquarius, and the first half of Sagittarius], strong and free from affliction, especially by the above significators. It is favourable to let the ascendant be Libra or Scorpio with the Moon therein in conjunction or good aspect with the benefics. Avoid all aspects from the malefics if possible, and if not let them be good ones, but take care that the Moon is not aspected by two malefics or going to combustion.

Note that in cases where no blood is drawn the Moon may safely be in the sign ruling the diseased part of the body. Avoid giving medicine when the Moon is in the first 15° of Libra or Aquarius, in conjunction or bad aspect with Saturn, Jupiter, or Mars, or when these planets are in mutual aspect, for the operation of the medicine is hindered. In preparing medicines avoid the houses of Saturn and Mars. In undergoing electrical treatment fortify Uranus, and keep it free from affliction, especially by Mars, while in ray treatment fortify Neptune as much as possible. — **Electional Astrology**, by Vivian Robson.



and fusion bombs, it was the fusion (hydrogen) bombs which were by far the dirtiest. A nuclear Sun would have made the earth a radioactive wasteland a billion years ago.

This is a diversion, but the best explanation I ever heard for the Sun's light and heat was *electrical*, that the Sun's surface had one charge, the space around it another, and the difference, the "drop," accounted for the Sun's energy. A shorter way of saying the same thing is that the Sun is in (sexual) congress, *in orgasm with*, the "empty" space which surrounds it. A "male" surrounded by a "female." This analogy is immediately understandable and seems to be an accurate description of the surface of the Sun itself. It is also in keeping with old esoteric teaching that "God" creates the "physical world" by means of unending "meditative awareness."

Which lets us postulate the center of the Sun to be the biggest crystal of all. Is it also nuclear? Well, fissionable materials are in fact crystalline, so it could be. But if it is, the nuclear feature is secondary to its crystalline structure.

For now we can understand solar and interstellar gravity. If the earth is crystalline, then our Moon is crystalline. The Moon does not orbit at any old angle to the Earth, but falls in the same plane, broadly speaking, as the Earth's orbit around the Sun. Which is again, broadly speaking, the same plane as the orbits of all the other planets, as well as the orbit of all the moons around those planets.

We may therefore deduce this orbital plane, in which virtually all the solar bodies may be found, is an artefact of the crystalline nature of the solar system as a whole. *Three-dimensional crystal objects* are trapped in a *two-dimensional universe*.

We take the ordered, structured pattern of the solar system, which we have deduced to be crystalline in nature, and we apply that to the Milky Way galaxy as a whole. And while "*science*" says that galaxies are *gravitationally bound*, gravity exists in all directions, which means that galaxies, not to mention solar systems should be, on the whole, formless blobs. They are not.

As Stixrude and Cohen discovered with seismic waves, the Earth's crystal is *polarized*. Seismic waves travel at one speed from east to west, but at a different speed from north to south. The solar system is *polarized*, in that it exists as a flat plane. The majority of galaxies are *polarized*, as they exist as flat planes, many with distinct spiral arms. Gravity is therefore not the ultimate force. It is subordinate to an inherent crystalline structure.

Galaxies are giant collections of giant crystals.

WE then flip this about and are reminded that atomic particles, protons, neutrons and electrons, etc., the very smallest things of which we know, have long been noted to resemble the very largest, which are solar systems and galaxies. **If galactic structure is crystalline, then so is the sub-atomic. We at last have the single key that underlies all else.**

Which means the astrological principles which we see in the Earth itself may be applied to the entire known universe. Astrology does not merely describe life on the earth. **It describes the whole of physical reality.**

There are consequences to a construct this large.

One, if we are looking for an overall model, or theory, or plan, around which we can base reality itself, astrology is proven to represent the universe and everything in it. Astrology is inherent in the nature of stars, planets and moons. We should accept the polarized, twelve-fold astrological construction and use it as a base to structure knowledge as a whole.

