

Review of "A few new discoveries in physics" by Alain Stalder

The astrological model of sections 2 and 3 appears to reproduce many aspects of reality from a very small number of assumptions. Even though this appears to require unconscious connections between people, a priori these need neither be directional nor long-range nor to pass through the earth. Subliminal channels in normal conversations or gestures might be used to communicate information about people and situations. Since this information can be stored locally in brains, connections need a priori also not to be permanent.

Christopher Columbus discovered America in search of something else, namely a shorter route to India based on an erroneous calculations of the earth's circumference. So maybe my path was wrong too. I did not get together with the girl I was in love with in 1987; she now lives in another country, is married and a mother (she is the second girl mentioned in the improvised acknowledgement; the first is her sister). I do not argue with fate; maybe there was a direct connection that lead to these discoveries, maybe it was mostly my imagination. She has the sun in Pisces, in a quincunx to my sun. In mythology, it was a fish that showed Parsival the way to the castle [5], but there was no way that they could get together because they were too different (a human being and a fish that lives in the water).

So, now it is early in April, the discoveries are unchanged since almost a month and I intend to declare the document final in May and to publish it sometime in the future, when it feels right, maybe sometime after next spring, when Uranus has entered Pisces and people will probably be more ready than now to see the world with different eyes and with the eyes of others. Please note that I am rather shy; I will probably not appear much in the media or give public talks or travel much, but rather use the internet to communicate. My gift to the world are the discoveries, not myself.

The word physics derives from the greek word "physis" which means essentially nature. This describes the role of a physicist, namely to describe nature, the ground (4) from which things may grow from and also to provide the tools (2) that allow other people to build things based on the description of nature. Hence, even though I had to slightly touch some political and religious themes in order to convince, I will not fight for any particular view of how the world could or should be. I will simply stick to the few things that can be decided experimentally and leave the rest open, for everybody to explore.

After finishing to write down the discoveries, I discovered the document in which Aristotle lays out his theory of the elements: "On Generation and Corruption" (available on several internet archives on philosophy). In the second book, he defines elements to be made of qualities that are touchable, then he identifies opposites like smooth/rough with moist/dry so that he ends up with only two pairs of opposites, warm/cold and moist/dry, that can be combined in four ways (fire, earth, air, water), and argues that transitions between elements take longer if two qualities have to be flipped instead of just one. For me, that closes the circle.