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Mike wrote:

Tom Potter wrote:

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Tom Potter wrote:

...and pseudoscience's like astrology,
alchemy, etc.
have often paved the way to advancing the
sciences.

Interesting conjecture on your part Potter. I'll bet
the correlation is negative. Got data?

Wikipedia

"..alchemy was one of the main precursors of modern sciences, and we owe
to
the ancient alchemists the discovery of many substances and processes that
are the mainstay of modern chemical and metallurgical industries."

That is profoundly wrong. Newton spent the rest of his life after
publishing the Principia doing Alchemy. That had nothing to do with his
discoveries. It was the prevailing emotive approach to everyday life
mixed with high levels of superstition.

Wikipedia

"Kepler believed in astrology in the sense that he was convinced that
astrological aspects physically and really affected humans as well as the
weather on Earth. He strove to unravel how and why that was the case and

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tried to put astrology on a surer footing,

So what? Newton also believed in astrology. Have you any idea how many contemporary politicians, actors, public personalities resort to astrology? There is not a single element in the geocentric or placidus system used in astrology that relates to current dynamic theories of planetary motion.

Kepler discovered the laws of planetary motion while trying to achieve the Pythagorean purpose of finding the harmony of the celestial spheres. In his cosmologic vision, it was not a coincidence that the number of perfect polyhedra was one less than the number of known planets. Having embraced the Copernican system, he set out to prove that the distances from the planets to the sun were given by spheres inside perfect polyhedra, all of which were nested inside each other."

No. That is wrong. Some contemporary metaphysicists and astrologers insist on these stupid ideas in an effort to legitimize their crackpottery. Kepler continues to work on existing observations (I think Tycho's) and ancient work on heliocentric system primarily by Aristarchos of Samos.

Only cranks insist that modern science has its roots in superstition. It is exactly that what modern science tried to get away from and often people were forced to present their work as evidence of superstition just to avoid prosecution. Descartes did not publish his works after he learned of Galileo's arrest and Newton inserted many paragraphs of theological content to avoid condemnation.

Keep of cranking up Potter.

It is interesting to see that Mike asserts that he knows better than the collective wisdom of Wikipedia.

Of course folks with normal intelligence can plainly see that Mike's thinking <sic> is not first class when he makes statements like:

"There is not a single element in the geocentric or placidus system used in astrology that relates to current dynamic theories of planetary motion."

1. First Mike creates a strawman out of his own mind. (geocentric or placidus system)
2. Mike then makes the unsubstantiated assertion that there is no correlations between his strawman and "current dynamic theories of

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planetary motion.", which may or may not be true.

3. And as can be seen,
Mike ignores the numerous links between astrology and astronomy.

The fact of the matter is that intelligent folks in ancient times, observed that certain periods like days, months, and years had a large affect on their lives, and they observed that other periods like the periods of the planets existed, and being the cross-correlating beings that they were, the naturally wondered if these periods might also affect their lives as the daily, monthly and yearly periods did.

The natural drive to establish correlations between observations and pleasure and pain, lead to exhaustive observations of the heavens, and the data obtained was systemized into what is known as astronomy.

Apparently Mike thinks that he knows where the "roots" "modern science", and I will be looking forward to see Mike describe these roots.

Maybe Mike thinks that Gods or aliens implanted the roots of science in certain people???

Or maybe Mike thinks that there are two sets of people, "cranks" like me, and "right thinkers" like him, and that "cranks" associate non-science to sets of events, and "right thinkers" like him, associate science to sets of events,

Well, let's wait and see what Mike has to say about what the roots of science are.

That should be worth a few laughs.

Tom Potter

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