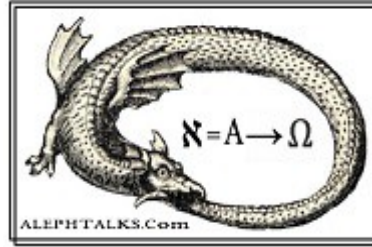


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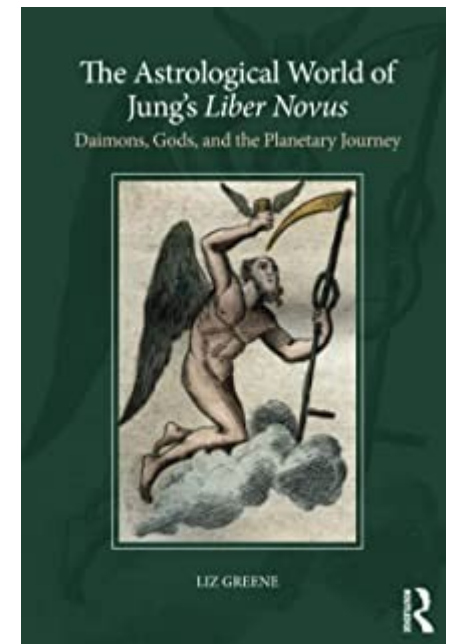
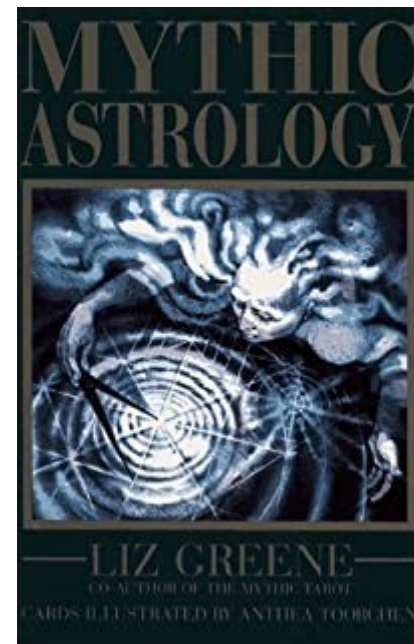
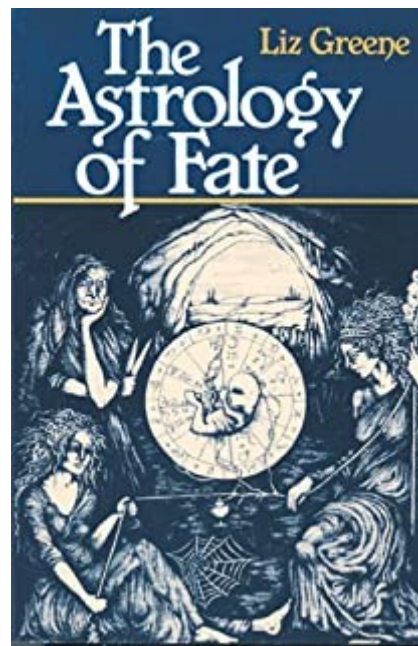
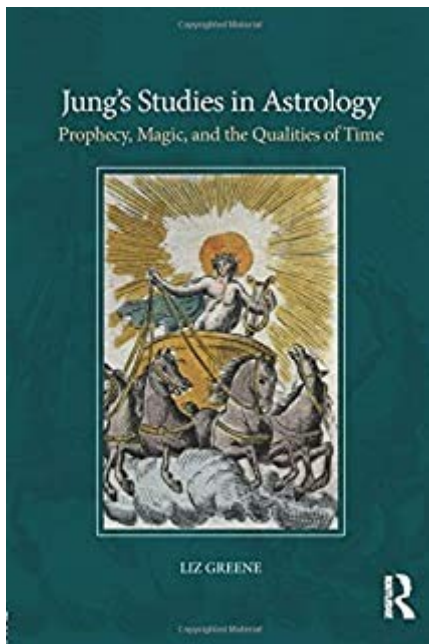
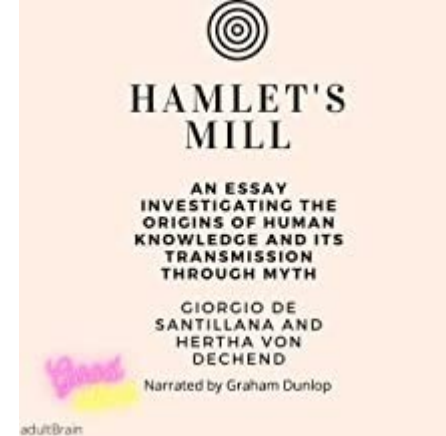


