

‡4 Casting Pearls Before Pyglets

Launching DIO's Competence-Held-Hostage Series

A Muffia Muff-Catalog: the Incompetence-Chargers' Competence

Exposure	Muffer	Sponsor	Muff
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 §R3	G.Toomer	Truesdell	Amazingly crude & mishandled eclipse-selection math.
<i>DIO</i> 1.3 ‡10	G.Toomer	<i>DSB</i>	Autumn Solstice!
<i>DIO</i> 2.1 ‡3 §C15	G.Toomer	<i>AIHS</i>	False explanation of <i>Alm</i> planet mean motions.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 §I1	G.Toomer	Springer	Forces Greek word for "compiled" to mean what he wants: "computed".
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 §G2	G.Toomer	KramerFund	Cites Toomer 1973 as valid, despite paper's known scribal-error collapse.
<i>DIO</i> 1.1 ‡5 fn 7	N.Swerdlow	<i>Centaurus</i>	Repeatedly erring toward desired number: 19' 32" → 19' 31" → 19' 30".
<i>DIO</i> 2.1 ‡2 §H28	N.Swerdlow	Hist.sciSoc	Bungled attack upon van der Waerden's math, sanity, & ethics.
<i>DIO</i> 1.1 ‡5 fn 20	N.Swerdlow	ΦBK	Alleges tiny near-solstitial motion ruins useful solstice-determination.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 §E1	N.Swerdlow	ΦBK	Falsely (& trivially) suggests R.Newton hid <i>Almajest</i> -translation used.
<i>DIO</i> 1.1 ‡5 §A2	HamS'low	EfL&0	Misunderstands purpose (even title!) of book under review.
<i>DIO</i> 2.3 ‡8 §C8	N.Swerdlow	EfL&0	Copies Grasshoff misread of Newton 1977, but cites Newton 1977.
<i>DIO</i> 2.3 ‡8 fn 31	N.Swerdlow	EfL&0	Claims 14' waves (12' gt-circ) undetectable in Ancient Star Catalog.
<i>DIO</i> 2.3 ‡8 fn 31	N.Swerdlow	EfL&0	Unaware of required $\cos \beta$ weight-factor for gt-circ λ differentials.
<i>DIO</i> 2.3 ‡8 §C14	N.Swerdlow	EfL&0	Ignores 11' error wave due to attested false obliquity.
<i>DIO</i> 2.1 ‡3 fn 38	O.Pedersen	Odense U	Forced false arithmetic (for <i>Alm</i> planet mean motions).
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 fn 284	Neugebauer	BrownU	Misclaimed Ptolemy didn't believe his absurd lunar quadrature distance.
<i>DIO</i> 2.1 ‡3 fn 38	Neugebauer	Springer	Forced false arithmetic (for <i>Alm</i> planet mean motions).
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 fn 182	Neugebauer	Springer	Another forced math agreement.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 fn 199	Neugebauer	Springer	Yet another forced math agreement.
<i>DIO</i> 2.1 ‡3 fn 18	R.Mercier	<i>AIHS</i>	Misclaims Ptolemy lacked value for sidereal year.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 fn 126	Y.Maeyama	Pedersen	Confuses single-datum st.devs with mean's st.devs: off by factors up to 7.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 ‡10	A.Jones	EfL&0	Winter Equinox!
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 §G4,G7	A.Jones	EfL&0	Innocently & falsely declared 3 solar trios unfittable by Greek-trig orbits.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 §C11,G7	A.Jones	EfL&0	"Proved" last trio unfittable, though DR had already twice published fit.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 §G9	A.Jones	EfL&0	Subtraction: $128^\circ - 65^\circ = 65^\circ!$
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 §G9	A.Jones	EfL&0	Sets $67d2/3 = 67^\circ 2/3$ (Velikovsky's 360d year: <i>Worlds in Collision</i> p.330).
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 §G2	A.Jones	Hist.sciSoc	Cites Toomer 1973 as valid, despite paper's known scribal-error collapse.
<i>DIO</i> 1.1 ‡8 §E1	D.Hughes	RoyAstrSoc	<i>The classic astrologer-pratfall.</i> [High precision. Lowlow accuracy!]
<i>DIO</i> 1.1 ‡8 §G5	D.Hughes	EfL	Due to own calendar-blunder, doubts French saw C.Halley first (1682).
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 fn 60	M.Hoskin	EfL	Ignorant of Hegel's 4/3-power proposal, translation omits heart of theory.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 fn 135	G.Grasshoff	Springer	Numerous graphs' axes are inverted and-or distorted.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 fn 149-50	G.Grasshoff	Springer	Entire book is chock full of typos.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 §I3	G.Grasshoff	Springer	Key solar error-curve sign inverted.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 §I5	G.Grasshoff	Springer	Highly irregular (& suspicious) reference-bibliographical practice.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 fn 155	G.Grasshoff	Springer	Misclaims R.Newton uses $1^\circ/2$ arc graduation for Ptolemy's astrolabe.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 §I6	G.Grasshoff	Springer	Data, 20' single-datum st.dev: 100'-amplitude wave = untestably small.
<i>DIO</i> 2.1 ‡3 fn 19	O.Gingerich	RoyAstrSoc	Insisted (over 3 warnings) <i>Alm</i> 9.3 Mars mean motion = <i>Alm</i> 10.9 ratio.
<i>DIO</i> 2.1 ‡3 fn 38	O.Gingerich	RoyAstrSoc	Misplaces Venus' apogee by 4000'.
<i>DIO</i> 2.3 ‡8 §C13	J.Evans	EfL&0	Tries pretending $8' \approx 29'$ (63° phase-diff = "not exactly" in phase).
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 fn 144-5	J.Evans	EfL&0	Signs onto Grasshoff spectacular solar error-curve sign-inversion.
<i>DIO</i> 2.1 ‡4 §H7	J.Evans	EfL&0	Unknowingly demands pretelescope Tycho took stars to 8th magnitude.
<i>DIO</i> 2.3 ‡8 fn 25	J.Evans	EfL&0	Inadvertently has 10th magnitude stars visible to naked-eye.
<i>DIO</i> 1.3 fn 288	J.Evans	EfL&0	Sneers at Ptolemy-doubters on basis of own parallax sign-error.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 §E1	J.Britton	PrincetonInst	Falsely (without data) suggests R.Newton hid <i>Almajest</i> -translation used.
<i>DIO</i> 1.2 fn 170	J.Britton	PrincetonInst	Patently inaccurate perturbation expression.

