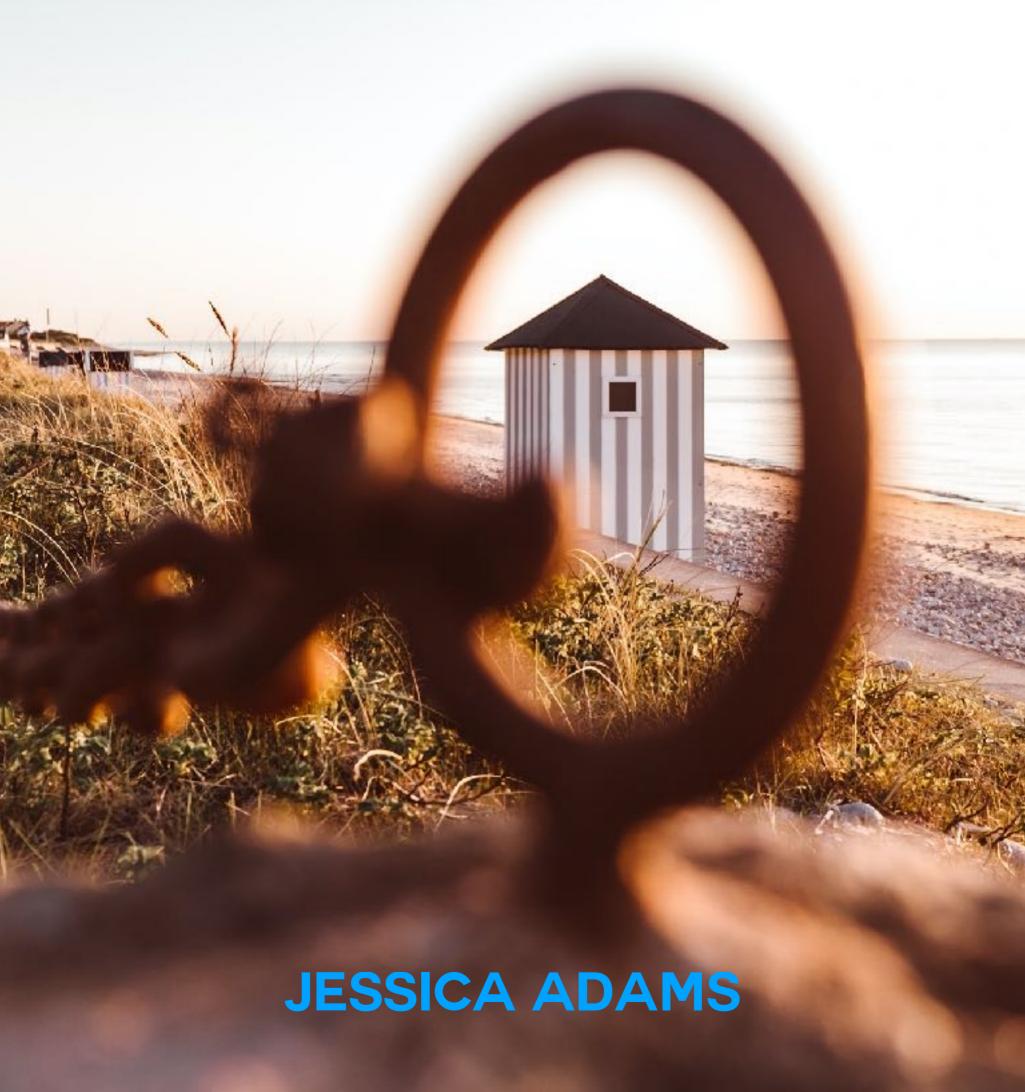
THE AGE OF AQUARIUS



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THE AGE OF AQUARIUS IN ASTROLOGY

The Age of Aquarius in astrology happens on a regular basis. We just began a new 'age' when friendships and groups, community thinking and pooling resources, is back in again. Yes, it's 2020 and Saturn is in Aquarius. Jupiter will go into Aquarius just before Christmas (a nice Christmas present after a tough year) and from 2023, Pluto also goes into Aquarius. That's big. It's unusual.

Do you have any Aquarius planets, asteroids, points or angles in your personal chart? Check now if you are a Premium Member and look for any factors at all in Aquarius, the sign of the water-bearer. They will be in your Eleventh House of diversity, equality, people power and 'circles' if so. (I use the Natural House system, which means anything in Aquarius in your natal chart is automatically in your Eleventh House.

Teenagers in your world in 2020, who were likely born with one of the slow-moving outer planets in Aquarius, like Neptune, are strongly 'born' under this sign. We'll look at that in a moment and how they change the world from 2023.



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OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER 1969?

If you can remember 1969, then it may have seemed that the Age of Aquarius began then, with the hit song of the same name, by the Fifth Dimension. Maybe you can even remember the launch of the stage musical Hair on Broadway on 29th October 1967.

If you are a Millennial or know someone who is, then there's a little bit of Hair in that haircut, too. Neptune in Aquarius people were born 1998 to 2012. Uranus in Aquarius people were born 1995 to 2003.

AQUARIUS AND HAIR

Aquarius is the sign which rules equality and diversity. If you're a man and wanted long hair like a woman (in 1967, forget old-school masculine army haircuts, you could have it. If you were a woman you could get into schoolboy shorts.

When I walk down Brunswick Street in Melbourne today, fifty years after Hair launched, I see twentysomething Millennial men with man-buns. The same hair style as Queen Victoria. It's extreme Aquarius and Neptune in Aquarius and Uranus in Aquarius people are trying it out.

Aquarius is really about tolerance, space, understanding, and lots of oxygen. It's really no accident that social distancing arrived wit Saturn in Aquarius. He moved into this sign in March 2020 after 29 years away. Even if you look at the Aquarius logo (the wavy lines) you will see a lot of room between the waves.

Think of it like pooling resources but in a space where everyone must cut the other person some slack.

This is why we are going to see wave after wave of the most experimental, non-fashion, highly personal, extremely individual hairstyles, wardrobes, looks and styles from 2020, into 2021, and way past 2023 (the Aquarius years of the major planets Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto).

Harry Styles, Aquarius, was ahead of the game in 2019. He knew. In this new age of 'everyone doing their own thing, everyone letting them' we are going to see the end of all that boring Capricorn Age one-size-fits-all conforming fashion from 2010-2019.

You didn't know we were in a Capricorn age? Yes. We are coming out of it, moving into a new Aquarius age, in the year 2020. Capricorn, for the record, is about conventional success, traditional status, and 'the system'. No wonder everyone was in a suit.

DO YOU HAVE AQUARIUS CHART FACTORS?

If you have Aquarius factors in your personal birth chart (also known as your natal chart) then you express part of your personality through friendships and groups. The more factors you have in Aquarius (over three is a stellium in a birth chart using all 34 factors in modern astrology) the more Aquarian you are, no matter what your Sun sign is. So, if you have the Sun in Aquarius, Minerva, perhaps Neptune - you are very Aquarian.

If you are part-Aquarian you may strongly identify with one particular group, or groups in general – over and above relationships or family. You may identify with friends as strongly as you identify with anyone else.

This way of thinking – friends, allies and groups first - will change the world once we arrive at the next 'Age of Aquarius' from March 2023.

There are quite a few Aquarian ages in history. They always coincide with a vision of community and unity, and there is always a struggle to get the human family to join together – white, non-white, male, female, rich, poor, straight, gay. Each time we come closer.

The next Age of Aquarius, which as we've seen dawns with Jupiter and Saturn in Aquarius, then changes the planet with Pluto in Aquarius, will bring to life all those Aquarian types out there including the children of 1998 to 2012, and 1995 to 2003.

Why? Chart triggers. These slow-moving outer planets will land on the same degree, of the same sign, as everyone's Aquarius placements. It's called a conjunction. It can only happen every 29 years with Saturn. Every 12 years with Jupiter. Every 248 years with Pluto. Wave after wave of these historic triggers will wake up the Aquarian types out there.

Even if you only have one factor in Aquarius in your chart, you'll be woken up to the people power theme too. It's coming.

WHEN IS THE NEW AGE OF AQUARIUS?

If you have Aquarian chart factors, and particularly if you have more than three, then the new Aquarian Age, which is being foreshadowed began with the extreme Aquarius weather of 2020 with the arrival of Saturn in Aquarius for the first time in 29 years. This took place on 23rd March 2020. He is then joined by Jupiter in Aquarius, for the first time in 12 years, on December 20th, 2020. This is huge.

You're going to see a lot of strongly Aquarian people come into their own. Always a little distant, always very tolerant and genuinely friendly - never too close - they know how to 'feed' a group with what it needs. They understand community, diversity and equality. I believe many of these people - perhaps yourself - will become well-known in the year 2021. Why? Jupiter, the planet of expansion, growth and blessings, will cross every single factor in Aquarius that these people have.



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TODAY'S TEENAGERS OR MILLENNIALS IN 2020 AND BEYOND

My friends have a son who is a triple Aquarian as he is also a Millennial, born in 2000. He'll be approaching his 21st birthday then. An adult, ready to power the new age. Even now as a teenager, he is friends with everyone, in a band, in Greenpeace, experiments with his hair on a monthly basis, gets on equally well with girls as well as other boys, supports equal marriage, indigenous land rights and does yoga. He could be straight, gay or transgender. To him and to his friends it is not important. His friends, online, are the cornerstone of his life.

Do you know someone like this? The new Age of Aquarius which was foreshadowed in 2018 (did you feel it?) with the South Node in Aquarius, then kicked into life early in 2020, with Saturn in Aquarius – intensifies with the arrival of Pluto in Aquarius in 2023. By 2033, ten years later, when Pluto and Jupiter meet in Aquarius again, those Millennials will be the movers and shakers in government and business. It's amazing to see how the astrology will work.

Born with Uranus or Neptune in Aquarius, moving through adulthood with Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto in Aquarius – they will transform the planet. How? Diversity and equality. Shared horizontal power, not vertical power.

VERTICAL POWER IS OVER

Vertical power, coming down from the top of skyscrapers, palaces and towers will not last unless it can be converted into the new horizontal power of the coming Age of Aquarius – power shared, sideways, across the human family. You might call The Capricorn Effect a clearing process, making way for new beginnings. All these patterns hit the American constitution chart (constitutions have horoscopes too). A new America is coming with radical new amendments. They also trigger the Australian chart. She will become a Republic eventually unless the British Royal Family can radically overhaul its systems, so that there is a clear family of Commonwealth countries. There will be many more sweeping changes across the world. Power shared sideways across a new kind of United Nations.

The last time we saw anything like this, Australia and America were being born in a new form, along with France. Before that, in a previous Aquarius pattern, the Romans were creating a multicultural Empire across the world. An Age of Aquarius changes everything.

Watch the Olympics in 2021. Not 2020. That was never going to happen - Japan was 'confirming' it on Mercury Retrograde in Aquarius! Yet, the Olympics of 2021 will change the world and save the world. The Olympic Rings will become a dazzling symbol of 'form one planet' thinking and as an astrologer you'd have to expect it's going to become a global trade fair. A political gathering. A spiritual transformation, that goes way beyond mere sport. Really look for the Aquarian superstars and stories in 2021 as Jupiter in Aquarius makes this an Olympics we will never forget.

DECODING YOUR AQUARIUS SIDE IN THE NEXT AGE OF AQUARIUS

If you have Aquarius chart factors you are a tribal being for better or worse. Your life path is about friends and groups and how to make them work for you.

The 'what' of your relationship with friends and groups is decided by the actual planets, asteroids, points or angles and their meaning.

You can hit Search or turn to Asteroid Astrology (on this website) or 2020 Astrology (my book on Amazon) if you need to find out more about what it means to have the Moon, Psyche, South Node, Cupido – or whatever – in Aquarius.

With factors in Aquarius in the Eleventh House, you repeatedly deal with issues like loyalty, solidarity, co-operation, collaboration, tolerance, space in your life, because every so often we have a slow-moving planet, asteroid or Node, or maybe a whole lot of them at once – a stellium – going through Aquarius. It is always about the hive mind. The way a group thinks – and how it affects you, and how you affect the whole circle of people.

As the South Node was going through Aquarius in 2018, (and it was there in 2017 too) you were then karmically turning to some very familiar themes and situations, involving old and new friends, and particular kinds of networks, be they purely social or with a serious purpose. These circles reminded you of central Aquarius issues. Equality and diversity. From 2020 you realise what was actually going on. It was a time of incredible karmic clearing and closure, before the big changes to come with friends and groups, that you'll see peaking at Christmas 2020.

AQUARIUS AND THE HUMAN FAMILY

Again and again, with Aquarius factors, you are dragged back to the idea of the human family and the part you need to play within it. Cancer is the zodiac sign concerned with mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and grandparents. Aquarius is the sign to be associated with brotherhood and sisterhood. Allies. Friends. People power, across society, gender, class, culture.

