

# Bible and Astrology; Agreement . . . Or Debate?

Most people don't know why they believe **what** they believe. Sometimes we make stereotypical statements pertaining to any given subject, hoping with fear and trembling, that we said it with enough force that no one would dare challenge our statement, because it might be all we've got. Now we learned these one or two eloquently stated remarks from a Pastor, Evangelist, Author, or highly revered friend or family member. Now, either this certain someone you've quoted, may know the rest of the argument, but didn't share it, or they only know as much as they told you. They may have repeated what they heard in much the same way you heard at a time or place that it would have been highly inappropriate for anyone to contest the stated claim. It's how we all acquire our half-baked philosophies on, well . . . anything! Why is it you haven't asked **WHY? HOW COME? SAYS WHO?** Are you starting to see how many **deadly falsehoods** have been promoted to **FACTS**, just by being endlessly repeated?

If I were to challenge or question something you believe, it should cause you to respond one of three ways:

1.) You will prove that what you believe to be truth is supported by scripture or by some other means that you find to be infallible. By doing this, you will have shown me that you studied to show yourself approved, a workman, that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. **2 Timothy 2:15.**

2.) You could stick your head in the sand, repeat the one liner that you heard from a respected mentor, or say things like, "Because I just know in my heart" or "The Righteous shall live by faith", which can be an admission that you're quickly run out of ammunition. **(Option #2 sounds too little like faith and too much like the fear of not having enough legitimate information to refute this debate.)**

Well we do live by faith, but it might not have anything to do, for or against, what we're debating at the time. As Christians, it's our duty before God to know what you believe and why you believe the what. Why did I get so melodramatic by using the above phrase, **deadly falsehoods?** Because **Hosea 4:6** says, "My people are being destroyed for a lack of knowledge, and for the rejection of that knowledge." This Old Testament scripture verse should give us all a lot of sleepless nights, but because of the blissfully ignorant comfort zone built out of our own little group effort, and to our own demise, we sleep quite peacefully.

OR

3.) You will alter your thinking, and align it with what the Word of God suggests, irregardless of what **some** other Christians may say.

We all know there are 12 signs in astrology, whether Western, Chinese, Indian or any other interpretation of the same.

Have you ever wondered why there are:

- **12 tribes of Judah in the Old Testament? Beginning of the Bible**
- **12 Disciples in the New Testament? Middle of the Bible**
- **12 floors of Heaven, each with a name of the 12 Apostles of the Lamb. There are 12 Angels guarding 12 Gates, each with a name of the 12 Tribes of Israel. Heaven was built in the shape a perfect cube. It was 12 thousand furlongs. The walls totaled (12x12), or 144 cubits as mentioned in Revelation21:12-23. End of the Bible**
- **(12 x 12 = 144), the 144,000 as mentioned in the Book of Revelation?**
- **12 Months of the Year**
- **12 numbers on our clock, not 24?**

**Yeah, . . .me too!**

If you haven't wondered, you're wondering now, along with me! Why **12**, no more, no less? Why, I want to know!

Did God need all **12** Tribes of Judah? Did Jesus need all **12** disciples? Does God need **12** floors of Heaven to accommodate all of His guests? Why not 6, it's the number of man, according to the Bible, or even 7, which is the number of God. Why not 30, 50, 100, or 609 of each? And you're thinking, well God doesn't need that much help. Look, God doesn't even need the help of the seemingly significant **#12, . . . He's God!** Jesus took 5 loaves and 2 fish to feed 5000 men and their families. Trust me, He doesn't need **12** of anything to accomplish His sovereign purposes, but it was **God's pattern!**

The 3 Wise men who came to see Jesus were also known as Magi. They were the astrologers of the day, and yes, they followed the star that led them to this Jesus of whom the Prophets foretold. This was particularly so if the Magi were related to the royal family in some way. They would have been interested in time keeping, calendars, tides and many other subjects. They would have been particularly interested in the study of the night sky. They realized that what was observed in the sky was reflected in the events upon the earth. Monitoring of events in the heavens was believed to give insight into what was happening, or going to happen upon the earth. Knowledge of the night sky was therefore essential. Is this what our Magi were, religious, scholarly envoys? It does seem to fit better the kind of 'Magi' we find in Matthew's account.

- Hezekiah commanded the Sun to stand still so he could get his house in order. What does the Sun have to do with anything?

Don't you think it's oddly coincidental that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of creation that God created the Sun, Moon, and Stars (and other planets), before He created **any** of the animal or human life on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> days, so that they could function properly as he ordered the universe to run. God didn't flip a coin to see what He would create next. There was a divine and purposeful order of events that a sovereign God set in motion for you and I. Why would anyone have a problem with that? There's nothing in the world that God didn't create for our benefit, healing, pleasure, or sustenance. Do you know that if we didn't have the Sun, Moon and Stars, the life on Earth would cease to function as God ordered it to? First of all, the gravity we've taken for granted would cease to keep us on the ground and we would float till we eventually starve to death. I just have a funny feeling that God knew that. He's omniscient – He knows everything. And he's not threatened by the facts that govern His own creation, or how He's intended from the beginning, to operate. The fact is, He sees the broad scope, the whole picture, and we only see this { } much. Humbling? Yeah, Very!

