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Celestial Motion (Part I): A Lawful Relationship Between the Rotation Of the Planets and the Galactic Plane

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Editor's Note: *In contrast to the mechanistic view of space as empty, Dr. Wilhelm Reich postulated that space is filled with a constantly moving ocean of cosmic orgone energy that is differentiated into distinct streams. In the region of the Earth, he identified two, the galactic and the equatorial streams. His astrophysical research showed a physical reality to these streams that supported his conclusion that "the equatorial orgone envelope provides the concrete physical mover of the planets." The following article, originally published in 27(1), 1993, is the first of two by Dr. Robert Harman on a functional understanding of celestial motion. He reports a lawful pattern in the rotational angles of the planets in our solar system. Dr. Harman's discovery of this law is an entirely original finding in astronomy and provides additional concrete evidence of Reich's discovery of a cosmic galactic stream of orgone energy. This work for the first time enables us to determine the three-dimensional orientation of one of two major Earth-related cosmic streams of energy. This original work also graphically illustrates how knowledge of orgone energy functions and the application of functional thinking can lead to new discoveries in the diverse realms of nature.*
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Introduction

Using Reich's astrophysical discoveries as a basis, it is possible to elucidate the relationships between different celestial motions. These relationships, though obvious once discovered, have eluded centuries of mechanistic research. In attempting to develop Reich's conclusion that "the equatorial orgone envelope provides the concrete physical mover of the planets," (Reich 1951, page 81) it is shown that the directions of rotation of the Sun and each of the nine planets are in simple functional relations to the galactic plane. This constitutes an

advance over the mechanistic view, wherein there is no relationship whatsoever between the orientations of the planets relative to each other and no relationship between the directions of planetary rotation and other realms of celestial motion.

Background

For millennia, man has sensed that the celestial bodies are in constant, lawful motion. Efforts have been made to understand these motions, first using animistic reasoning and later mechanistic and mystical thought.

Under current mechanistic theories, the motions of the solar system are traditionally viewed from a "frame of reference" in which the Sun sits motionless at the center of the solar system and the planets revolve around the Sun. In addition, the Sun and each planet rotates (spins) on its own axis. For example, the Earth rotates on its axis (which is perpendicular to its equator) once a day and revolves around the Sun once a year. The Sun is one star that, along with tens of billions of other stars, is part of the Milky Way galaxy. The Milky Way is a disk with spiral arms that has a rotation of its own. The Sun and the planets are believed to move through space as part of the general rotation of the galaxy.

The plane defined by the Earth's equator is called the *equatorial plane*, the plane defined by the solar system is called the *ecliptic plane*, and the plane defined by the (flattened disk) of the galaxy is called the *galactic plane*. These three planes are oriented in different directions and mechanistic science is unaware of any lawful relationship between the three.

It is assumed that space is virtually empty and thus the motions of the celestial bodies occur without any significant friction. Thus, it is assumed that no force is necessary to continue the motions of the celestial bodies and that they can move in the same directions for billions of years with only relatively slight changes. The gross orientations of most celestial motions are assumed to have been set up in the distant past by factors which had little lawful relationship to each other (or were even accidental).

Reich discovered, however, that space is not empty but is filled with moving orgone energy. He discovered, through direct observation, that there is a stream of energy that circles the Earth from west to east. He called this the *equatorial stream*. Using observations of certain formations in the Aurora Borealis, he deduced the existence of a second energy stream at 62° angle to the equatorial stream, which he called the *galactic stream*.

Reich's research showed that there was a physical reality to the galactic and equatorial coordinate systems. Specifically, "The path of the Sun on the ecliptic, which deviates from the equatorial plane by 23.5° , thus appears as the resultant of the galactic and the equatorial orgone energy streams, with the latter constituting the slightly stronger force.... The equatorial orgone envelope provides the concrete physical mover of the planets. The planets rotate on a north-south axis and are carried along like rolling balls on progressing water waves, slower than the waves. The Sun does not 'attract' the planets. It rolls along in the same plane and in the same direction, carried along with the planets in the equatorial orgone energy stream." (pages 81-82)

Starting Point of Current Research

There are several unanswered questions about Reich's original formulation:

1. The orientation of the Earth's rotation appears to be local to the Earth and not a general phenomena for the other bodies in the solar system (see below). This is certainly the viewpoint of mechanistic science and orgonomy has, thus far, produced no data to contradict it. If the orientation of the equatorial stream is in fact local to the Earth, then attributing the motions of the Sun and the other planets to it would constitute the functional error of mixing realms. If it were true that Reich made such an error, it could be viewed as analogous to regarding the Earth as the center of the solar system.

If, on the other hand, Reich is correct, his conclusion that the equatorial stream is the "concrete physical mover of the planets"

is a great leap of functional thought. As such, it leaves numerous functional questions and details to be filled in.

2. Regardless of whether the “concrete physical mover of the planets” is oriented in the same direction as the Earth’s local equatorial stream, the stream that moves the planets must, of necessity, function in a larger realm than the Earth’s local stream. It must function throughout the solar system and the solar system’s path through the galaxy. Even if this larger stream (which can be designated as the *EQ-Stream* to distinguish from the Earth’s local equatorial stream) is in the plane of the Earth’s equator, this does not define its direction precisely. This stream could be directed in any direction along the 360° circle defined by the Earth’s equator.
3. Reich states that “each planet possesses a disk-like orgone energy envelope that rotates faster than the globe.” (page 96) In fact, direct observation of the Sun and planets by telescopes and spacecraft shows atmospheric motion that implies the existence of such orgone energy streams (except for Mercury and Pluto). However, with one exception, the other planets do not rotate in even approximately the same orientation as the Earth. Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, and the Sun rotate approximately in the plane of the ecliptic at angles between 20° and 30° different from that of the Earth.

Mars rotates in a completely different plane at a 40° inclination to the Earth’s rotation. Neptune rotates in yet another plane at a 50° angle to the Earth’s rotation. Pluto and Uranus rotate in directions almost perpendicular to the Earth. The case of Uranus is particularly unusual in that it rotates essentially perpendicular to the ecliptic. The orientations of the rotations of the planets and the Sun are summarized below in Table 1. This shows the direction of each planet’s “north pole” (the pole, viewed from which a planet’s motion is counter-clockwise) expressed in

celestial coordinates with right ascension converted to degrees. If the other planets move in such widely different angles from the Earth, how can their motions be determined by the EQ-Stream?

4. Along the lines of #1, can the EQ-Stream be shown to have some relationship to a greater functional realm than the Earth and the solar system?
5. Stating that the galactic stream (which can be designated as the *GA-Stream* to distinguish it from the Earth's local southwest energy stream) is at a 62° angle to the Earth's equator does not precisely define its direction, but merely restricts it to a 62° cone oriented perpendicular to the equatorial plane.
6. Reich states that the planets move analogously to "rolling balls on progressing water waves." However, the planets are moving, not on a two-dimensional surface, but through three-dimensional space. An energy stream encountering a planet in space would, upon encountering the obstacle posed by secondary matter, split into two streams on each side of the planet. (See Figure 1) Such a stream could give rise to motion in either of two opposite directions. A fundamental gap exists until we understand the functional relationships between these energy streams and the final direction of motion that is produced.



Figure 1

The Relationship to the Galactic Plane

Viewed relative to the ecliptic or equatorial planes, the orientations of the planets vary widely (see Table I and Figure 2). There appears to be

some sort of lawful pattern; for example, the Sun, Mercury, Venus, and Jupiter all rotate in approximately the ecliptic plane. The Earth, Mars, Saturn, and Neptune are all tilted at an approximately 25° angle to the ecliptic. The Earth and Saturn rotate in approximately the same orientation. However, Mars and Neptune are oriented quite differently despite being at roughly the same angle to the ecliptic. Uranus and Pluto rotate in directions that do not seem similar to any of the other planets, although even here one has the impression that some lawful force is at work.

