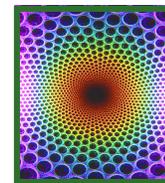




10,000 Years at a Glance



In the past 100 years, the term “*Aquarian Age*” has developed as a cliché in popular culture. Almost anything related to esotericism or mysticism was lumped together as “*New Age*,” the rather obvious reference to the New Age of Aquarius. We have “*New Age*” groups and stores and music and whatever stereotype is associated with the term. So, let’s attempt to sideline our prejudices and have a look at the real and practical issues surrounding the Age of Aquarius.

Every 2000 years (with 100-200 years give-or-take to transition in/out of the old/new epoch), the earth’s astrological signs shift, known as the “*Precession of the Ages*.” The Earth is transitioning from the watery Piscean ethos of the past 2000 years to the incoming energy of airy Aquarius. Aquarius is an eminently revolutionary sign with it’s *primary significance being knowledge*. The constellation of Aquarius is governed by Uranus, a completely revolutionary planet. “*The Doctrine of Synthesis*” symbolizes the Aquarian Age and the synthesis of all authentic spiritual beliefs and systems of self-realization.

In any period of transition, the old ways die hard, and never has there been a better example than the present as monotheistic dogma is being challenged by the idea that spirit and matter are derived from the same source. In the Age of Aquarius, humanity will have startling breakthroughs in many scientific disciplines, including physics, chemistry, astronomy, medicine, aviation, et al. Forget about the upcoming age being a Utopia. The bumpy transition we are now experiencing will continue until humanity is able to discard fear and eliminate the elements that create disharmony. That means every person must make a conscious effort to examine and eliminate their own psychological shortcomings.

While there has been quibbling about the exact date of this transition, suffice it to say that the 20th Century was at the heart of that transition period. In the change from Pisces to Aquarius, there is not one date when everything immediately transforms, but rather, it is an evolutionary process. *Each Epoch (2000+ years), is represented by a deistic pantheon, with the end of each age marked by the ending of the worship of that pantheon.*

For the past 2000 years, the Piscean archetype of sacrifice of the individual ego, universal love and compassion has been compounded by the more negative projections of illusion, fantasy and downright delusion. The *Piscean Age* has seen the growth of three major monotheistic religions, each of which claims to be the only correct one in the goal of the dissolution of the individual ego. As we move from the Piscean Age into Aquarius, the Awakener, it is becoming increasingly apparent that in the next few years the unreality of our religious foundations will be shattered.

A quick note on Astrological Ages: The equatorial bulge of the earth causes a shifting in the earth’s axis and the point at which the Sun at the Vernal Equinox (March 20), points to the zodiacal constellations. This phenomenon is known as the “Precession” and creates the period of 25,920 years, known as *The Great Year*. *The Great Year* is divided into twelve “*Great Ages*,” each approximately 2160 years. While the Great Ages go back to the formation of the Earth, the Ages that are known to us are:

AGE of LEO: 10,300 - 8,140 BCE



Although little is known of this period, it was considered a “Golden Age” (Leo rules gold), where the Sun was worshipped as the primordial god of light and life. Modern scientific techniques, looking at erosion patterns, agree with Edgar Cayce, who dated the great Sphinx of Egypt back to a period of great rains in that country, something that most likely occurred at the end of the last ice age, around 10,500 BCE.

AGE OF CANCER: 8,140 - 6000 BCE



With Cancer the sign of the Moon and the Mother, this age corresponds to the worship of the Great Goddess and the Moon. As Cancer is a water sign, many scientists believe this period corresponds to the end of the Ice Age and the Great Deluge stories that resulted from the catastrophic melting of the glaciers. During this period, humans began to form tribes and became more concerned with family groupings and genealogy, another Cancerian characteristic.

AGE of GEMINI: 6,000 - 3,800 BCE



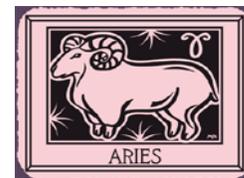
Communication (both the written and spoken word) were developed in the *Age of Gemini*, leading to the establishment of the first written languages and the formation of communal living/villages. It was during this period that the cult of Twin Gods in creation were developed; twins representing the masculine and feminine principles. Also during this period the wheel and the plow were invented (Gemini rules thoughts and ideas), assisting in the spread of agriculture.

AGE of TAURUS: 3,800 - 1,660 BCE



Taurus is ruled by the Earth and Venus and during this period, agriculture makes its way throughout cultures in Africa, Asia and the Americas. The first temples were built in Mesopotamia and the first jewelry and aesthetic objects (*Venus*) were created. Bull cults (Taurus) were dominant in Greece, Egypt (Apis), and throughout the Middle and Near East. The worship of the more sexualized *Goddesses Innana/Ishtar/Ashtoreth* also became popular in this “earthy” age.

AGE of ARIES: 1,662 BCE - 498 CE



In 1680 BCE, a volcanic eruption blew apart Santorini and destroyed the Minoan Civilization, along with their Bull Cult (*Age of Taurus*), marking the entry into the *Age of Aries*: The age of the Hero and the Warrior - *The Bronze Age*. This age was marked by the Indo-Aryan (Aries) Westward migrations and the beginning of cattle domestication (subduing the Bull God). In Persia, Mithraic rituals involved slaughtering bulls, which has come down to today in the form of bull fights. As in each age that went before, the Gods of the Age of Aries eradicated and demonized the Gods of the Taurean Age that preceded them. The Arian Age also witnessed the first Olympic Games in Greece and the development of the Greek and Roman Empires.

