ASTROLOGY—DEBUNKED, DEBASED, AND DISCARDED Dr. Dale M. Sides

News media reports and headlines continually expose the antiquated and erroneous practice of astrology. A simple Internet search of "news articles astrology charts outdated" will show the numerous articles posted on this subject. Even though the validity of this false, fortune-telling scam has always been dubious, modern-day computer programs have allowed its fallacy to be exposed and the veil to be lifted off so that we can now clearly see the error of its ways. Not only is it wrong in doctrine and theory, but now we know that its dating is flawed as well. The integrity of this practice has been seriously and permanently damaged by the knowledge of Earth's celestial orientation changes that have shifted our planet more than 30 degrees since the original astrological tables were written almost 2300 years ago. Astrology has been debunked and debased and must now be discarded. Any remnant of any kind of reputable belief that was there before is now completely gone.

Apparently, astrologers have been so consumed with the worship of the stars (or extorting money from naïve people) that they have either purposely overlooked or ignorantly neglected the basic laws of astronomy. Astronomically, Earth has three basic movements relative to its celestial orientation: it spins daily; it revolves yearly; and it precesses (or wobbles backwards on it axis) every 26,000 years. Astrologers did not take into account Earth's precession—a basic astronomical movement known by both amateur and professional astronomers. Could an astrologer who misses this basic astronomical movement be the kind of person you would trust to tell you your destiny out of the heavens? Should we trust someone who does not even know about the basics of astronomy and yet is endeavoring to interpret the deeper aspects of it?

This knowledge of Earth's current celestial orientation due to its precession completely throws off the traditional charts, and therefore the horoscopes, of astrology. Since Earth rewinds or wobbles backwards one degree every 72 years, and it has been about 2300 years since the obsolete astrological tables were codified, this means its celestial orientation has moved more than 30 degrees since those charts were established. When this is examined closely, we discover it has thrown the charts off by a whole zodiacal sign. In other words, most of us were not born in the sign that we were told by astrologers. The following table shows the archaic, astrological table compared to the accurate and current rendering. See for yourself.

TRADITIONAL ASTROLOGICAL DATES			ACTUAL ASTRONOMICAL DATODAY (c. 2000 C.E.)		
Constellation	Date Span	Days	Constellation	Date Span	
Aries	21 Mar – 19 Apr	30	Aries	19 Apr – 13 May	
Taurus	20 Apr – 20 May	31	Taurus	14 May – 19 Jun	
Gemini	21 May – 20 Jun	31	Gemini	20 Jun – 20 Jul	
Cancer	21 Jun – 22 Jul	32	Cancer	21 Jul – 9 Aug	
Leo	23 Jul – 22 Aug	31	Leo	10 Aug – 15 Sep	
Virgo	23 Aug – 22 Sep	31	Virgo	16 Sep – 30 Oct	

Libra	23 Sep – 22 Oct	30
Scorpio	23 Oct – 21 Nov	30
Sagittarius	22 Nov – 21 Dec	30
Capricorn	22 Dec – 19 Jan	29
Aquarius	20 Jan – 18 Feb	30
Pisces	19 Feb – 20 Mar	30/31

Libra	31 Oct – 22 Nov	23
Scorpius	23 Nov – 29 Nov	7
Ophiuchus	30 Nov – 17 Dec	18
Sagittarius	18 Dec – 18 Jan	32
Capricornus	19 Jan – 15 Feb	28
Aquarius	16 Feb – 11 Mar	24/25
Pisces	12 Mar – 18 Apr	38

This dating is from http://dionysia.org/astrology/sun-signs.html.

I do have some compassion for the astrologers who have wallowed in this error throughout their practice. Perhaps they were ignorantly deceived or unaware of this error; but with the coming of the computer and reliable astronomy programs, they are now without excuse. In fact, the primary reason I am writing this is because I do have compassion for them and desire to see them and those they are misleading delivered from ignorance. I pray that God will have mercy on their deluded souls.

Once, when I was walking through a graveyard, I saw a headstone that read, "Bill—born March 30th." Inside quotation marks, his nickname was engraved as "Aries." It bothers me that this man, Bill, devoted his life to the condemned practice of astrology; but more so, it bothers me that he died not knowing that he was really born under the constellation of Pisces. It is a crying shame that astrology deludes and seduces people who are desperate for meaning to their lives into an occultist practice of worshipping the heavens. These people end up thinking that they are somehow celestially destined and controlled. Even if there was truth to this, they would still be wrong because the placement of their birth sign is wrong. Astrology is a cruel and careless practice that is not concerned about "Aries" Bill dying in error and deception. Although Bill cannot be helped now, there are others, including current astrologers, who can be. My question is: will you listen to NASA astronomy or misguided and uninformed astrologers who do not understand basic astronomy law like the precession of the equinoxes?

I discovered the fallacy of astrological dating when I downloaded an astronomy computer program a couple of years ago and looked at my birth sky. As a kid, I grew up reading the comic page of the newspaper and would now and then glance over at the astrology section on the facing page and peruse my birth date of September 9th in Virgo. How shocked I was to see in my NASA approved computer program that the sun was actually in Leo when I was born. Even though I was never into the practice of astrology, I can only imagine the embarrassment of those who have been—especially those who have based their decisions and emotions on it.

When I first discovered this, I looked to see if other astronomers had discovered the same thing and was pleased to find that many others had. Unfortunately, I also realized that leading astrologers have been, and are, trying to cover their ignorance and shame by presenting counter arguments such as, "we interpret the heavens from a geocentric position," or "we follow a tropical zodiac and not an actual one." I would like to say to you astrologers who are trying to cover your ignorance with pride: it is one thing to be deceived but it is entirely another to refuse

to admit your error while still endeavoring to garner a following. Astrology is wrong and its practices are wrong; and astrologers who do not adapt and change are wrong too.

The great philosopher Plato boldly announced that anyone who studies the heavenly bodies must be convinced of the "Divine Mind," or the Creator of the heavens. Plato knew that the design of the heavens were not happenstance or accidental. I submit to the astrologers who continue to try and cover their error with pride-filled lies and cloaked rationale: even if you do not believe in a supreme God Who will judge you, the heavens (which you ignorantly worship) will judge you for your error as well as your impudence for refusing to admit that you have been wrong. Admit your error and humble yourself. Even if you do not change and still continue practicing lies and misinformation, will you please stop leading others down the trail of darkness, deception, and error?

There are answers and explanations outside the conventional misinformation of astrology if you will consider and seek. But to those who are stiff necked and not willing to accept their errors, please hear this: God *will* judge you; the heavens are presently judging you for your ignorance and unwillingness to change; and astronomy is also presently laughing at you because of your archaic theories. Will you not cease and desist from the error of your ways? It is one thing to be deceived, but it is an entirely different matter to deceive others. *It is time to stop this madness*.

You can still enjoy and perhaps even prophetically interpret the beauty of the heavens—but not under the false pretense of erroneous, outdated, and obsolete astrological tables. If you reject humility, humiliation will soon follow.

The http://christologicalastronomy.com website has information that can help you see and appreciate the prophetic beauty of the heavens.