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FIRES IN AUSTRALIA

What are the consequences?

By **Axelle MONDJEHI**

For months eastern Australia has been ravaged by fires because of a historic heat wave.



- Air pollution has reached a dangerous level because of the smoke from bush fires. In some cities, the level of fine particles exceeds 10 times the recommended values. There is also a risk of suffocation.

- The local biodiversity is endangered but also global. More than a billion animals have already died in fires. Kangaroos and Koalas have been very severely affected. The heat burns their paws and their fur. Overheated air causes internal damage to their lungs.



- drinking water supplies are also endangered due to the water pollution. The winds have already carried charred debris to the lakes, rivers and beaches.

The PROFESSION OF ELECTRICIAN

An interesting job!

By **Enzo BAUDET**

The job of an electrician is not just to connect power lines.

Sometimes you must dig trenches in the ground or to attach power lines in height in order to be cleaner at the ground.

To install digital-codes, it is necessary to perforate the wall to make pass sheaths which will join the electric meter.



Most of the time, you must install electric meters, in that case you must be very thorough because you could be electrified.

At the beginning of his career an electrician earns the minimum wage ("French SMIC") 1,200€/month. Then he can earn up to 2,500€.

If an electrician starts his own business, he can get 4,000€ a month.

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Greta THUNBERG

A Young activist

By *Salomé COMBE*



Greta Thunberg was born on 3rd January 2003 in Stockholm. She is a Swedish environmental activist in the fight against global warming. Her parents are celebrities in Sweden. Her mother is a famous opera singer and her father is a cinema actor. She had one sister.

At 11 years old, she saw films on the degradation of the planet. She became very sad and began a depression phase. Her parents took her concerns seriously: they bought an electric car, they became vegan, they stopped buying new things, they only buy recycle things. They stopped taking planes and decided to take only the train.

On 20th August 2018, she made her first school strike. She didn't go to school, she sat down in front of the Swedish parliament with a sign where it was written: "school strike for the climate". It was from this moment that the journalists noticed her.

For her, we destroy the Earth in the name of money. The science has been clear for 30 years. We must reduce our climate impacts and reduce our CO2 emissions. Already, every ecosystem is collapsing. She doesn't see why she must study for her future if the planet doesn't have one.

Greta Thunberg is one of the main actors of the school strike movement in Europe and in the world to protest against the inaction of the States on global warming. Greta says: *"We need a new way of thinking. The political system that the adults have created is only competition. You cheat as soon as you can because all that matters is winning. We must cooperate and share what remains of the planet's resources in a fair manner"*.

Greta spoke at the COP 24 on 4th December 2018. She spoke at the British parliament on 23rd April 2019 and the French national assembly on 23rd July 2019. While invited by the general secretary of the UN for the world climate summit, she took a sailboat with solar panels and took 15 days to arrive at the United States. On 23rd September 2019, she spoke at the UN tribune and directly accused the world leaders of having *"stolen her dreams and her childhood with empty words"*.



She doesn't understand the inaction of governments and citizens regarding the climate threat even though they claim that this problem is the most important of all.

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ASTROLOGY

By *Galiane LYANDIER*

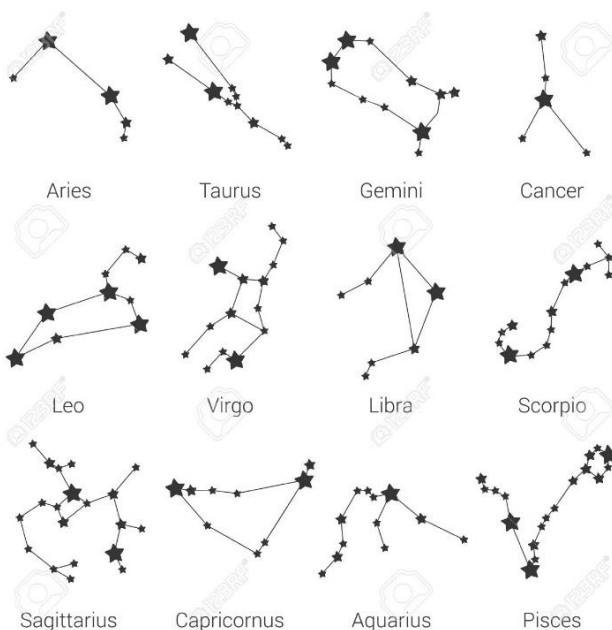
Astrology is a set of beliefs and practices based on the symbolic interpretation of some supposed links between celestial configurations and human, collective or individual matters.

