The first word of the poem has 6 letters, the next 2 letters, the next 8 letters, and so on. If these numbers are written out in order they “spell out” the first 768 digits of the number $2\pi$ ($6.28...$), with the additional conventions that a 10-letter word represents the digit 0 while words of more than 10 letters represent two consecutive digits (e.g., a 12-letter word means “1 2”). The total number of digits represented, 768, is divisible by eight, so as a further constraint each of the eight stanzas represents exactly $768/8 = 96$ digits.

This poem was inspired by the philosophical argument (see the website tauday.com for a recent, and excellent, exposition) that $2\pi$ is a more natural constant, in many circumstances, than $\pi$. This number ($2\pi$) now has a name, the Greek letter $\tau$ (tau), a fact which explains the hints: each stanza includes a word containing the trigram TAU. The first stanza borrows its tau from the poem’s title - or, if you wish, from the clue “horse/man” in the first line.

The last line of the poem illustrates a lovely happenstance: while the first 768 digits of $\pi$ end with six consecutive 9’s, the first 768 digits of $\tau$ end with seven consecutive nines.

**A Puzzle**
One-Pointers

Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan.

Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia

3. anger, avarice, envy, gluttony, lust, pride, sloth

4. Bashful, Doc, Dopey, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Sneezy

5. Erie, Huron, Michigan, Ontario, Superior

6. Antarctic, Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, Pacific

7. Earth, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury, Neptune, Pluto, Saturn, Uranus, Venus

8. Blitzen, Comet, Cupid, Dancer, Dasher, Donder, Prancer, Vixen

9. hearing, sight, smell, taste, touch

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

11. Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia

beets, carrots, celery, lettuce, parsley, spinach, tomatoes, watercress
There are 56 triangles in the hexagram of the following seven kinds.

**SOLUTION TO THE DYBBUK AND THE HEXAGRAM**

**Anagram Quiz 3**

1. labile  
2. bum corporation  
3. Media-linked  
4. absolutely  
5. Mark Twain  
6. irritableness  
7. leashed  
8. underprivileged  
9. kindreds  
10. dominate  
11. disarmament  
12. exterminate  
13. ecologically  
14. self-righteousness  
15. fattening oil [or Oil]  
16. genealogist  
17. vary weight  
18. hormones  
19. asphyxiation  
20. invaginated  
21. coitus interruptus  
22. black hole  
23. organic  
24. retraction  
25. loan sharks  
26. tolerate  
27. passage  
28. quagmires  
29. under stress  
30. hectareage  
31. wealth  
32. deaths  
33. primates  
34. gourmet  
35. curlicue  
36. minus
More What Four?

1. ABSINTHE / NEPENTHE
2. ACERBITY / PROBITY
3. ALCHEMY / BLASPHEMY
4. ALLIANCE / FIANCE
5. BEHAVIOR / SAVIOR
6. BEHEMOTH / MAMMOTH
7. BISTRO / MAESTRO
8. CANNOLI / PIGNOLI
9. CARDIAC / ZODIAC
10. CAVALIER / HOLIER
11. CHAMPAGNE / LASAGNE
12. COCAINE / MIGRAINE
13. CONVULSE / IMPULSE
14. CUSPIDOR / HUMIDOR
15. ECLIPSE / TRAIPSE
16. FARINA / OCARINA
17. GLADIOLI / RAVIOLI
18. HOWITZER / SELTZER
19. IMPRISON / LIAISON
20. KARATE / NITRATE
21. LOZENGE / REVENGE
22. MILLENNIA / ZINNIA
23. MUSKRAT / PACKRAT
24. POPEYED / SURVEYED
25. RITUALS / VICTUALS

Punk Whiz 15

1. damnation 2. koala lumpers 3. jingoism [or jinglism] 4. preemptive strike
5. lions’ share 6. utter nonsense 7. all right 8. no spring chicken 9. raise Cain
10. falsehood 11. extradition [Deportation also fits but doesn’t pun obsolete.]
15. every now and then 16. put [your/one’s] foot down 17. moan 18. gin rummy
19. near miss 20. shoulder 21. immaterialism 22. locomotive 23. dogma
24. Well off! 25. debriefing 26. kitty litter 27. tug of war 28. better butter
29. bird’s nest soup 30. gut 31. off-putting 32. screw-loose 33. lemon
34. Venus 35. stolen [like this pun] 36. molar [ditto]