Strongly Aquarian people with three or more factors in that sign (a stellium) often have a 'family' of friends or a group becomes their whole life.

They may find a career within a trade union, perhaps, or an army unit, or a charity.

There is a perception that Aquarius is left-wing. Far from it. Sarah Palin is Aquarian. It's more accurate to say that this is the sign which must figure out group psychology, not once but many times – in order to achieve change. The kind of change is personal.

Oprah Winfrey is also an Aquarian. Sarah Palin has found her home in the Republican party. Oprah has found hers with her vast online communities and the sisterhood of feminism.

HOW ASTROLOGY WORKS

If you look around this website you will find plenty of predictions that came to pass. Many were made months or years before events happened, and they came to pass on specific dates. How is that possible?

One of the reasons is that astrology is based on sociology and history. I studied both, all the way to University, and soon realised that people make planetary cycles happen, in large groups, if they are all born in a particular demographic, with a slow-moving, important planet like Uranus, Neptune or Pluto in a particular sign.

An astrology chart set up for the Natural House system (you will have this as a Premium Member) shows the natural path of events.



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Everyone born in the Sixties, for example, has Pluto in Virgo. They are the generation born to take control of their health. Former President Barack Obama has not only Pluto in Virgo, but also Minerva, Bacchus, Mars and Fortuna. These asteroids, alongside Pluto and Mars, show he has a stellium or unusually high cluster in that sign.

His commitment to Obamacare is typical of strongly Virgo people, who are committed to the health of the body – as well as the mind and spirit. Voters with Pluto in Virgo elected him twice and Obamacare was the result. As soon as Jupiter entered Virgo in August 2015, the clock started ticking for that.

In 2020 we have C-19 to live with. Virgo Bernie Sanders is exploring the American public health system in relation to this, even as I write this in April. I hope you can see how these things work.

Astrology is sociology and also history. We're seeing history repeat from previous 'plague' cycles but we are also seeing billions of people, some of whom were born in the Sixties with Virgo factors, become who they were always meant to be. The self-care generation. The immunity-creating generation.

AQUARIUS VOTERS, MOVERS AND SHAKERS AFTER 2020

We haven't seen the end of Barack Obama. Not at all. I'm thinking about this Virgo pattern (above) as I write these words.

Most people have 2-3 stelliums or unusually high zodiac sign clusters in their charts. If you take a look at your own chart you'll see a cocktail with up to three prime ingredients, maybe more. That cocktail is you. It is your unique recipe, based on your time, place and date of birth. The signs give you the flavour. The actual planets, asteroids, points or angles in those signs, give you the mix.

Well. Just look here. Barack Obama has five ingredients in Virgo. Two more than average. Eight in Leo, which is remarkable. Four in Scorpio. Four in Aquarius.

Obama is also strongly Aquarian with Jupiter at 0, the Ascendant at 18, Aesculapia at 23 and the South Node at 27.

His life and career have been devoted to the Democrats. The group. By putting non-white faces in the White House for the first time in history he has also made a classically Aquarian move towards promoting the human family. Every member.

He's making a massive comeback according to his birth chart. And unlike Trump's chart, there has never been any question about it. We have some nice firm data for Barack Obama!

People are sometimes sceptical if astrological predictions are made far into the future, but it's really clear that Barack Obama's name is written in lights on December 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th of the year 2020. His commitment to the Democrats and to the human family will move America and the world forward on those dates. This is global, not just national. Watch.

THE SIXTIES AND THE AGE OF AQUARIUS

To really understand Aquarius, we have to start at the Sixties. The lyrics from the big hit theme song Aquarius/Let the Sun Shine In famously talked about Jupiter aligning with Mars and the Moon in the Seventh House.

This did actually happen on March 6th and 7th 1962, perhaps when the songwriters and scriptwriters first dreamed up the idea.

Jupiter and Mars both stood at 25 Aquarius, with Bacchus – also at 25 Aquarius. A triple conjunction. The Moon was in Pisces, so presumably it was in somebody's Seventh House – maybe Galt McDermot, Gerome Ragni or James Rado – the creators of Hair.

An Aquarius was a water-bearer in Ancient Rome it is the old Italians who have given us the source for that much reduced, minimalist image of water - wavy lines.

Rome gave citizenship to people who came from across her Empire, from all over the world. They were all in it together. And they were all in the Roman baths together too. The 'Aquarius' had the job of supplying those baths, and thus that ideal of groups of all people, coming together to share a goal.

AQUARIUS - POOLING RESOURCES, POOLING TALENT

The water-bearer Aquarius is about 'pooling resources' or 'pooling talent' with no regard for class, colour, age, gender. The analogy of a public baths, or public open air pool, is really appropriate. This is not about a billionaire's luxury spa and horizon pool. It is about the majority of people paying tax, and paying an entrance fee, to access what the billionaire has. They share and they make it work.

A really obvious prediction from 2021 is a huge increase in the number of public swimming pools and open swimming areas. That would suit not only the new Aquarius weather we are seeing but also the continued transit of Neptune in Pisces.

It is Generation Aquarius, the Millennials, who power crowdfunding on the worldwide web and the online petitions which genuinely drive politics. They understand the hive mind, as all Aquarian types do, and how to make it work in a digital world.

A more developed version of crowfunding will change the planet once Pluto moves into Aquarius alongside Uranus in Taurus (money) in the next decade. We're going to see this with 'the new swimming pools' but also with the conservation movement. Forests and wilderness. Woods and mountain ranges.

Forget the old days of fossil fuels and fossil fools. That was the Age of Capricorn, dying in 2020, after ruling from 2008 onwards. Capricorn is about what's traditional, established, entrenched, stuck, old, historic. That was coal and petrol. It made people a lot of money. The new Age of Aquarius is about what is new and different. The new world. And that's not the past.

As I write this in 2020 I can't help but wonder if the latest crypto-currency, Ripple, has not been named for the next Age of Aquarius. The name certainly suits the old astrological glyph. Those wavy lines – are they a Ripple Effect?

AQUARIUS AND MUSIC

You can always spot Aquarian types at festivals like Glastonbury, where the rich and famous mix with student volunteers in the mud. Everyone sings along with the band and for a weekend – everyone has a little bit of Aquarius in their lives. People strip off and get muddy. Everybody's in a tent.

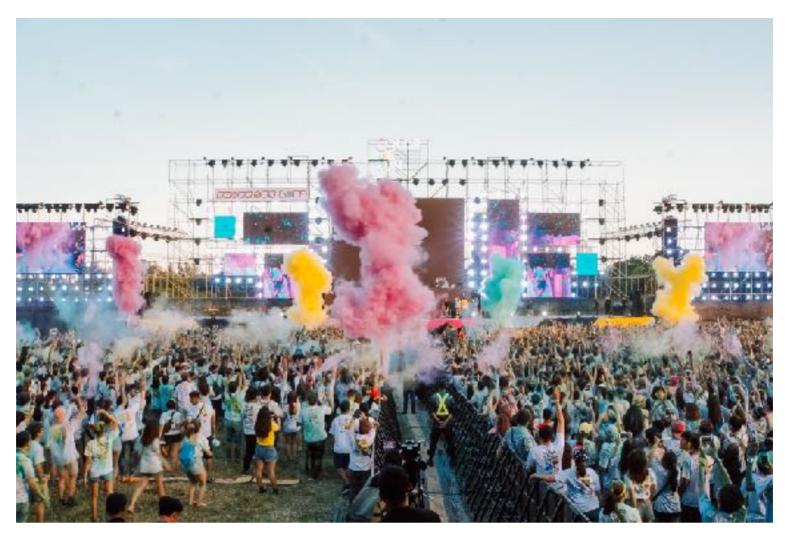


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A music festival removes the social signalling of clothes, cars and property, just for a weekend, because everybody is in shorts, everybody is in a tent and everybody is in the same field, watching the band.

Oh, I know that Capricorn and Leo types have tried to turn Glastonbury into a VIP experience for the elite, but it won't wash. In fact, other, more egalitarian music festivals have sprung up to rival Glastonbury.

Modern music with its vast popularity worldwide, channels humanitarian Aquarian ideas that politicians can't or don't. Thus, John Lennon, born with the Moon in Aquarius and his Aquarian-age anthems Power to the People and Imagine.

The early 1970s saw quite a lot of Aquarian 'weather' with first the North Node in the sign, then Jupiter in the sign, so after he left the Beatles, Lennon became a mouthpiece for the push against authority and aristocracy. The Sixties and Seventies broke that down. We're seeing festivals go online during these early 2020 stages of C-19.

