

suffered for many years from the effects of the disease. The Catholic Church requires saints to have performed at least two miracles.

Upon his beatification, John Paul will receive the title of "blessed" and can then be publicly worshipped by those of the Catholic faith.

The beatification will result in large numbers making a pilgrimage to Rome for the ceremony, with numbers in the hundreds of thousands being projected. Tour operators in the late pontiff's native Poland are offering bus and airline transportation for the event.

John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in 1920. He was elected pope in 1978 following the death of his predecessor John Paul I, who spent only 33 days as pontiff. At age 58, John Paul II became the youngest pope in 132 years.

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ZODIAC STAR WARS

The signs, they are a-changing. At least that's the claim of one astronomy instructor who started a firestorm of discussion when he recently said that the stars — astrologically speaking — have shifted their alignment. In other words, one who was thought to be a Gemini their whole life may now, in fact, have been a Taurus all along.

Parke Kunkle, board member of the Minneapolis Planetarium Society and a teacher at its city's Commu-

nity and Technical College is at the epicenter of the controversy. The Minneapolis *Star Tribune* interviewed Kunkle and reported, "The ancient Babylonians based zodiac signs on the constellations the sun was 'in' on the day a person was born. During the ensuing millenniums, the moon's gravitational pull has made the Earth 'wobble' around its axis, creating about a one-month bump in the stars' alignment."

According to the Associated Press, "By the reckoning of Kunkle and other astronomers, astrologers are not only a month off in their zodiac signs, but they are neglecting a 13th constellation, Ophiuchus (Ooh-FEE-yew-kus) the Serpent Bear, for those born from Nov. 30 to Dec. 17."

But astrologers aren't worried by Kunkle's revelation, saying that they have long known of the argument. Shelley Ackerman, a spokeswoman for the American Federation of Astrologers, warns those devoted to astrology not to panic. "This doesn't change your chart at all," she said. She also cautioned, "Every few years, a story like this comes out and scares the living daylights out of everyone, but it'll go away as quickly as it came."

Astrologer Jeff Jawer also stresses that, "Astrology is geocentric. It relates to life on Earth to the Earth's environment, and seasons are the most dramatic effect, which is why we use the tropical zodiac." The tropical zodiac, used by Western astrologers, is fixed to seasons and deviates from the sidereal zodiac which is fixed to constellations and used by Eastern astrologers.

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PERSONAL FREEDOM OUTREACH — STATEMENT OF BELIEF

- I. THE BIBLE AS THE DIVINELY INSPIRED, INERRANT WORD OF GOD: IT IS IN ITS ENTIRETY THE SOLE AUTHORITY FOR ALL MATTERS OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF AND PRACTICE.
- II. THE ONE TRUE GOD. IN THE ONE TRUE GOD THERE EXIST THREE PERSONS, BEING: THE FATHER, THE SON JESUS CHRIST, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- III. JESUS CHRIST: HIS DEITY, HUMANITY, VIRGIN BIRTH, SINLESSNESS, DEATH AND BODILY RESURRECTION; WHO WILL PERSONALLY AND VISIBLY RETURN AGAIN TO EARTH.
- IV. THE PERSONALITY AND DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- V. THE EXISTENCE AND PERSONALITY OF SATAN, HIS TOTAL OPPOSITION TO GOD, AND HIS POWER OVER THE UNREGENERATE.
- VI. THE COMPLETE AND TOTAL DEPRAVITY OF ALL MEN WHICH MAKES THEM HOPELESSLY LOST WITHOUT THE NEW BIRTH OBTAINABLE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.
- VII. THE FINAL ESTATE OF MAN: FOR THE SAVED, EVERLASTING LIFE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND FOR THE UNSAVED, EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF.
- VIII. THE GOSPEL BY WHICH WE ARE SAVED BEING SUMMED IN THE DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
- IX. THE CHURCH BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST, UNITED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, CONSISTING OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR. A LOCAL CHURCH IS AN ORGANIZED ASSEMBLY OF BELIEVERS UNITED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION OF CHRIST.
- X. THE GREAT COMMISSION OF CHRIST BEING TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL MEN, BAPTIZING AND DISCIPLING THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVED.