Solution to SYNCHRONICITY, an Armchair Treasure Hunt

The main poem gives vague instructions for what to do:

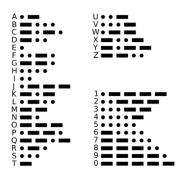
Something old and something new Will synchronize and give you clues Hear me all and listen good Then this puzzle is understood Questions asked they number 2 Answers are provided by you

There is really not a lot of mystery there. You are to look for two questions, and provide the answers to win. The something old and something new will be revealed as you figure things out. You may have guessed that the "old" something might be the movie, "The Wizard of Oz", which was made in 1939.

We will start with some of the easier puzzles, then progress from there.

Probably the two easiest are the Morse Code in the daisies, and the Polybius Square in the scarecrow's collar.

For the daisies, the Morse Code extends out from the center of the flower. This looks very small if you have only printed out the pdf. You may have to look at this on your computer or phone screen, and enlarge it. I did give a warning that there was a puzzle that was small and had to be enlarged. There are only three daisies with Morse Code, and each of these three daisies contains only one word. The first contains Morse Code for the word, "LOOK". The second "LISTEN", and the third "GOOD".



We already saw "Listen good" in the plain text poem. It is repeated here in the Morse Code. Looking and listening are major hints, as that is what you will need to do to solve this puzzle.

The code in the scarecrow's collar is read from left to right and in pairs:

3-4 = O 3-3 = N 4-4 = T 2-3 = H 1-5 = E 3-5 = P 1-1 = A 4-4 = T

# 2-3 = H

## ON THE PATH

	1	2	3	4	5
1	A	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>
2	E	<u>G</u>	H	<u>I/J</u>	K
3	L	M	<u>N</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>P</u>
4	Q	<u>R</u>	<u>s</u>	I	<u>U</u>
5	V	W	X	Y	Z

This comes from lyrics in a song having to do with the scarecrow. Some people might know this song, but even if they do, they will not get the connection at this point.

The next easiest puzzle is probably the "Marvel Gaze" puzzle. In "The Wizard of Oz", Dorothy decides to run away from home with Toto, but she comes upon a man who tells fortunes. He is Professor Marvel. On his cart, you can read,

#### PROFESSOR MARVEL

#### ACCLAIMED BY

#### THE CROWNED HEADS OF EUROPE

## LET HIM READ YOUR PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE IN HIS CRYSTAL



The numbers inside the picture of the crystal ball are to be read from the center outward. This is simply a "Book Code" but to be applied to the sign on Professor Marvel's cart. The numbers are to be applied to a letter count.

93 = T 33 = W 32 = O TWO

80 = T 86 = H 82 = R = 83 = E 38 = 3 THREE

78 = F 87 = I 13 = V 5 = E FIVE

71 = S 51 = E 13 = V 23 = E 73 = N SEVEN

You will need these numbers later for a HILL CIPHER. Some on line decoders require that you have these numbers to decode a HILL CIPHER. The dcode cipher solver does not.

"Morality Sequence" = 2173 112

These numbers are all in brown, hinting that they belong together.

The letters I S U E in "morality sequence" are a different color than the other letters. Those 4 letters are the 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> letters. The 6<sup>th</sup> letter of the alphabet is F. The 9<sup>th</sup> is I. The 12<sup>th</sup> letter of the alphabet is L. And the 13<sup>th</sup> letter of the alphabet is M. This spells FILM. We have a FILM strip at the top of the puzzle. Could these be connected? Of course! But how?

There are seven (brown) pictures in the film strip, and there are seven of those brown numbers.

Well, if you watch the movie, there is a scene in the movie where the tornado hits, and Dorothy is hit on the head with the window pane. She starts to see visions of all kinds of things flying by her window...fishermen in a rowboat, an antenna, the wicked witch, a chicken coop, the mean lady on her bicycle, a house and a cow are among a few of the things she sees. If you put those items IN THE ORDER THAT THEY APPEAR IN THE MOVIE, you will get:

HOUSE, ANTENNA, CHICKEN COOP, COW, ROWBOAT, BICYCLE, WITCH

Now, apply the "Sequence" of brown numbers to those WORDS, counting the LETTERS

2173 112

The 2nd letter of HOUSE is O The 1st letter of ANTENNA is A The 7<sup>th</sup> letter of CHICKEN COOP is N The 3<sup>rd</sup> letter of COW is W The 1<sup>st</sup> letter of ROWBOAT is R

The 1<sup>st</sup> letter of BICYLCE is B

The 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of WITCH is I

## **OANWRBI** Anagrammed is **RAINBOW**

Next comes a difficult part. What do you do with the information that you have? What can you do with RAINBOW? And you still have orange numbers and grey numbers and lines and dots and squiggles and letters.....

