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Original ideas in the book “Elementary Star Signs”

My book “Elementary Star Signs” (March 2018) contains a few original ideas by me, most of them related to astrology. In the following, a list of the ideas, with the year in which I first had an idea and the year in which I published it.

(I1) Elementary Transformations of the Star Signs

Idea: The 12 star signs of the zodiac can be described as transformations of the four classical elements Fire, Air, Water and Earth. In addition, there is one archetypal image per element, and the fourth element which is missing in the transformation is the goal:

Generations / young to old	Transformations	Image	Goal
Aries-Leo-Sagittarius	Earth → Fire → Air	<i>Fire</i>	Water
Cancer-Scorpio-Pisces	Earth → Water → Air	<i>River</i>	Fire
Gemini-Libra-Aquarius	Fire → Air → Water	<i>Cloud</i>	Earth
Taurus-Virgo-Capricorn	Fire → Earth → Water	<i>Tree</i>	Air

For the Fire signs, for example, Aries is mainly made of Earth, Leo of Fire, Sagittarius of Air; the archetypal image is a burning fire, and the goal is the element Water, which is missing in the transformation. And analogously for the other star signs, see table above.

In the book: Page 10, as well as afterwards as the main topic of the book.

First postulated: 2001 (without goal elements, those followed in 2015).

First published: 2002 (2015 with goal elements).

(I2) Close Relation between Elements and Mythology

Idea: Mythology and the classical elements Fire, Air, Water and Earth are about elementary things, about things which were of elementary importance for life and survival, which would explain why elementary transformations would be often found in mythology.

In the book: Page 15.

First postulated: 2017.

First published: 2018.

(13) The Elements and Apuleius' Four Tasks of Psyche

Idea: The four tasks of Psyche in "The Golden Ass" by Lucius Apuleius describe the same transformations between classical elements as the ones for the corresponding star signs (I1), including the same element as the goal:

Task	Element	Goal
1 Sort seeds	Earth	Air
2 Fetch wool from rams	Water	Fire
3 Get water from the Styx	Fire	Water
4 Fetch beauty from the underworld	Air	Earth

Assigning the four tasks of Psyche to the four classical elements is not new, but I do not remember to have seen the same assignment as above before (except partially), and certainly not with goal elements.

In the book: Page 20 ff. (Fire), 49 ff. (Water), 91 ff. (Air), 125 ff. (Earth).

First postulated: 2001 (without goal elements, those followed in 2015).

First published: 2002 (2015 with goal elements).

(14) Elementary Transformation Already Known in Antiquity?

Idea: I suspect that the elementary transformation of the star signs could have already been known in antiquity, especially in light of Psyche's tasks—related historical facts are, however, extremely sparse at the moment.

In the book: Page 7 und 10.

First postulated: 2015.

First published: 2015.

(15) Miscellaneous Ideas Around Astrology

- (a) The general principle of association in astrology and mythology, incl. superpositions of systems (58 ff. / 1998 / 2002).
- (b) Association specifically via numbers between star signs, houses, planets and aspects (146 ff. / 2004 / 2004).
- (c) The assignment Fire-star signs, Air-planets, Water-aspects, Earth-houses (67 f. / 2017 / 2018).
- (d) The assignment Fire-AC, Air-MC, Water-DC, Earth-IC (77 / 2004 / 2004).
- (e) In conjunction, the leading planet is generally the leader (72 / 2001 / 2002).
- (f) Opposite star signs in the zodiac are mirror images in/out of each other (81, 122, 142 / 2002 / 2002).
- (g) A crucial year for the beginning of an age of Aquarius could be 2044 (121 f. / 2002 / 2002).
- (h) Moon/goddesses Hera-Earth-waxing, Aphrodite-Water-full, Athena-Air-waning, Artemis/Hecate-Fire-new (50 ff., 61 f. / 2011-15 / 2015).
- (i) Gods Zeus-Air, Poseidon-Water, Pluto-Fire (51 / 2017 / 2018).

(16) Numbers and Elements and their Transformations

Idea: Elements numbered as follows, as well as their transformations summed according to (I1):

1	Fire	1
2	Air	2
3	Water	3
4	Earth	4
5	5th Element, transformation of elements	$5 = 1 + 4 = 2 + 3$
6	Transformation of Air	$6 = 1 + 2 + 3$
7	Transformation of Fire	$7 = 4 + 1 + 2$
8	Transformation of Earth	$8 = 1 + 4 + 3$
9	Transformation of Water	$9 = 4 + 3 + 2$
10	Transformation of transformation	$10 = 5 + 5$

See exactphilosophy.net for the relations to China mentioned in the book.

In the book: Page 148 ff.

First postulated: 2001 for 1-4, 2004 for 5-10.

First published: 2002 for 1-4, 2004 for 5-10.

(17) The Elements as Space and Time and their Transformations

Idea: See table (details at exactphilosophy.net):

ero	What rests outside	Earth
emo	What moves outside	Fire
eri	What rests inside	Air
emi	What moves inside	Water
e5	What transforms the elements	5th Element

In the book: Page 153 ff.

First postulated: 18 May 2004.

First published: 19 May 2004 at alt.astrology.tropical.

Others

Anything else, in case I did not forget anything, would be already known in the respective fields. In particular, the following has **not** been my idea:

- Chiron's descent as a constellation due to precession (44f., 86).
- How to visualize the distance Venus-earth as a rose (108, 111).
- The 50+49 lunar months / 8 solar years and the Olympics (111).

A lot is "from Wikipedia" (mainly English and German versions), resp. it should usually be relatively easy to find original sources via the Internet.