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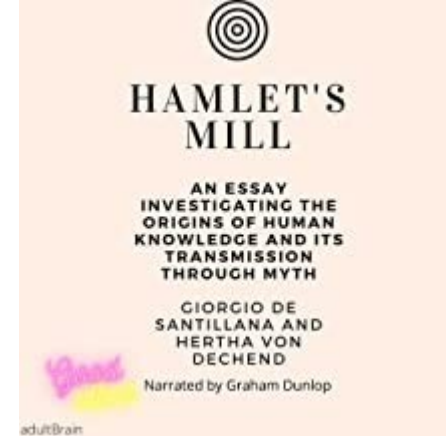


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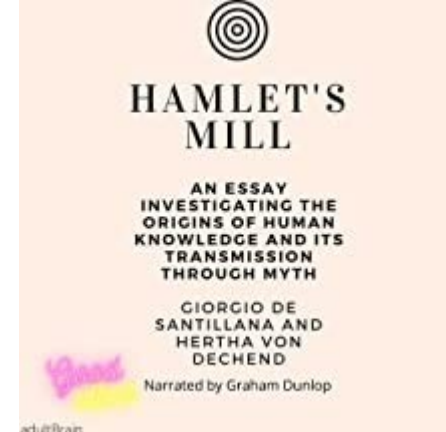


Hamlet's Mill



- Hamlet's Mill: An Essay Investigating the Origins of Human Knowledge and Its Transmission Through Myth (first published by Gambit, Boston, 1969) by Giorgio de Santillana (a professor of the history of science at MIT) and Hertha von Dechend (a scientist at Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität) is a nonfiction work of history and comparative mythology, particularly the subfield of archaeoastronomy.
- It is mostly about the claim of a Megalithic era discovery of axial precession, and the encoding of this knowledge in mythology.

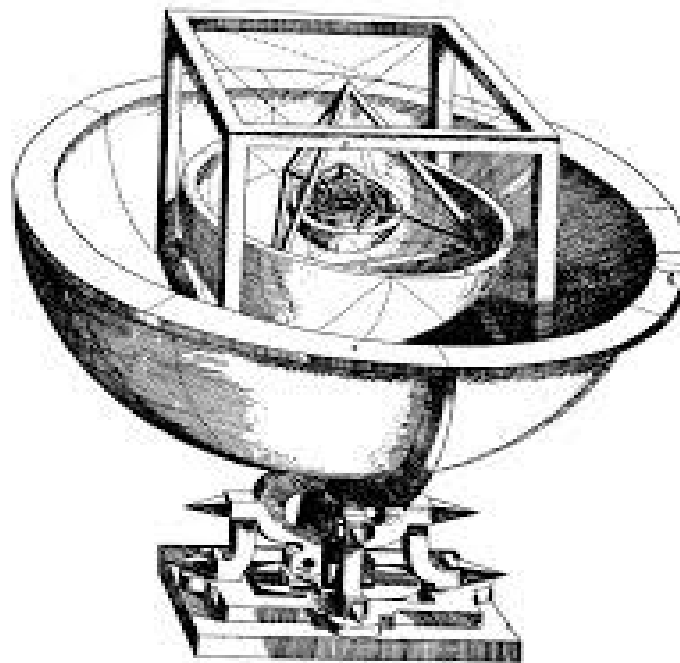
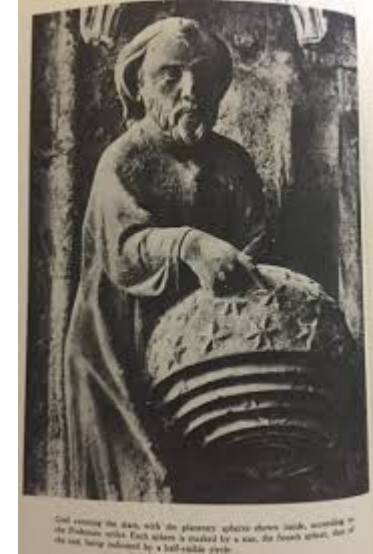
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- Santillana and Dechend state in their introduction to Hamlet's Mill that they are well aware of modern interpretations of myth and folklore but find them shallow and lacking insight: "...the experts now are benighted by the current folk fantasy, which is the belief that they are beyond all this - critics without nonsense and extremely wise". Consequently, Santillana and Dechend prefer to rely on the work of "meticulous scholars such as Ideler, Lepsius, Chwolson, Boll and, to go farther back, of Athanasius Kircher and Petavius..."

