

ONLY THE TRUTH HAS A FUTURE

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Every once in a while I have to write a little essay. Who knows why? I can't explain it. I just do it. Here is one:

Astrology is cultural astronomy, a simple reflection of the facts of astronomy, what those facts mean to us here on Earth. What does this statement mean?

Astronomy is a fact-based science as in: this New Moon or that Full Moon takes place on a certain date, at a certain time, and that is a fact. It can't be argued. This is astronomy, pure science.

Astrology has to do with what these objective scientific astronomical facts might mean for us. Like psychology and the social sciences, astrology is what is called a "soft science." Some hardline scientists say that the soft sciences mean nothing, and that meaning is so subjective that it cannot be organized. It does not cluster or form. However, more flexible and forward-looking scientists suggest that the soft sciences work with future facts that have yet to be determined, facts in their birthing stage.

What may not yet constitute facts or "science" to the general population may be considered facts by the relative few whose experience or awareness allows them to be able to resolve them from what can appear as chaos. In other words facts, like everything else, (especially in the soft sciences) are often discovered over time. They emerge.

Another way of saying this is the concept of what constitutes a fact itself changes. What once were not considered facts gradually come to be considered facts, and vice versa. What once were considered facts may be perceived differently over time and finally seen as not factual at all or as incomplete truths. Even the concept of facts is relative. Things change.

Those with greater awareness may be able to resolve future facts from the subtle matrix in which they are currently embedded, just as fossils carefully emerge by removing what covers or hides them. But one thing is sure.

Only what is true has a future. Our guesses, presumptions, conjectures, suppositions, and speculation are subject to reality and what is not true does not endure. That is the nature of truth. It lasts. In fact, truth lasts until the future, while other things pass away.

Those with enough awareness to see the truth in life, by definition, are prophets, because since the truth is the only thing that endures long enough to have a future, it will last till then. Seeing the truth clearly is seeing the future clearly. Telling the truth is the same as telling the future. This is common sense, or "uncommon" sense. Now back to astrology.

In soft sciences like the mystery traditions, there are no hard facts, no hard science. It is anyone's guess, and only the most aware among us can sort out the baby from the bathwater. There are not many like Nostradamus. Astrology has been called the "king" (or queen) of the soft sciences because it is based on hard astronomical facts. As I pointed out in the beginning of this essay, astrology is a direct reflection of astronomy. This is an important point.

Astronomy guides astrology and dictates its parameters. There is no astrology aside from the astronomical facts. Anything else is relegated to some other of the soft sciences, like “the psychic,” séances, and so on. I am not putting the psychic sciences down, but pointing out that astrology has to do only with the meaning and interpretation of science, in this case the astronomical facts. The astronomical facts guide astrology. Anything else is not astrology.

“Coming events cast their shadow” is an old adage, and astrology has to do with the shadow of astronomical events, trying to bring them into the light, and explain them. As mentioned earlier, the power of truth (how we know it) is that it lasts or endures into the future. All truth is factual, be it hard or soft science in the making. Since we know exactly (to the minute and second) when this or that New and Full Moon will occur far into the future, these astronomical facts or signifiers are the keys to the future.

It is astrology’s job to interpret and explain the possible meaning of these astronomical signifiers. I don’t believe in astrology on faith. I find it useful. Let me put it this way:

Who among us does not at times speculate about the future? The very exact and steady motions in the heavens are how we tell time, by the day, the month, the year, and so on. This is astronomy, pure and simple.

Astrology, as I have come to know it, is just gathering up what we have learned from these astronomical events over the centuries and projecting that knowledge into the future, reflecting the facts and what they might mean. Astrology is cultural astronomy.