

## ‡7 DIO's Bottom-Ten List of Establishment Myths by Dennis Rawlins

### A Enlightenment by Hoaxery

**A1** Not just for jest: bored with hyped and corrupt media-promoted “Top-Ten” lists, we have compiled a (patently *DIO*-selective) “Bottom-Ten List” (§B below) of historical and/or continuing establishment follies, three of which *DIO* has been successful in very prominently eliminating. Seven items are religion-related; the other three were long accepted and pushed&protected by institutions who ought to have been less secretive, haughty, and too-readily inclined to suppress dissent — or even alter, hide, or destroy evidences supporting it.<sup>1</sup> Those three may add to the historical and evaluative education of the sort of questioning people who presumably constitute our readership.

**A2** E.g., that Neptune was discovered by math-prediction may be new to many; as that geocentrist Ptolemy said Mercury&Venus merely appeared heliocentric, but weren't. Likewise, it is not even controversial that, by the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC, ancient scientists' estimated length of the month,  $29^d 191^{\circ} 00' 50'' \doteq 29^d .530594$ , was correct well within 1<sup>s</sup> (§9 §B1).

**A3** The case of Ptolemy-vs-Aristarchos is that of an astrology-saturated religion's data-faking priest vs a genuine pioneer scientist, with the history-of-science establishment prominently, persistently (§9 §L4) promoting Ptolemy & ([www.dioi.org/vols/we0.pdf](http://www.dioi.org/vols/we0.pdf), §A) dis-sing Aristarchos, while astronomers so eschew fake data that the great modern star-mapping satellites are chronologically named successively *Hipparcos* & *Tycho*, skipping Ptolemy.

**A4** The List's “Scorecard” also links (§C1 below) to a *DIO* play, [www.dioi.org/jq00.pdf](http://www.dioi.org/jq00.pdf), “Getting Away With NonMurder”, on the Marlowe-Shakespeare controversy. Some of the play's dialogs are enlighteningly and stimulatingly skeptical, e.g., §§D3, E1, F2, & G3. Shakespeare's slight Latin in connexion with Latin as the standard language-of-instruction at Brit grammar schools, re-verifies his long-suspected inadequate education. This novel connexion was 1<sup>st</sup> published at [www.dioi.org/vols/wi0.pdf](http://www.dioi.org/vols/wi0.pdf), §I3, and appeared in the latest Marlovian play, composed by Stanley Cloud (*Time* magazine), performed at Washington's Cosmos Club 2017/4/15, myself in followup-contributory attendance. Further Marlovian advances include Westminster Abbey's question mark (“?1593”) for Marlowe's death-date and the latest edition of *Henry VI*'s on-cover-admission of partial authorship by Marlowe.

**A5** Organized freethought might take cognizance (as it has stubbornly never done) of the fact that the man who probably wrote the works of “Shakespeare” (see plain, undisputed raw facts at [www.dioi.org/vols/wi0.pdf](http://www.dioi.org/vols/wi0.pdf), *DIO* 18 §A1) was a courageous atheist who (like G.Bruno only 7<sup>y</sup> later) faced execution for his heterodoxy. The discovery that Shakespeare's 1<sup>st</sup> work appeared just 13<sup>d</sup> after Marlowe's exit is quite recent & is now admitted even by the top antiMarlovian (*ibid* fn 30; *Shakespeare Beyond Doubt* 2013 Cambridge University p.29). The only question is if the coincidence is meaningful. But since newspapers' drama departments and universities' English departments loathe all doubts of WS' authorship, few if any mention even the bare fact of the 13-day-segue, to let readers decide on their own.

**A6** From olden times to ours, established gov'ts, churches, schools, and/or media have taught the literal truth of the following myths, too-often via threat of career-snuff or worse:

<sup>1</sup>See *DIO* 22 (2018), especially ‡3 §§C-G. A particularly persistent instance in another arena: *DIO* 1.1 ‡7 §A2 (1991) printed the text of rationalist-icon Carl Sagan's 1985/12/5 pretense (on ABC's *Nightline*) re Comet Halley's outdoor celestial location. In 2008 on Wikipedia, Sagan-groupies attacked (e.g., [www.dioi.org/dec.htm#qztp](http://www.dioi.org/dec.htm#qztp)) the relevance and very reality of our quote of Sagan's embarrassment ([www.dioi.org/dec.htm#sgkp](http://www.dioi.org/dec.htm#sgkp)), calling *DIO* too Unreliable to trust. On 2016/6/15, *DIO*'s posting of a video of Sagan's mis-echo, [www.dioi.org/0sb.mp4](http://www.dioi.org/0sb.mp4), was linked to his Wikipedia bio. It matches our 1991 text verbatim. So: how did Saganists react to proof of *DIO*'s accuracy & Sagan's inaccuracy? The link was destroyed at once. And these worshippers think they're Rationalists?!