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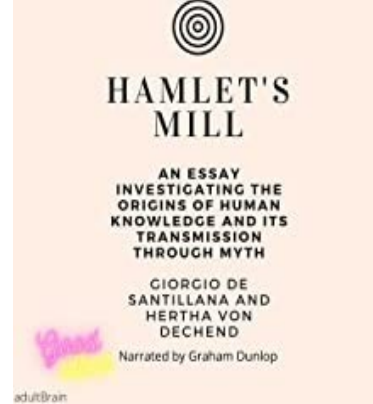
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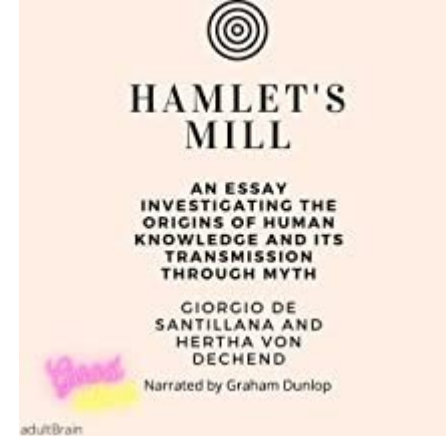
The Polyhedra inscribed into the planetary orbits. Kepler's drawing is a pure geometrical fancy, but it is meant to correspond to the actual relation between the radii of the planetary orbits. Most important here is the cube, fitted into the outermost sphere of Saturn.