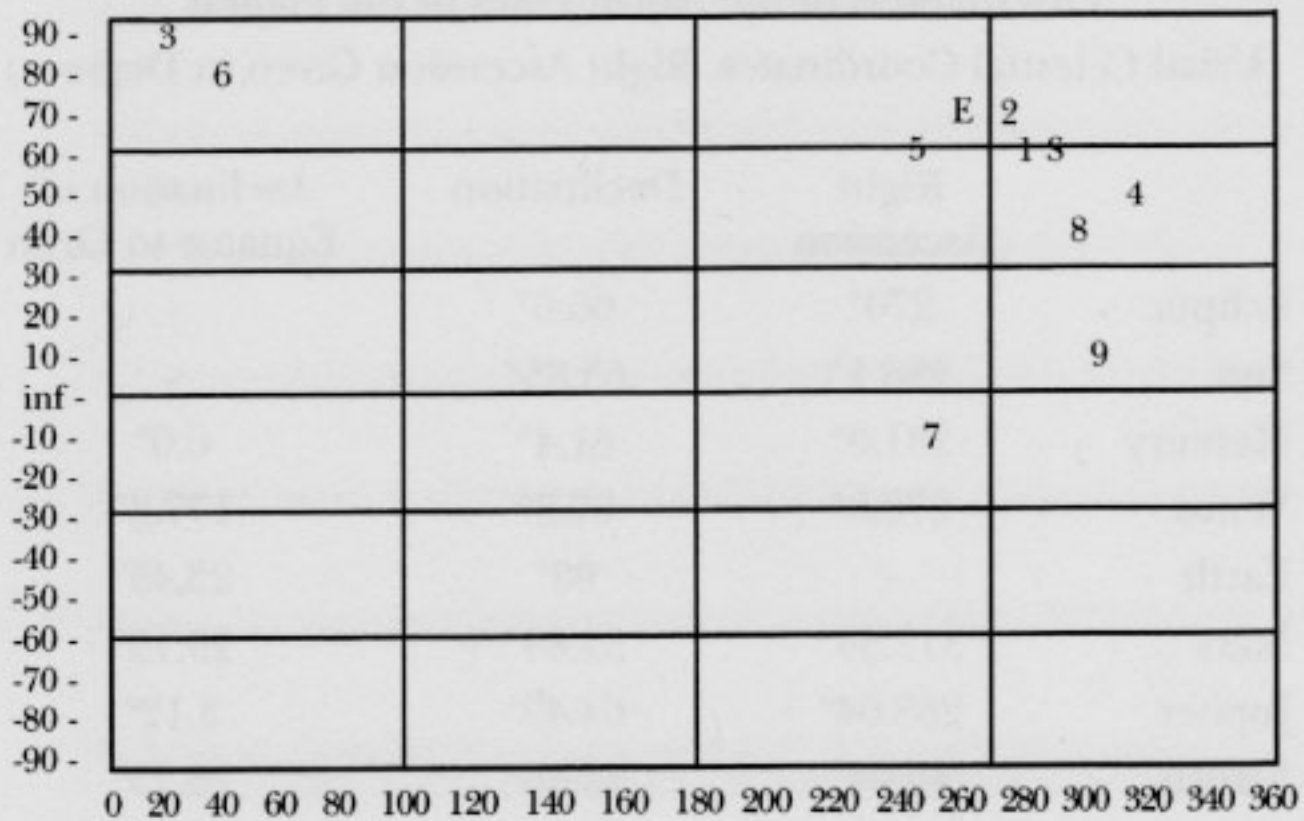


Figure 2

Key:

Vertical = Declination

Horizontal = Right Ascension
(in degrees)

E = Ecliptic

S = Sun

1 = Mercury

2 = Venus (S-Pole)

3 = Earth (RA-Arbitrary)

4 = Mars

5 = Jupiter

6 = Saturn

7 = Uranus

8 = Neptune

9 = Pluto

However, even though the relationship of the rotations to the ecliptic or equatorial plane appear numerically lawful in some unknown way, a functional relationship between them is not apparent. Particularly, it is not apparent how their motions could be in accord with Reich's conclusions: (1) that "the equatorial orgone envelope provides the concrete physical mover of the planets" and (2) that the movements of the planetary system are the results of two energy streams.