## B Establishment Myths & Hoaxes

1. On the 6<sup>th</sup> day, god created man, entirely without natural selection's tedious assistance.
2. Under tight security,<sup>2</sup> the 10 commandments were carved into stone by god, not Moses.
3. When earthly god Jesus couldn't dodge the Jerusalem bunko squad, he was executed, though said to have risen. (But hid instead of strolling the city. Resurrectile Disfunction?)
4. The Sun orbits Earth. The swings of Mercury&Venus back&forth on either side of the Sun may look suspiciously heliocentric, but actually *they're merely circling a point in line with the Sun*. (This transparent figleaf was scientific orthodoxy for 1000<sup>y</sup>: *DIO 1.1* ‡7 §B.)
5. *Hamlet* & *Macbeth* were created by a loanshark who failed grammarschool and whose 1<sup>st</sup> work debuted *in London*, under **two weeks** after vanishment of torture-threatened spy Christopher Marlowe, long previously the #1 playwright *in London*. (Parallel at ‡8 §B1.)
6. UK's J.C.Adams discovered Neptune, though Frenchman Urbain Leverrier's final published prediction was spot-on to 1° while Adams', lodged privately 2<sup>d</sup> later, was 12° off.
7. The pope is infallible within certain boundaries, so voted in Rome, 1870, by the College of Cardinals.<sup>3</sup> Themselves presumably possessing infallible wisdom as to persons&bounds?
8. Robert Peary, who'd already (‡2 §I5) in 1907 fantasized having discovered nonexistent land in 1906, was 1<sup>st</sup> to the North Pole in 1909, steering to it without a scrap of steering-data.<sup>4</sup>
9. Richard Byrd was 1<sup>st</sup> to the Pole by air, 1926 May, sending his report to NatGeogrSoc in June, not to real (*DIO 10* p.6) science societies 'til Nov., after stripping it of all raw data.<sup>5</sup>
10. Ancient scientists were so unempirical and incompetent that they just copied prior work. Astrologer Ptolemy, who taught #4 & whose "observed" Sun-places were 50 times nearer to 280<sup>y</sup>-old indoor tables than to outdoor reality, was "The Greatest Astronomer of Antiquity", says AAAS' *Science* (1976/8/6) & the longtime head of Harvard's history-of-science dep't (*idem*), who got the post by teaching just such unattested fantasies as established verities.

## C Current Scorecard

**C1** Much of the US still accepts myths #1, #2, #3, & #7. Myth #4 is now unfashionable; but myth #5 lives on, since litwits can't face weakLatinized Shakespeare's uneducability at grammar school ([www.dioi.org/jq00.pdf](http://www.dioi.org/jq00.pdf), fnn 34&36) and cannot admit that they have, for over 400<sup>y</sup>, missed dramatist and rebel<sup>6</sup> Marlowe's slyest and riskiest play (see *ibid*'s finale: its §G3) — his defiant, proud, and unfathomably-scripted Atheist-Easter resurrection.

**C2** Myths #6, #8, & #9, generally believed in scientific and popular media 50<sup>y</sup> ago, have since gone the way of all flush, undone by *DIO* at, respectively, *Scientific American* 2004 Dec, p.98, *N.Y.Times* science page 2009/9/8, *N.Y.Times* 1996/5/9 page one. (The American Geographical Society never bemedalled either of the Peary & Byrd North Pole hoaxes. *DIO* vol.10, [www.dioi.org/vols/wa0.pdf](http://www.dioi.org/vols/wa0.pdf), ending Byrd's polar claim, was co-published in 2000 by *DIO* and Cambridge University.) Myth #10 survives from: [1] The history-of-science establishment's grantmanship-need to protect Ptolemy's historically-invaluable *Almajest*. (Though his alleged observations in it have been known to astronomers as fraudulent since Tycho Brahe's 1598 alert: [www.dioi.org/vols/w30.pdf](http://www.dioi.org/vols/w30.pdf), fnn 29&141.) [2] Ignoring genuinely-great scientist Aristarchos of Samos, [a] who was 1<sup>st</sup> to publicly announce heliocentrism (400<sup>y</sup> before geocentrist Serapic priest Ptolemy insisted on trying to refute the truth in *Almajest* 1.7); [b] who determined the month's length to a fraction of a second (‡9 §B2); [c] whose universe's volume exceeded geocentrists' size a trillion times (‡9 §K2).

<sup>2</sup>See [www.dioi.org/vols/wa0.pdf](http://www.dioi.org/vols/wa0.pdf), *DIO 10* fn 168.

<sup>3</sup>The US contingent, led by Baltimore's Cardinal Gibbons, mostly voted con. When Gibbons later was asked if the pope is infallible (*DIO 9.3* ‡6 fn 75), he replied: well, he called me "Jibbons".

<sup>4</sup>Rawlins *Peary . . . Fiction?*, Wash 1973 Chap.10, "Quiver in the Arrow". *Jeopardy* & dubiously honest (*DIO 10* §R) *American Experience* (2018/1/9 "Into the Amazon") remain unqualified believers.

<sup>5</sup>See [www.dioi.org/vols/wa0.pdf](http://www.dioi.org/vols/wa0.pdf), §F; for the pre- & post-stripped versions, see *ibid* Fig.7.

<sup>6</sup>Marlowe was arrested for atheism and for fighting wage-gutting mass-immigration: *DIO 18* §P5.