



I recently celebrated my birthday and was asked a question often asked, ‘so, **what is your star sign?**’

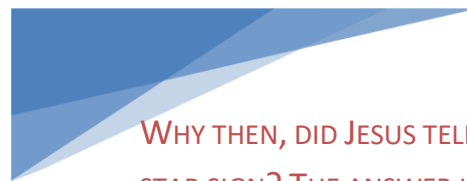
My normal response is to say, ‘I have no star sign, I don’t believe in them’ and the most frequent response I receive is, ‘yes, but if you did what would be your star sign?’ sometimes followed up with, ‘It’s just harmless fun.’

But this time was different. The person who asked me is a Christian and, when they not only asked the question but then remembered and answered it for me, I went along with, not wishing to offend, ‘yeah, that’s it.’

It did bother me though and I chewed it over in my mind for a while. How should I go back to that person to say, ‘sorry, I made a mistake there and should have said, I have no star sign’ and perhaps gone on to explain why.

However, the Lord answered my question to him about this in a different way. He surprised me by saying that I do have a star sign!

I was very surprised and, as someone else pointed out to me when I told them this story, the star signs are also called horoscopes. That name alone should be enough to serve as a warning to us - but it often doesn’t.



**WHY THEN, DID JESUS TELL ME I DO HAVE A
STAR SIGN? THE ANSWER IS MORE OBVIOUS
THAN I REALISED, ‘I JESUS ... I AM ... THE
BRIGHT MORNING STAR’**

(Rev 22:16 NIV)

How does that work then?

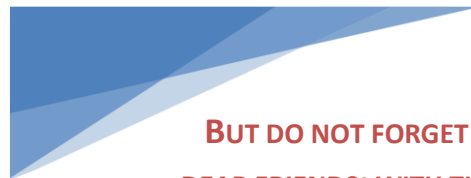
Well, I have had 2 births: one by water as a baby and the second by God’s Spirit (Jesus calls this being born again: see John 3). Both births happened at a certain time in the year but at completely different times.



Even if that is not so true for you because you don't know exactly when you were born again - or maybe you have not yet experienced rebirth?

Still the message is the same:

**Being born of God's Spirit is
to be born in one who stands
outside of time.**



**BUT DO NOT FORGET THIS ONE THING,
DEAR FRIENDS: WITH THE LORD A DAY IS
LIKE A THOUSAND YEARS, AND A
THOUSAND YEARS ARE LIKE A DAY.'**

2 Pet.3:8 NIV

So, what are these other star signs, these horoscopes?

They are a false substitute for the Creator God and his good creation; they are idols (Baals). They act like seasonal mini-gods, trying to define our identity and character by the time of our birth rather than by the identity and character God gives and forms in us.

No! I will not give away the character that God has formed in me, nor the promise and purpose he is developing in me. To give that away is to offer myself to false gods and cage myself in the character, hopes and fears the horoscopes describe for each of those star signs.

**I belong to the bright morning star
and Him only. Will you join me?**