AGE of PISCES: 498 - 2,658 CE



Symbolized by the Fish, the Age of Pisces carries the ethos of universal compassion, sacrifice of the individual ego, and martyrdom. Pisces, a feminine sign has seen the suppression and re-emergence of the feminine, begun with the story of Mary Magdalene. Once considered a prostitute, the Church recently admitted that the Magdalene was a true follower; the Nag Hammadi scrolls reveal that Mary Magdalene was more than a follower, but an actual apostle.

The story of Jesus and the evolution of Christianity perfectly mirrors the Piscean Age. Pisces, a water element, finds Jesus baptized in a river, symbolizing the dissolution of the personal ego into the river of faith, a ritual that continues today. Even in Pre-Christian Great Britain, the sacred wells were places where Gods and Goddesses were present. The teaching of Jesus express the Piscean values of compassion, universal love and brotherhood. It's a great pity the last 2000 years have not always expressed those concepts in their highest form.

The call for the end of individualism and the necessity for blind belief marks the evolution of the Piscean Age and has led to the more negative manifestation of Pisces: ***Illusion and delusion***. In the famed Dark Ages of Western Civilization, the Roman Catholic Church attempted to suppress all knowledge, keeping their adherents in literal darkness. The irony is that the realm of knowledge spread and developed in the Arab world, that is now in its own Dark Age.

Regardless of the exact date/onset of the Aquarian Age, we are in the decan of Pisces, moving away from the Piscean influence of self sacrifice. As the Piscean fog begins to lift, the knowledge and understanding of Aquarius is beginning to make itself known. As we enter the Aquarian Age, what will our new Gods be? Aquarius rules technology, radical thought, invention and ascension. The last Aquarian Age (around 28,000 BC) marked the end of the Neanderthal and the birth of the Cro-Magnon man. Will our species be similarly transformed over the next 2000 years? For all of our attempts to predict the future, life has a way of evolving in ways that are impossible to foresee.



AGE OF AQUARIUS: 2648 (?) - 4865

Information about the influence of Aquarius comes to us through a study of astrology. Aquarius has an intellectual influence which is original, inventive, mystic, scientific, altruistic, and religious. If we apply the biblical standard, "*By their fruits ye shall know them,*" we would expect to see that the Aquarian Age would be ushered in by original endeavors along all lines connected with science, religion, mysticism, and altruism. And indeed, this seems to be true. We now can look back upon a period of nearly a century in which the Sun by precession has traveled a little over one degree in the orb towards Aquarius.

Let's Settle on Some Likely Dates:

A good estimate for the date of the beginning of the Age of Aquarius could be 2060, the date described by astrologer Rob Hand. It could also be 2012 or even 2,160 if we date the Age of Pisces from the birth of Christ. But there are two other important people who have chosen the date 2060. Dane Rudhyar, an astrologer of great repute picked it as the beginning of the Age of Aquarius and Sir Isaac Newton, world renowned physicist who discovered the Law of Gravity, picked it as the apocalypse or the Second Coming of Christ. Interesting that he would pick the beginning of the Aquarian Age, which would be the end of the world as he knew it.

What to Expect:

During this time we can expect a very marked change in all lines of thought and endeavor from that which history records throughout the past two millennia. Consider only the inventions of the past century, from telephone, telegraph, and radar, to the new, highly complex machinery for space travel. These, and oh so many more, are marking Aquarian progress in the physical world. Also note the rapid rate at which all the movements of liberal thought in religious matters are superseding the old creed-bound traditions, and the increasing number of those who have developed spiritual sight and are investigating the trend in evolution in the higher planes. The study of astrology, tarot and other systems of personal examination have assumed unheard of popularity in the last few years; and in a visit to almost any bookstore, one cannot help but be impressed with the incredible number of publications on occult matters and the "*supernatural.*"

The Aquarian Age will see the blending of religion and science to such a degree that a religious science and a scientific religion will be formed - each respecting and learning from the findings of the other - that will promote health, happiness, and enjoyment of life.

Another hallmark of this epoch is Universal Brotherhood, in preparation for seeing the barriers of racial prejudice being broken all around the world. While this is presently being accomplished under conditions of bloodshed and revolt, be assured that the sword, which reigned during the Piscean Age, is still powerful. Take heart in knowing that **science** and **altruism** will ultimately rule during the Aquarian Age.

Since Aquarius is an airy, scientific, and intellectual sign, it is a forgone conclusion that the religion of the new age be rooted in reason, with the ability to look into the mysteries of life and death. When this point in evolution is reached, mankind also will be so much more enlightened and able to avoid many of the pitfalls which cause so much trouble today. We will be better able to solve social problems in a manner equitable to all, with the use of improving machinery to free mankind from physical toil, giving greater opportunity for intellectual and spiritual improvement. Although the full impact of the Aquarian Age is still to come, it is possible for those who truly aspire to a more spiritual existence to bring themselves more in tune with the coming Age. The goal is to live a life of service to humanity; to exercise our powers of compassion, altruism, and beneficence; to find out for ourselves how to be more responsive to ever increasing Aquarian influences in our progression on the evolutionary path.