[All muffers listed are still active, except the late O.Neugebauer (Princeton Institute). Abbrev for those cited here as "Sponsors": Hist.sciSoc = *Isis* (journal of History of science Society); EfL = Michael Hoskin, CambrU, Editor-for-Life of *J.Hist.Astron.*; 0 = Owen Gingerich, #2 Editor of same *JHA*; *DSB* = *Dictionary of Scientific Biography*; Truesdell = *Arch Hist Exact Sci* (Springer); *AIHS* = *Arch Int Hist Sci*; RoyAstrSoc = *Quarterly J Royal Astr Soc.*]

B DIO-Style Flattery: Two-Dimensional Digits

B1 *DIO*'s new series, "Competence Held Hostage" (debuting here at p.3), owes its inception & title to the locked-horns dynamic of the ongoing ancient-astronomy controversy.

B2 History-of-science archons are chilled by the ghastly realization that those occasional parts of DR's damned scientific-history researches which they can follow, are turning out to be competent, contributory, even pioneering. (Several of Hist.sci's own referee reports on DR papers are explicit about this.) Nonetheless, archons have for years effectively attempted to extort DR's silence (about Hist.sci's fear-driven censorial obsessions, among other mental limitations) by refusing *publicly* to acknowledge ANY value to DR output.¹ In brief: able, seminal work has been imprisoned — and vital discovery-pearls' recognition & development deliberately held hostage — just to protect certain (understandably) insecure Hist.sci archons' shakily-propped-up images of dignified Authority. [Matt. 7.6.]