We're seeing people power and community thinking rise on Twitter. Not 'every man for himself' which was life from 2008 to 2019, but 'everybody, everywhere, we're all in this together.' Making that work economically is the new, interesting challenge for people with Aquarian factors in their charts.

GEORGE HARRISON AND AQUARIUS

The Sixties began with Chiron in Aquarius. On 1st January 1960 in Liverpool, young George Harrison woke up with an alarm going off, and it was Chiron. On the first day of the exciting new decade, Chiron (a symbol of great experimentation and learning – he was a music teacher, centaur and herbalist) was on his South Node. George was born with the South Node at 24 Aquarius and when the great day came, Chiron stood at 24 Aquarius too.

Chiron was again in Aquarius as 1962 began and Jupiter was there too, soon to be joined by Saturn in Aquarius in February and the South Node.

These slow-moving planets (Saturn takes 29 years to get back to Aquarius, where he once belonged) and points (the South Node takes 18 years to return to Aquarius) change lives. When they enter Aquarius and the Eleventh House of your chart, or George Harrison's chart, something wakes up. It's an alarm.

For the record, George was born with the IC, Mercury, Bacchus, Panacea and the South Node in Aquarius. That's two more than average. He had an Aquarius stellium and his life was defined by two groups - The Beatles and the Hare Krishnas.

Harrison was only nineteen on New Year's Day 1963 but he was already hearing the Aquarian call. The call of the band, that great Aquarian symbol.

Saturn was in Aquarius again on New Year's Day 1963. The first three years of the new decade established it. Partly thanks to The Beatles and their innocent advertising of equality and diversity – not to mention people power – it swung.

At various points in their careers, The Beatles had a 'fifth Beatle' who was either gay and Jewish (Brian Epstein), Japanese and female (Yoko Ono) or just not...white and British.

SIXTIES AQUARIUS SIGNALS

As 1964 began Saturn was in Aquarius again and when 1965 began Ceres was in Aquarius. The first half of the decade had strong Aquarian signals. Princess Margaret wed a commoner – and not only that, a photographer. Old royal rules were breaking up. If you've been watching The Crown on Netflix you've been watching some of that astrological seasonal change, just by tracking those episodes with Princess Margaret based on the early and mid-Sixties.

In 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 with historic cycles in Aquarius, Africa found independence. Kenya became free with a Swahili cry 'Harambee!' which means 'pull together', a classically Aquarian message.

This sign, associated with tribes, dominated the heavens in the Sixties as Africa slowly turned into a nation of independent territories. All four members of The Beatles tribe were awarded the MBE. Working Class Heroes, to quote John Lennon's song.

The biggest change of all - the one that would transform the planet - was the launch of Conovid in Great Britain. The Contraceptive Pill. Equality for women. By 1963 Russia put the first woman into space.

By the way - it really was called Conovid. Strange name for a pill.

On July 2nd 1964 the Civil Rights Act was signed, blocking racism across America and in October Martin Luther King won the Nobel Peace Prize. By 1966 the global peace movement, protesting the Vietnam War, was sweeping the world.

This is all coming back, back, back in a big way from 2021 after we learn the hard way about how to make the important new people power rules work in 2020. Saturn is here to show us that.

I don't know if you've already come across this with friends since Saturn changed signs in March. Self-interest, ego, narcissism and all the rest are pretty dead in the water, now that Saturn in Aquarius is here. Saturn is about serious, heavy, unavoidable, rather strict new realities about being part of a group. About being a friend. About having friends. Anything that gets in the way of people power, the hive mind or group-think (like too much individuality, ahem) isn't really going to work in 2020.

Every Saturn in Aquarius cycle has shown that. Me is over. We is the new black.



EVERYTHING WE KNOW ABOUT AQUARIUS, COMES FROM LEO

Leo is the opposite sign to Aquarius on the great horoscope wheel and when you look at your birth chart you'll see it rules the Fifth House, opposite Aquarius, which rules the Eleventh House.

The Eleventh House is about the group. Jonathan Miller, Alan Bennett, Peter Cook and Dudley Moore in Beyond the Fringe in 1961. The England football team, who won the World Cup in 1966. Chairman Mao's Red Guards. The Democrats, who survived everything in the early Sixties – even the assassination of their leader, John F. Kennedy.

Aquarius is symbolised by Martin Luther King and the 200,000 people who marched for civil rights in America in 1963 with Judy Garland and Bob Dylan.