Ayurvedic Hamlet's Mill

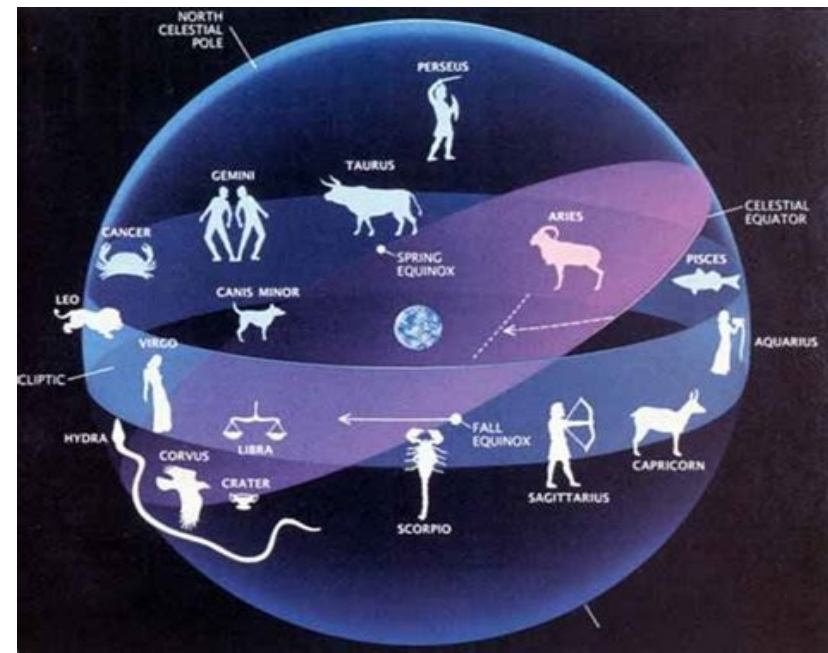
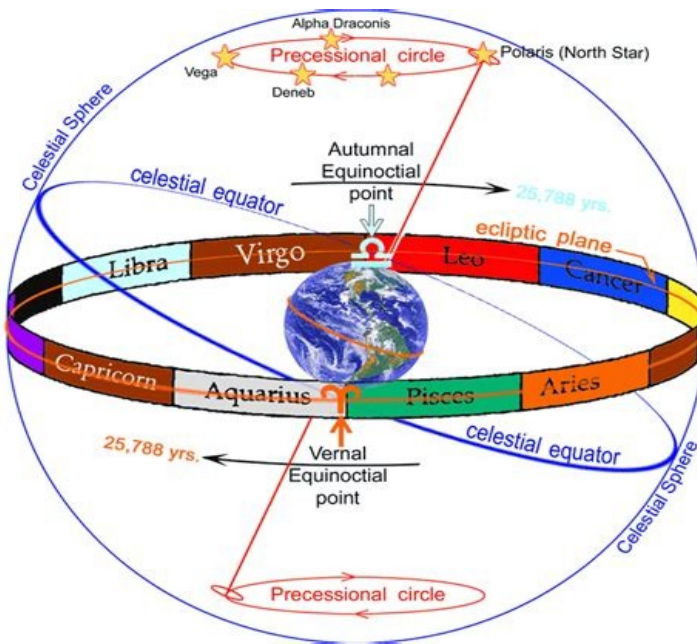
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Precession of the Equinoxes

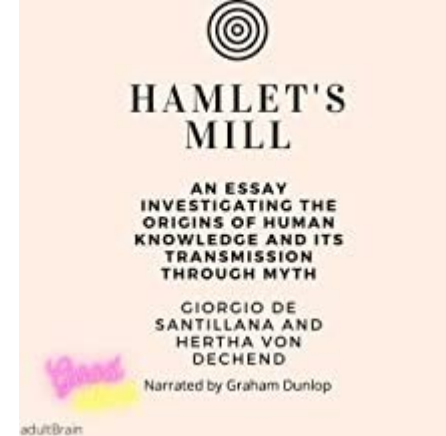
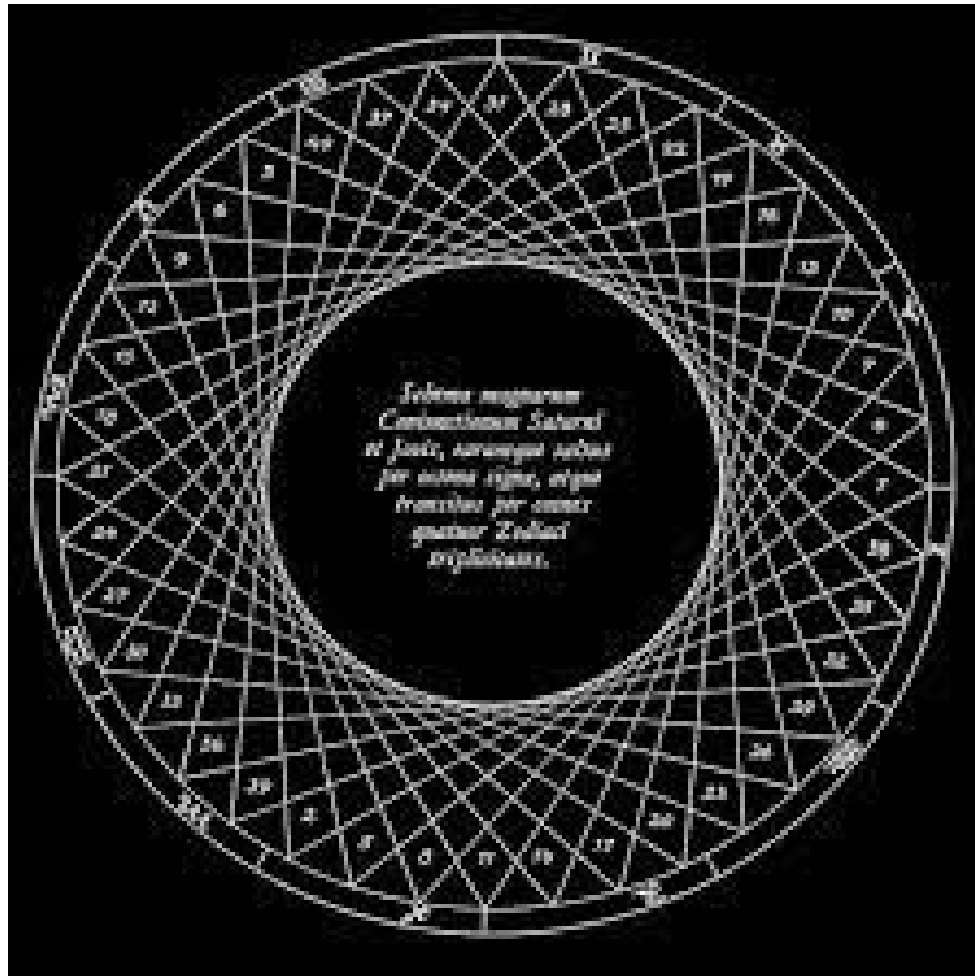