Table I

Orientations of the North Poles of the Planets

(Usual Celestial Coordinates, Right Ascension Given in Degrees)

	Right Ascension	Declination	Inclination of Equator to Orbit
Ecliptic	270°	66.6°	-
Sun	286.1°	63.85°	-
Mercury	281.0°	61.4°	0.0°
Venus	272.8°	67.2°	177.3°
Earth	-	90°	23.45°
Mars	317.59°	52.84°	25.19°
Jupiter	268.04°	64.49°	3.12°
Saturn	40.04°	83.46°	26.73°
Uranus	257.23°	-15.08°	97.86°
Neptune	295.21°	40.62°	29.56°
Pluto	311°	4°	118°

In trying to understand if the rotations of the planets could be functional results of orgone energy streams, I tried to visualize, in three dimensions, how the planets were oriented relative to each other and the galaxy. To do so, I consulted the standard astronomical tables in reference books and visited museums and planetaria. This proved to be a frustrating task because all of the available tables, diagrams, models, etc. were oriented in the ecliptic plane in order to illustrate the mechanistic laws of planetary motion. This mechanistic portrayal of the universe supports the viewpoint that the universe consists of empty space filled with occasional pieces of dead matter moving according to mechanical laws.

In other words, the data is being presented in a way to convince one of an already-formulated point of view rather than to enable one to simply observe and reach new conclusions. Nowhere could I find a model, diagram, or data designed to illustrate the relationship of the planets to the larger universe. One cannot escape the feeling that some simple, natural viewpoint is being excluded.

As far as I could determine, straightforward observation of the relationship between planetary rotation and the larger universe had been excluded for hundreds of years from mechanistic natural science.

This limitation can be overcome by plotting the planetary orientations on a celestial globe and orienting it relative to the galactic plane (See Figure 3) or by tabulating the planetary rotations in galactic coordinates (See Table II).

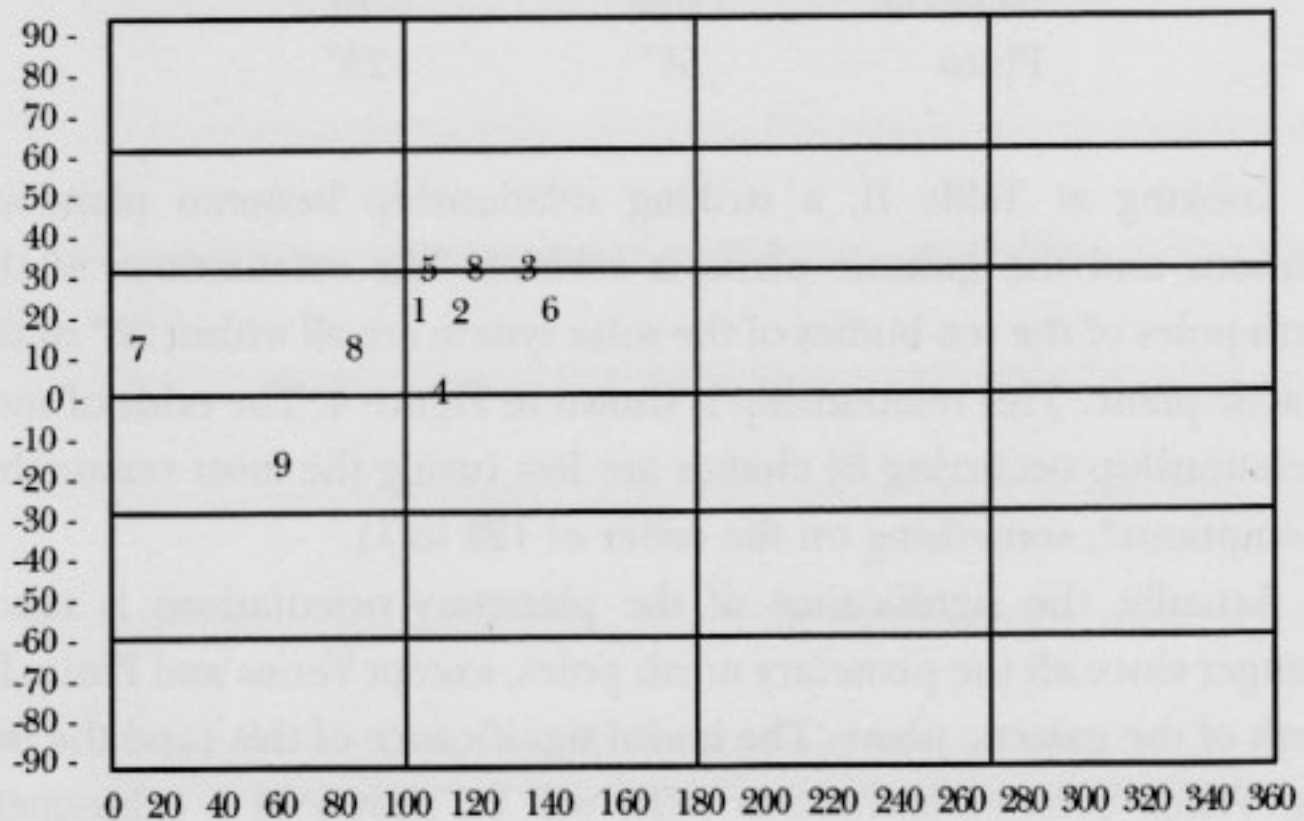


Figure 3

Key:

Vertical = Galactic Latitude

Horizontal = Galactic Longitude

E = Ecliptic

S = Sun

5 = Jupiter

1 = Mercury

6 = Saturn

2 = Venus (S-Pole)

7 = Uranus

3 = Earth (RA-Arbitrary)

8 = Neptune

4 = Mars

9 = Pluto

Table II
Galactic Coordinates of Planetary North Poles in Degrees

	Galactic Longitude	Galactic Latitude
Ecliptic	96.4°	29.8°
Mercury	91.2°	24.5°
Venus	97.1°	28.7°
Earth	122.92°	27.26°
Mars	93.20°	3.26°
Jupiter	93.93°	30.63°
Saturn	126.17°	21.36°
Uranus	7.17°	14.49°
Neptune	74.39°	8.70°
Pluto	51°	-23°

Looking at Table II, a striking relationship between planetary rotations and the galactic plane is evident. The orientations of the north poles of the ten bodies of the solar system are all within 30° of the galactic plane. This relationship is shown in Figure 4. The odds of such a relationship occurring by chance are low (using the most reasonable assumptions*, something on the order of 128 to 1).

Actually, the significance of the planetary orientations is much stronger since all the planetary north poles, except Venus and Pluto, lie north of the galactic plane. The lawful significance of this (and the fact that Venus behaves lawfully as well) will be shown in a subsequent article.

Furthermore, such an orientation is consistent with Reich's conclusions that the planets move like balls being moved by water waves. It also gives rise to the new conclusion that those waves are in directions approximately parallel to the galactic plane.

*Using as the null hypothesis, that the orientations of the Sun, Mercury, Venus, and Jupiter are related and that the other six planets' orientations are disturbed at random over the surface area of the celestial sphere.