There are twelve astrological signs:

Aries, Pisces, Aquarius, Capricorn, Sagittarius, Scorpio, Libra, Virgo, Leo, Cancer, Gemini, Taurus.

Astrology is an inaccurate science. There are different types of astrology.

Astrology signs are defined by the position of the sun. Each sign is a constellation.

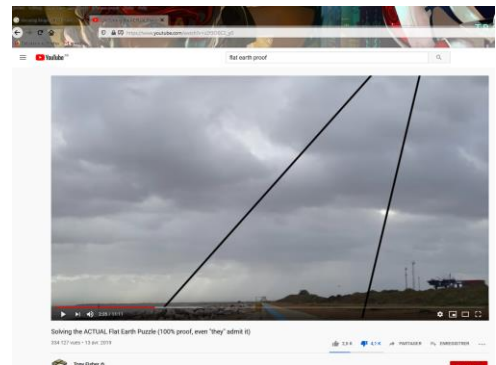


Flat earth? conspiracy theory and other fakes on the internet

a simple guide to stop believing anything

By *Paul BURGNARD*

1. First advise: think!



At first sight, this can seem true and obvious but when you see that people still believe in this type of things, as I do, it's always good to review basics! You have learned in elementary school that the Earth isn't flat: it's a scientific fact.

2. Second Advise: if you are still not sure, there is a few things you can check.

The website and the video quality

If the video is very pixelated, there is about 90% of chance that it means to hide the bad image modification. Or if your website seems "broken", it's maybe because it's not a very serious website.

The video length

When a 10 minutes video is on *YouTube* and someone watches it, the person who posted it earns money with the only one advertisement he can insert. But over 10 minutes, as much ads as you want can be inserted. So, you multiply your profits. Thus, if a video is exactly 10 minutes long it's generally a video which aims at making money and not giving real information...

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WHY BEING FEMINIST?

*More and more people call themselves “feminist”.
But what does that actually mean?*

By Karoline CHEVALLEY

Feminism is a movement that aims at achieving political, economic, cultural, social and legal equality between women and men. Indeed, many inequalities are present around us.

History

The first wave of feminism took place in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, emerging out from an environment of urban industrialism and liberal socialist politics. The goal of this wave was to open up opportunities for women to get elected in politics, to have the right for free abortion, equal pay for equal work, and to dress up as they want to.



Domestic chores

In many traditional homes in the western world it's the woman who spends most time for cooking as for the cleaning tasks. A woman spends an average of 2 hours and 15 min a day on household activities and a man only 1 hour 25 min. Let's change that!

Wage inequality

For the same work, the wage gap between women and men still amounts to 9%. If we take into account the career differences, this gap climbs up to 25% and reaches 37% in retirement pensions!

Is it normal that women are less paid than men for the same job?

Sexual violence, rape

According to a study by the National Institute for Demographic Studies made in 2016 in France, during her lifetime 1 woman out of 26 is raped and 1 out of 7 is sexually assaulted. Many people forget that men can also be victims; within a year, 2 700 men are victims of at least one rape or attempted rape. We live in a society warning women not to be raped instead of teaching men not to rape. Women are not sex objects. The rape could not be excused, whatever the dress, the place or the time.

Consent

The consent is a "voluntary agreement" to get involved in any types of activities with another person. In case of relationship, if one of the two people involved does not give consent, this is a sexual assault. School doesn't teach enough about consent. "No" means "No". And if the person in front of you doesn't say clearly "yes", if she is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, if she is asleep, if you are in a position of trust or authority, such as a teacher or an employer, there is no consent. Without a "yes", it's a "no".

The Patriarchy

Patriarchy is a political-social system where men have the political, economical and religious power or have the leading role within a family. So they are endowed with the right to "govern" women. We are still living in a patriarchal society and it's time to change that.

We can all be feminists. Feminism has no gender. Boys can be feminists as well.

"A feminist is anyone who recognizes the equality and full humanity of women and men." — Gloria Steinem