Which astrology has already done. The ancient classified animals, plants, minerals, metals and virtually all else, either by sign, or by planet.

Since then, science, ignorant of astrology, has constructed elaborate family trees, of animal and plant species, based on casual affinities. What if we used an objective astrology to remove ambiguities and show exact relationships from one to the next?

So often we simply presume that science is a god, that science simply makes things work, that it has a rigid set of rules. In fact, it does not, as **Wiki itself** tells us:

In modern usage, "science" most often refers to a way of pursuing knowledge, not only the knowledge itself. It is also often restricted to those branches of study that seek to explain the phenomena of the material universe.

Note the words: Science "most often" *pursues*. Contrast to Astrology which has a *structure* that **knows** and **reveals**. Science has no structure. None.

Astrology gives us the systematic organization of the world which, for example, permits us to predict the weather as far in advance, and with as much detail and precision as we like. Which in fact the **Old Farmers** have done for 222 years. One could easily do better, in fact. The **National Weather Service**, with all its resources can only predict weather two to five days in advance. Behold

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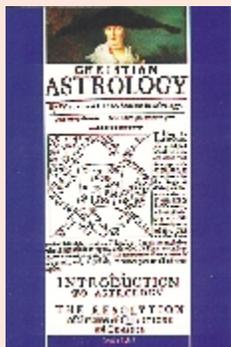
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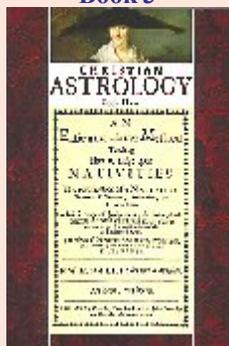
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Book 3



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These two old sets have always been among my favorites. In 2006, Robert Blaschke made simply brilliant use of Sefpharial’s section in his **Volume 5, Holographic Transits**, you must read it yourself. Charubel/Sefpharial is \$14.95. Blaschke? He’s \$21.95.

the power of structure, and structure alone.

IT is the same with medicine. With astrology we know from birth what will ail us. At decumbiture we know what the prognosis will be. When it comes to treatment, our astrological, planet-based *analysis* leads us immediately to astrological, planet-based *cures*. As we will confidently treat like with like, or like with dislike (as our mood suits), we are assured of cure.

Lacking this foundation, scientific medicine is limited to *observing effects*. What is the best *treatment* for our ailment? What takes away the *symptoms*? Modern medicine cannot say “cure,” (use of the word itself is discouraged, did you ever wonder why?) since medicine cannot make a diagnosis, merely observed symptoms. For many years a germ/virus/fungus theory insisted all ailments were one of the three, but this proved unsatisfactory. So now we have elaborate DNA mapping.

While all of these secondary measures, like all of NOAH’s weather stations, will provide data of varying usefulness, only the *primary analysis* will produce *accurate results*.

The world is astrological. We are astrological. We compare our inborn astrology with the planet’s astrology, we note the differences, we understand the results. Objective. Real time.

Science with astrology is superior to science without it. Vastly so, as a great many astrologers have always known. I have merely found the underlying structure that reveals it. I have changed exactly nothing.

Will science adopt astrology? **No it will not.** First, because modern science was born repudiating astrology. This was explicit in Diderot’s **Encyclopedie**, where anti-astrology arguments 2000 years old were recycled without second thought.

Second, science will not adopt astrology because science is a disorganized collection of well-meaning individuals in a rush to prove pet theories. Most of which are fancies, many of which astrology will demolish without real effort. Stripped of its own delusions (which, because *astrology is structured*, is easily done), Astrology gives us **truth**.

It is up to us, as astrologers, to seize the moment. Power will not be given to us, power is never given to anyone. Are we ready for it? Of course not. We never will be. A boy is a boy forever, he is never ready for a man’s work. You must force it on him, or risk he throws you aside and seizes it, for that is his right. Yours. *Mine. Ours.*