Did you ever wonder why the **12 tribes of Israel** were arranged in specific locations around the Tabernacle? There were actually **3 tribes** camped at each of the **4 points of the compass around the Tabernacle**. **Revelation 21:13 says**, “**On the east there were 3 gates; on the north 3 gates; on the south 3 gates; and on the west 3 gates.**” **3x4=12** Does the Old Testament or the New Testament example resemble the formation of the Western Zodiac?

**Fire signs**  
Aries  
Leo  
Sagittarius

**Earth Signs**  
Taurus  
Virgo  
Capricorn

**Air Signs**  
Gemini  
Libra  
Aquarius

**Water Signs**  
Cancer  
Scorpio  
Pisces

...or the Chinese (Eastern) Zodiac?

**Innovative & Progressive**

**Rat  
Dragon  
Monkey**

**Dutiful & Dedicated**

**Ox  
Snake  
Rooster**

**Honorable Intention**

**Tiger  
Horse  
Dog**

**Emotional & Artistic**

**Rabbit  
Sheep  
Pig**

Those that criticize astrology have heard only generalities usually by way of a horoscope that was so vague that the source was not taken serious by the reader. You should also be aware that there are over 43,000 different variations of each sign and yes they are bound to list some vague generalities. It's really no different than any other business that does a half a job and giving that particular field a bad name and having the tendency to call them all crooks. So they believe we are out to bilk a gullible public; saying we're nothing more than charlatans. On the other hand, Christians are sometimes quick to denounce astrology as blasphemous, and astrologers as servants of Satan. On the contrary, as you learned earlier, the astrologers of that day came to see and worship our Lord and King.

Click on the link below and find the animal sign you are according to the Chinese. I know what you are thinking. If I click on the link, it's going to send an immediate message to God to give me over to reprobate mind, or "a mind void of judgment", as mentioned in **Romans 1:28** and I'll immediately be thrown into the Lake of Fire. Doug, you're blaspheming God and making light of His judgment. If you absolutely cannot click on this link, maybe by the time you finish reading this paper, you'll know that you are safe to come back here and click on this link

<http://chinese.astrology.com/?ice=ast,tabchi,link2>

Now that you know your animal sign, Child of God, tell me this. Are you still saved now that you know the animal the Chinese say that you are? Yes. Good! Now as a Child of God, saved by grace, heaven bound, find your animal and see if it's a brief, but accurate description of yourself. Try it again for your Pastor, good Christian Brother or Sister.

- **THE RAT** - Relentless in going after the things they want, sleepless if necessary. Can be crafty in the process, but generous with the ones they love and sentimental. They are sensual and charming.
- **THE OX** - Strong, reliable, hardworking without complaints, responsible, stubborn as an Ox. They don't expect sympathy, nor will they give it well.
- **THE TIGER** – Impulsive, sentimental, hot-headed, they put 150% of their energies into an endeavor, and get fatigued because they don't pace themselves.
- **THE RABBIT** – There is calmness about their presence. They can be artistic, creative, and especially intuitive when it comes to self preservation and for that of the ones they love, but also can be the reason they feel paranoid.
- **THE DRAGON** - They have a big ego. It makes them feel that anything they do or say is acceptable, even when it's not. The good side is that their able to reach higher goals because they don't ask anyone's permission to go where angels fear to tread. Their sex drives are nearly insatiable, and you don't want to get them angry.
- **THE SNAKE** - They are usually physically attractive, or are seen for their exquisitely refined manner in which they carry themselves. They are extremely private people. They're jealous. They are great judge of character usually where it threaten their image.
- **THE HORSE** – They are hardworking, friendly, headstrong, and stubborn. They are very responsible and almost despise those that aren't. They have no pity for those able, but won't help themselves.
- **THE SHEEP** – These are gentle people, who are intelligent, artistic, sensitive, creative and kind. They are also dependant, emotionally, and will often marry early in life, out of insecurity.
- **THE MONKEY** – These people are highly intuitive, thus a very good judges of character. They don't really like people that can't take a joke. They have a good sense of humor, can be mischievous and persuasive.
- **THE ROOSTER** – These people are responsible and well-organized. They can be bossy, even if they are of a gentle nature, and will never shy away from a good debate.
- **THE DOG** – These people are very loyal and protective of the ones they love. They will always rally for the good of the unfortunate. They are honest and unselfish. They can be nosey, cynical, and cantankerous.
- **THE PIG** – These people are sociable, likeable, generous to a fault, naïve, gullible. They abhor tension between people. They have a strong libido, and can have an earthy and lewd approach to sex. They are creative and have a great eye for detail.

Notice I'm not asking you if it was accurate!

Are you still saved now that you know it's accurate?