What is the rainbow? ROYGBIV.

RED ORANGE YELLOW GREEN BLUE INDIGO VIOLET

Apply the GREY NUMBERS to the letters of the names of the colors in the rainbow.

21 = B 17 = R 6 = A 25 = I 26 = N **BRAIN** (The scarecrow needed a brain.)

3 = D = 6 = A = 15 is upside-down. The  $15^{th}$  letter is M. M upside-down is W. This should make sense, because there is no W in any of the letters of the colors of the rainbow. 6 = A = 16 = G = 2

DAMAGE

If you google the words, "Brain Damage Wizard of Oz" the first thing that comes up is this:



The Wizard of Oz - Dorothy meets the Scarecrow - sync w/Pink Floyd's ...

Further reading will give you this about Pink Floyd's album, Dark Side of the Moon, and the movie, "The Wizard of Oz" and their SYNCHRONICITY.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dark\_Side\_of\_the\_Rainbow

If you look at the LYRICS TO BRAIN DAMAGE from Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon, you can match up the orange numbers to give you some clues on how to solve things:

# **Brain Damage**

Pink Floyd

The lunatic is on the grass The lunatic is on the grass Remembering games and daisy chains and laughs Got to keep the loonies on the path

The lunatic is in the hall The lunatics are in my hall The paper holds their folded faces to the floor And every day the paper boy brings more

And if the dam breaks open many years too soon And if there is no room upon the hill And if your head explodes with dark forebodings too I'll see you on the dark side of the moon

The lunatic is in my head The lunatic is in my head You raise the blade, you make the change You re-arrange me 'til I'm sane You lock the door And throw away the key There's someone in my head but it's not me

And if the cloud bursts, thunder in your ear You shout and no one seems to hear And if the band you're in starts playing different tunes I'll see you on the dark side of the moon

# 7: 5, 2 is line 7, words 5 and 2 = FOLDED PAPER

This clue is placed right beside the dots in the upper left-hand corner. If you fold your paper twice, once vertically, and align the dots with the lines, then vertically and align the squiggles and the thicker lines, all while looking through the paper with a light source, you will see that it forms some music. The music is a music code. You can decode it on the dcode site. It spells DARK SIDE for Dark Side of the Moon.

16: 2, 3 is line 16, words 2 and 3 = RE-ARRANGE ME

This is next to the film strip and instructs you to rearrange the pictures

22: 10-s is line 22, word 10, minus a S = TUNE (s)

This is just instructing you to a tune, or music

18: 5 is line 18,  $5^{th}$  word = KEY

This is placed above Marvel Gaze. I've already explained how to decipher the numbers in the crystal ball. So now you know that this is the KEY. On some on line decoders, you will need these numbers as a key to decode the HILL CIPHER.

4: 7, 8 Line 4, words 7 and 8. This is written in blue, and give the words THE PATH. It is from the song, and matches up to the movie when the scarecrow is dancing on the yellow brick road. It is just to let you know you are on the correct path to solving the hunt.

And hidden in the scarecrow's hat, very hard to see, is 10: 9. You might not be able to see it if you printed out the pdf, so you might have to look for it on your computer or phone. The word is HILL, and is next to that large string of letters. This string of letters is the HILL CIPHER. It can be deciphered with the KEY of 2, 3, 5, 7.

It asks TWO QUESTIONS.

#### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE DISASTER AS SHE OPENS THE DOOR

#### WHAT SONG BEGINS TO PLAY

The answers can only be found by watching the movie, and listening to the Pink Floyd sound track, Dark Side of the Moon, along with the movie to be able to see the SYNCHRONOCITIES play out. This can be done on a computer. There are many people who have done this on YouTube.

The ANSWERS to these questions are:

When Dorothy opens the door, the movie suddenly changes from black and white to color.

The song that begins to instantly play as she opens the door is "Money".

Not mentioned above is that "Morality Sequence" was the initial title for "Great Gig in the Sky" which is the song that is playing when Dorothy sees all of those images flying past her window. I highly suggest that you watch that part of the movie along with "Great Gig in the Sky" to see how well it fits together.

It is fun to listen to the entire CD while watching the movie.

I hope you thought this was a fun puzzle.

THE END