

## ALTERNATIVE BELIEFS

### Dialogue

A: Do you believe in horoscopes?

B: I certainly don't believe in the ones you see in the popular press ...you know what I mean... they give you half a horoscope and a telephone number. If you want the interesting half you are charged 48 pence per minute!

A: They could still be true. Everybody has to earn a living!

B: Yes, but a serious astrologer would want to know a person's exact date of birth, not just their star sign.

A: Well, even so, why should the exact positions of the Sun, Moon and other planets on your date of birth have any connection whatsoever with your personality and the future course of your life?

B: I suppose it's all part of your total environment. Scientists don't understand everything, but they often observe links between certain phenomena.

A: In that case, would you describe astrology as a science?

B: It depends who's doing it.

A: You could say that about a lot of things we call sciences.

Discussion

1. Do you think there is intelligent life on other planets?
2. Some people claim to have seen UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) such as flying saucers. Do you believe them?
3. What is your opinion of people who say that they can communicate with spirits? Have you ever taken part in a seance?

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