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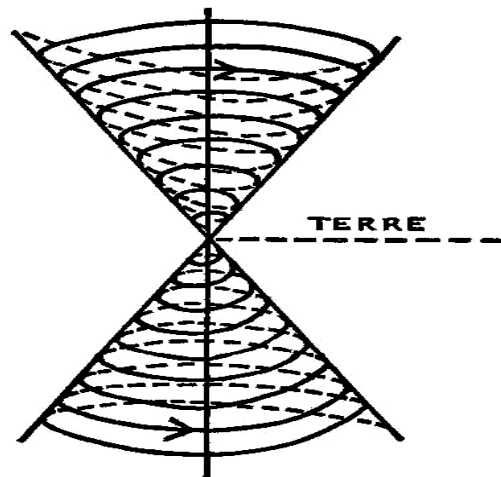
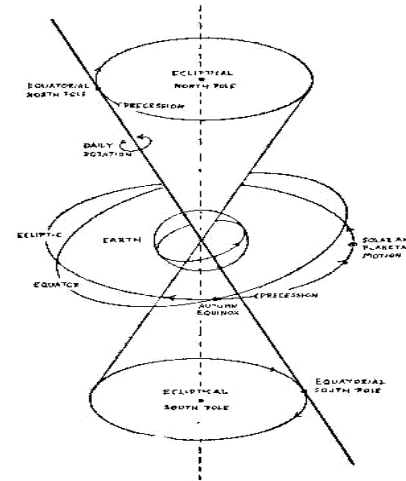
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Mythology, Elements

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A diagram of the Precession of the Equinoxes. The symmetrical drawing shows that the phenomenon occurs at both poles.



"The internal motion of the cosmic tree," according to North-West Africans. "In the firmament that motion marks the rotation of the stars above the earth and below the earth, around the fixed poles indicated by the axis formed by the elements in the middle of the cosmic tree."