Isn't this who you were before salvation, (along with a few wrong motives, evil intentions and an offset focus in life)?

So why didn't God take all this away when you committed your life to him?

I know the answer to the last one, do you? Pay attention. . . He didn't take all these character traits away from you because you know the old saying, God doesn't make junk and He doesn't make mistakes. **Numbers 23:19** says, "God is not a man that He should lie, neither the son of man that He should confess." **Jeremiah 1:5** says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." He knew all our distinctions would at times divide us in our ways of approaching the same goals. It's how He's gifted each of us according to our diversity. How else do you think one can successfully plant and another water according to **I Corinthians 3:6** without the inborn diversity of gifts determined by an equally diverse combination of birth year, month, day, hour and minute which identifies the complexity of who you are. That tells me that we've been created by a God who revels in our individuality that was intentionally completed with a divine purpose, to accomplish so much more than limited versatility of one type of person. As Christians, we're well aware of our many distinctions for the good of the body of Christ, (The Church). Where did they come from?

After every stage of creation, God said it was good . . .

**Genesis 1:14-16**, and I quote from the King James Version, "And God said, Let there be lights (**Sun, Moon and Stars**) in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; **and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:** And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. **And God made two great lights;** the greater light (**Sun**) to rule the day, and the lesser light (**Moon**) to rule the night: **He made the stars also."**

**The Sun, Moon and Stars . . . and let them be for signs. What kind of Signs?**

- 1.) Oh, but Officer, I didn't see the "NO TRESPASSING" sign, because as you well know, there are no lights in the firmament. . . **(No, I don't think so!)**
- 2.) The Signs Genesis was referring to was Sagittarius, Capricorn, etc. I'll bet you thought that's what I was going to say. **Wrong Again!** Astrology was not a consideration until around **1360 B.C. and God's word provided the perimeters to it's eventual success, (speaking of the # 12).** Why so late? Somebody started reading their Bible and **finally** began paying attention to what they were reading, which leads us to our next option.

- 3.) Houghton / Mifflin Dictionary says this with regards to the context given in the original Hebrew, "Evidence, an event or incident regarded as foretelling something." That which suggests a pattern. **It's the cause and effect, the signs . . . hints . . . clues . . . that the writer of Genesis is saying to pay attention to!**

God has established nature's imprint as the minute, hour, day, month, and the year, and divided each according to the 4<sup>th</sup> day of His creation. **So whether understood, known, or believed, these natural forces strongly influence your character traits, attractions and outlook on life.** He didn't make us all the same, nor was it His intention.

I guess it has always troubled me to think that the Church, world-wide, with all of it's helps to the Christians, as well as the community it's in charge of, that we have no visible signs or evidences of security or control in our families and marriages. We can pray, fast, get Godly counseling and advice, and attend marriage enrichment seminars. At best, it will equate to a band-aid to a blood bath. When a relationship is **wrong**, it's **DEAD WRONG! God will never bless what He never intended!**

Oh, I know what you're thinking. Growing up in the church, it's always been taught or insinuated that astrology was of the Devil. Astrology literally interpreted is the study of the position of Stars (of which our Sun is the biggest) and Planets, as created and described in **Genesis 1:14-16**. Now **Matthew 7:15 thru 20** warns us, "**Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits.** Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. **A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.** Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them." At "**Love For a Lifetime**", we are never ever wrong in the evaluation of compatibilities as long as human error doesn't thwart the outcome of God's timeless patterns. in the evaluation of compatibilities of deep love, attraction, great conversation, really good sex and absolutely no fighting. With these qualities, it looks like something ordained and blessed of God. Are we bragging? Yeah, we're bragging on an awesome God who created all of this, for all of us and we will continue to use it for His glory till He comes. Now accept it and use it as a testimony of His glory and majesty. Let the longevity of goodness of your relationship be a Great Big **THANK YOU** to the One who created it for His pleasure and not His disappointment!

**Revelation says "WOE to him who adds or takes away from these words of mine."** All of God's blessings are conditional. When the Bible speaks of the word 'WOE', it's context is most always equating how one would feel if under a curse that would never seem to go away. It's **defined as Deep Sorrow, Grief, and Mourning.** Can you **feel** those words? Does it remind you of some of your relationships, or the repercussions of them? Remember **Hosea 4:6** says, "My people are being **destroyed** for a lack of knowledge, and **for the rejection of that knowledge.**"

Understand everything that God has established “**In the Beginning**” was the perpetuation of everything up until now and that includes the Sun, Moon, and Stars to be used for signs to be followed **only if we are smart**, and just as pertinent to our everyday lives as the 10 commandments. Oh, and thanks for not trying to throw those out too! The only rules that have been changed since creation were that of the sacrificial system pertaining to redemption. Now we have acquired a **new** covenant a perfect sacrifice, the spotless Lamb of God, (Jesus Christ) replaced the many animal sacrifices as demonstrated in the Old Testament.

**Everything else stays the same!**

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