B3 An overview of this endless (*DIO* 2.3 ‡8 §D2) warfare suggests that we have here a case of mutual misprojection: [a] Archons apply to DR the same shun-starvation cajolery-techniques which have otherwise worked so unfailingly (note-in-passing: *what* does this say about academe?) when applied to their own fellow climbers. (Hist.sci volk cannot fathom why DR isn't rushing to fire-sale his soul for the Privilege & Prestige of publication in sham editors' handsome journals. See *DIO* 1.2 fn 9 & *DIO* 2.1 ‡3 fn 41.) [b] DR is equally blind. Since *DIO* openly admires valid scholarship — regardless (‡3 fn 20 & *DIO* 1.2 fn 16&174) of the source's enmity and-or (*DIO* 1.1 ‡1 §C6, *DIO* 1.2 §I8) swinosity — DR is implicitly urging Hist.sci also to try impersonal fairness. Instead, snickering at *DIO*'s naïve adherence to their mythic gas about free discourse, worldly archons wonder if DR will ever attain Hist.sci wisdom, accepting that the sin of merely killing truth & its discoverers is trifling compared to Rebellion & Heresy, THE Cardinal Sins of Hist.sci, whose Law is: *Thou Shalt Not Criticize Archons or Their Sacred [Grant-Generating] Tenets.*

B4 Question: what exactly is the competence of the very Muffiosi who reflexively classify any dissenter outside their cult as Incompetent? — and indeed are typified by their tactic of *highlighting others' supposed errors* as a basis for treating dissenters with slander and (‡1 §A3, *DIO* 1.2 fn 16&92) total ignoring of output. DR's 1994/4/26 letter² to the Hist.sci Soc vainly challenged (above, p.2) the Muffia to debate & supplied the same 45-item table of Muffia muffis reproduced here at §A: "The [foregoing] 45 (yes **forty-five**) errors by Muffiosi (and Muffia-circle scholars & forums)³ have been pointed out serially since *DIO*'s inception, over 3 years ago. (Many are displayed in the satirelet, 'Black Affidavit': *DIO* 1.3 ‡10.) From those responsible for creating and-or promoting this impressively Reputable-looking collection of quasi-kwank⁴ literature, there has been: no response at all. Except the . . . attempted suppression of *DIO* itself." (See *DIO* 2.1 p.2 *Info-Note.*)

B5 Those who push knowledge forward have always stood on the shoulders of giants. (*Isis* 24:107-109.) But, in History-of-science, they must also stand on the toes of pygmies.

¹ *DIO* 1.2 fn 173: "systematic noncitation . . . constitutes attempted murder of a scholar's academic career." The policy is caricatured (only slightly) at *ibid* §H2. Implicit real-political underlying logic noted at *DIO* 2.3 ‡6 §F4. (Similar case cited: *DIO* 1.2 fn 57.) Of course, given *DIO*'s irrepressibility, the inefficacy (more accurately, backfiring: *DIO* 1.2 fn 175) of Hist.sci's shunning of *DIO*'s achievements is increasingly plain. (And increasingly clumsy: *DIO* 1.2 fn 58 & *DIO* 2.1 p.2 *Info-Note* & ‡2 fn 10.) But the blackballing's many years of unrelieved institutional maintenance (*DIO* 1.1 ‡1 §A8) have ultimately served a useful purpose: revealing nakedly the real — the 100.00% careerist — face, behind Hist.sci's public mask of openminded academic curiosity and integrity.

² HsS's 1994/5/16 standard submit-a-formal-ms reply (contra *DIO* 1.2 fn 165), to *DIO*'s 4/26 letter, evaded the debate-challenge (by delay) & *no-commented* the 45-item list, despite emphatic 4/26 urging that the list be "REFEREED BY COMPETENT SCHOLARS — preferably by real scientists, not the same Hist.sci see-no-evils who've allowed the Ptolemy Controversy to fester for a quarter century. (Many of the muffis listed [here at §A] are so obvious that they will require but minutes to check out. Hist.sci archons should have done that a *long* time ago.)"

³ Sorry about printing §A in 7 pt type; but, for this (merely partial) compendium of Muffia muffis, spatial-density is an upshot of certain Muffiosi's mental-density. Blaming our Muff-Catalog's scrunched print on anything other than the Muffia's own peculiar comic genius, is rather analogous to blaming prison-crowding on prison-architects — instead of on criminals' committing so many crimes. [More Muffs: *DIO* 2.3 ‡8 §§C12-C13, *DIO* 6 ‡1 fn 1.]

⁴ See, e.g., *DIO* 1.1 ‡5 fn 12; and *DIO* 1.2-3 §E4, §G3, & §M7.