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Poetry

Cannon Fodder: Operation Horse Whisperer

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Three Stars (out of Five)

Richard B. Boone's unpublished manuscript is divided into two parts. The first part, *Why Planets Rotate: The Existence Mechanism of the Universe* presents a new model of the universe based on the author's own pragmatic deductions. The second section is called, *The Lost Corner of the Foundation of Time: An Analysis of the Sciences of Creation*. Its job is to explore the philosophical challenges of the author's theory of the origin and continuity of the universe.

The word "theory" is a tricky one. In everyday speech, people use it to signify a conjecture or an opinion. In others words, not necessarily based on facts or the observance of reality, even though the word comes from the Greek and means "to look at." In science, however, a "theory" is an entirely different beast. A scientific theory is a proposed description or model of the interaction of a defined set of natural phenomena. This description must be capable of being tested as well as predicting future events. In other words, in science "theory" and "fact" stand shoulder to shoulder. In science, a proposal only becomes a "theory" when the model has failed to be falsified. A theory is true when, or until, it is not false.

Richard B. Boone's theory is of "a universal recycling elemental evolutionary ecology" resulting in a "perpetual steady state universe." Boone claims this is accomplished by monopolar elements discovered in an 8th spectrum. According to Boone, these monopoles exert diamagnetic pressure on the fields of atmospheric elements. "The gravimetric drag of the atmosphere on the surface of the planet then induces the planet to rotate."

This is seriously difficult stuff to fathom, and a non-scientist will find himself in deep water. A trip to Google will verify that the possibility of monopoles does exist: that means that no one can disprove their existence, but come to think of it, no one can prove or disprove the

existence of magnets either. But, Boone claims that he's discovered the mechanisms for inducing their emission points, and goes on to point out that their existence would account for the behavior of a number of unexplained phenomenon, like barometric pressure fluctuations, solar wind, black holes, meteors, comets, why old galaxies are spiral in shape and why the universe doesn't collapse in on itself. Boone backs up his theory with published observatory research from NASA, CalTec, Cambridge, etc., although there are no footnotes or bibliography.

Fascinating stuff, particularly when the monopolar effect leads to Jupiter becoming Earth-like as it evolves, and Earth becoming like Venus. Eventually, Boone says, Mercury will collide with "some, or all, of this solar system's other three inner planets." The Kuiper belt beyond Pluto is a "halo of…proto-matter" which will, eventually become fully evolved planets. Again, the claim is substantiated through "deduction," in this case the Physical Law of the Conservation of Energy. How can stars be born, Boone asks? Born from what? "The universe is not a thing — an entity. The universe is merely vast space." Rather than an expanding "entity," (per Hubble's 1929 Expanding Universe Theory) Boone describes the condition as "an ancient and perpetual steady state universe."

Boone seems to think he is a modern day Galileo, blazing a trail through the "singularity absurdity." As this reviewer cannot falsify his theory, Boone may be correct in his claims to fame. However, the second part of the book, the philosophical section, falls off the edge of science and into the realm of theory as pure speculation. Claiming the existence of Supreme Mind, knowledge was passed to Earthlings in the form of the "original given instructions credited to the Creator." That would be the Western Creator as "[the] tenets of social morality might be defined as the tenets of the Ten Commandments of Christianity…" Without doubt others beg to differ, and they can go on begging until someone proves them wrong — in other words, until kingdom come.