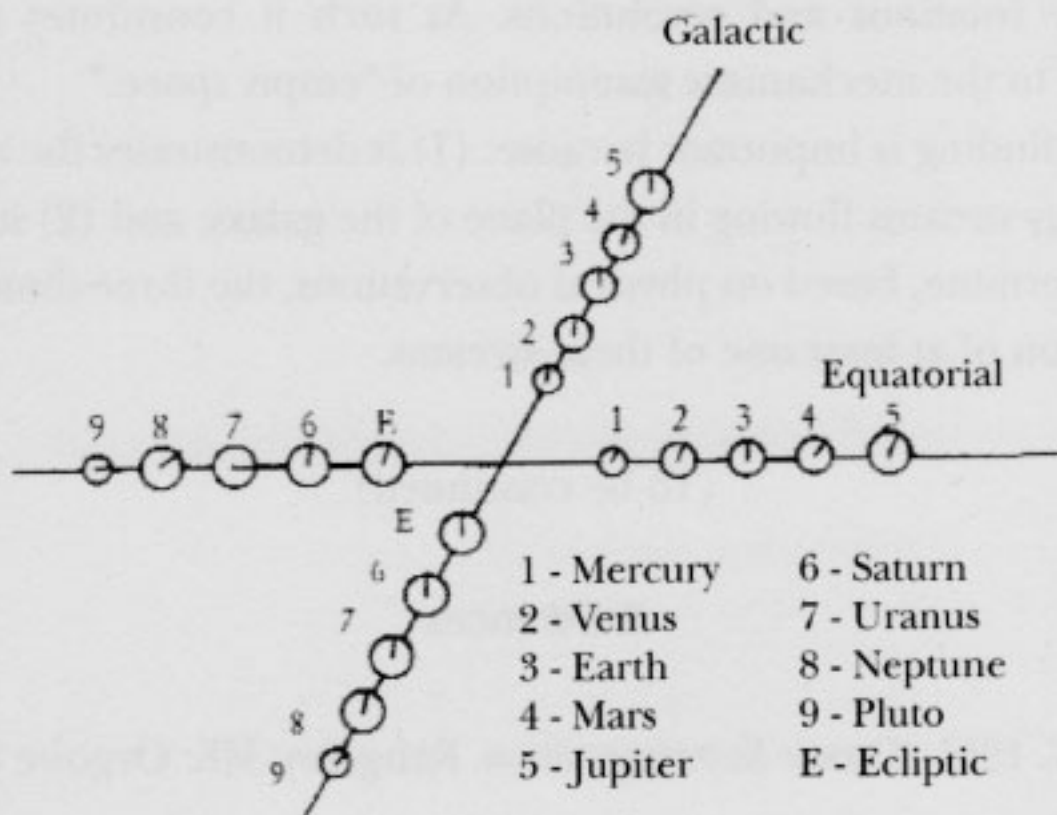


Figure 4

Schematic illustration of angles between the planetary poles
and the galactic and equatorial planes

This would mean that not only the GA-Stream, but also the EQ-Stream flows in the galactic plane. Since there is only one direction parallel to both the galactic and equatorial plane, this finding answers question #2 above, determining the three-dimensional orientation of the EQ-Stream for the first time. Based upon Reich's study of the aurora and subsequent terrestrial observations of the equatorial and galactic streams (for example, satellite weather films) the angle between the two would be approximately 62° .

Summary

It has been shown that there is a simple functional relationship between the orientations of planetary rotation and the galactic plane—namely that the axes of rotation of the Sun and the planets tend to be close to the galactic plane. This finding is consistent with the simplest and most natural application of Reich's conclusion: namely that energy streams moving through and parallel to the galactic plane are responsible for

planetary rotations and revolutions. As such it constitutes counter-evidence to the mechanistic assumption of "empty space."

This finding is important because: (1) it demonstrates the reality of the energy streams flowing in the plane of the galaxy, and (2) it enables us to determine, based on physical observations, the three-dimensional orientation of at least one of these streams.

(To be continued)

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Author's Postscript: The findings in "Celestial Motion (Part I)" were confirmed by the discovery that the rotational axis of the planet Uranus, hitherto unexplained, can be accounted for by using a relative alignment of the galactic (GA) energy stream, as originally described by Reich. This finding was presented in "Celestial Motion (Part II)," available as a *Journal* back issue from the ACO. Continuing research in the practical applications of this new knowledge will be presented in future issues of the *Journal*.

Also, an astronomical phenomenon called "precession" was not dealt with in the original publication of this article, and is worth mentioning now. Well-established observational data from conventional astronomy show that the alignment of the Earth shifts like a wobbling gyroscope, with a period of about 26,000 years, around the axis of the ecliptic plane. The axes of other planets do likewise. This means that preservation of alignment near the galactic plane would require discontinuous changes in the orientation of certain planets every 10,000 to 50,000 years. There is no way to know whether such discontinuous changes occur or not; we can only be sure of what the

alignment has been during the period for which we have observations (the last 3,000 or 4,000 years). If complete cycles of precession do occur in an uninterrupted fashion, as conventional astronomy maintains and the available data indicate, the following will occur:

- There will be periods when some of the planets will be far out of alignment with the galactic plane. During these periods the given planet's equatorial plane will intersect the galactic plane at the same point where the ecliptic plane does. The Earth would have been in this configuration roughly 18,500 years ago.
- There will be periods when some of the planets will be almost *exactly* in alignment with the galactic plane. During these periods the given planet's equatorial plane will intersect the galactic plane at the same point where the ecliptic plane does. Mars is currently in this configuration. The Earth would have been in this configuration roughly 6,500 years ago.
- The Earth's equatorial plane will, at times, be out of alignment with the EQ-Stream as defined in "Celestial Motion (Part II)." At these times it will be at roughly a 60° angle to *both* the EQ and the GA streams. This would have occurred 13,000 years ago.

All of the above changes in alignment would be expected to produce profound effects on weather and on the functioning of the Earth's life forms. It should be noted that the alignment of the equatorial, ecliptic, and galactic planes is such as to maintain maximal stability of the current EQ-Stream-Earth-equator relationship.