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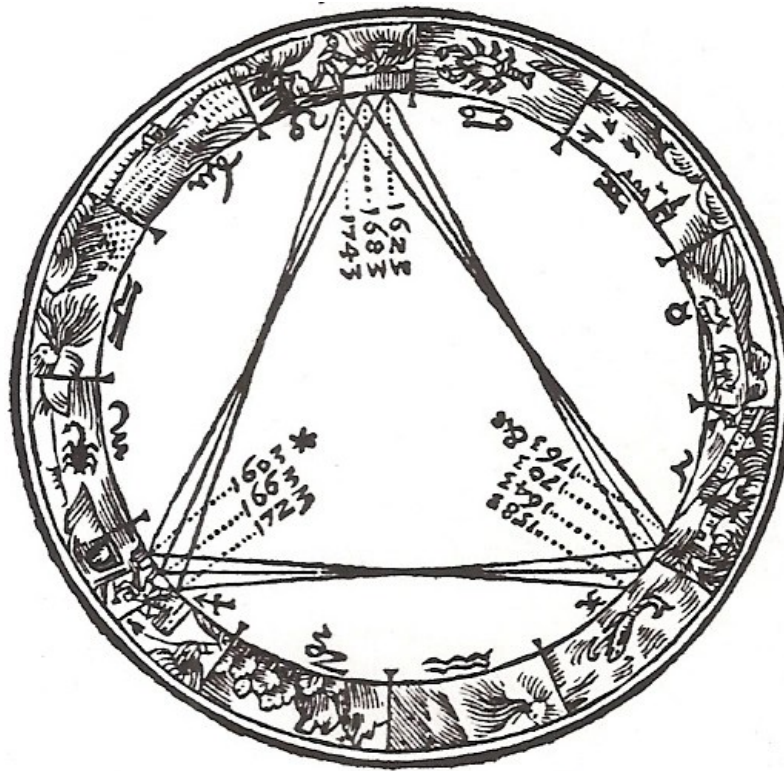
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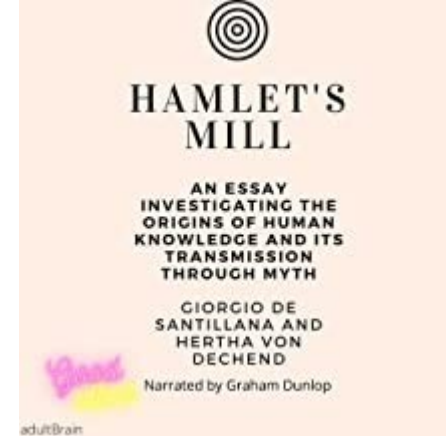
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Synodic Cycle of Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn

- Every 20 years

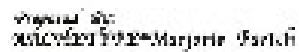


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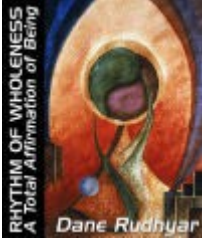
- The main argument of the book may be summarized as the claim of an early (Neolithic) discovery of the precession of the equinoxes (usually attributed to Hipparchus, 2nd century BCE), and an associated very long-lived Megalithic civilization of "unsuspected sophistication" that was particularly preoccupied with astronomical observation.
- The knowledge of this civilization about precession, and the associated astrological ages, would have been encoded in mythology, typically in the form of a story relating to a millstone and a young protagonist—the "Hamlet's Mill" of the book's title, a reference to the kenning Amlóða kvern recorded in the Old Icelandic Skáldskaparmál.
- The authors indeed claim that mythology is primarily to be interpreted as in terms of archaeoastronomy ("mythological language has exclusive reference to celestial phenomena"), and they mock alternative interpretations in terms of fertility or agriculture.

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Dharma and Karma

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Dharma defines what the new human being could achieve for humanity, what humanity expects of the individual, what humanity will help the individual achieve

Karma is the result of a multitude of past causes and of the energy these causes generated, but from the point of view of dharma the new birth constitutes a potential answer to a need of Humanity as a whole

The individual has to have an open consciousness to that possibility, a belief in the needs of Humanity as a whole

The individual focuses the needs of Humanity, the Great Unconscious, God to full a particular limited purpose, but as a flowering of the past

Yod in Astrology

- Yod: two quincunxes and one sextile