The Aquarius alarm clock of the Sixties rang for Luther King, who was born with Mercury, Diana, Fortuna and Hygiea in Aquarius. A stellium.

HOW LEO TELLS US ABOUT AQUARIUS

Everything we know about Aquarius comes from Leo, because it is necessarily opposite, or anti, everything Leo represents.

Leo the lion, the King of the jungle is about the King, Queen, Emperor, Empress, Prince, Princess. You will still see the lion represented in the heraldry of the Royal Family in Britain today and many relics of lost monarchies in museums around the world reveal the lion rampant on coats of arms.

Leo is about the king figure or father figure, guiding the young. Leo is the father at the head of the family and his children.

Aquarius is about the human family, of friends and allies, crossing all barriers. Leo is about influence, guidance and leadership coming from the top down. Aquarius is about influence, guidance and leadership spread across the group.

Aquarius is about 'we the people', not the people at the top. Leo is about the heirs to the throne – the dynasty – and the privilege of birth. Aquarius is about equality, no matter if you were born working-class or royal. Leo is about the elite and their privilege – born to rule. The ruling class.

This astrological wrangling between Leo and Aquarius is always evident during any Age of Aquarius. The last time Pluto was in Aquarius, King George III lost the United States of America. Why? He was too autocratic. Too Leo, in effect. He was born with the Ascendant and North Node in Leo and the Descendant and South Node in Aquarius and played out the eternal battle.

JUGGLING LEO AND AQUARIUS

How to juggle Leo and Aquarius? This split inside a person, or showing in Leo-Aquarius weather, makes it necessary to find a way to serve groups – particularly religious or political groups – at the same time that leadership and dynasty are preserved. Roman Emperors who understood this, during a much earlier Age of Aquarius, succeeded. Roman Emperors who were too Leo in their approach – arrogant, condescending, tyrannical – found the groups turning against them. The all-important Roman legions. The Jews. As we'll see in a moment, though, it was the Christians, who began as a cult, who ultimately helped to bring about the fall of the Roman Empire.

PRINCESS DIANA AND THE AQUARIUS SPIRIT

Aquarius is about giving the human family what it needs. Supplying the group so that it can pool resources or pool talent.

The People's Princess, Diana, was born on 1st July 1961 at 7.45pm at Sandringham, was born with Jupiter, the Moon, Aesculapius and the South Node in Aquarius in her Eleventh House. She was also strongly Leo. The Leo-Aquarius split was alive and well in her chart and personality.

Diana had Bacchus, Minerva, Uranus and the North Node in Leo, pushing back against her Aquarius stellium. Was she about the tiara or Travolta? She never quite knew and neither did we.

She gave the world a lesson it will never forget in how to 'do' Aquarius and Leo together, but in the end, she was too Aquarian for a Leo institution like the Royal Family.

Like George Harrison she was wired with Aquarian planets, points and asteroids – timed to go off in 1986 when Jupiter went through Aquarius for the first time in 12 years. In 1988 Ceres moved through Aquarius. In 1990 the North Node moved into Aquarius. In 1992 and 1993 Saturn was in Aquarius. In 1996 Uranus entered Aquarius.

All these slow-movers rang bells in Diana's chart and she turned to astrologers like Penny Thornton and Debbie Frank for guidance (Aquarius rules astrology, perhaps because it is based on 12 tribes, or 12 signs).

Diana took up humanitarian causes, like the campaign to end landmines and AIDS. She went far beyond the usual obligatory royal charity role. Sadly, she did not live to see Neptune enter Aquarius.

THE ROYAL FAMILY AND THE FUTURE - PLUTO IN AQUARIUS

The eternal astrological conflict between Leo (privilege) and Aquarius (the people) all came to a climax in the French Revolution when people power in the streets of Paris saw a King and Queen beheaded. This was another Aquarian age. Anyone too Leo did not last.

The next Pluto in Aquarius cycle is very likely to see the Royal Family lose their power, if not their heads. Why? Millennials. The generation born with Uranus or Neptune in Aquarius, primed and timed for social change when Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto go into Aquarius after 2020. Australia, with her Aquarius stellium, will become a Republic so easily - unless the new generation - the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge leading them - can convince Australia she is part of an Aquarian-style new world. A genuine rainbow family of nations from the old Commonwealth. It's going to be a very, very hard road from 2023, with Pluto in Aquarius, unless the younger royals can convince the nation.

SIXTIES PEOPLE BORN WITH AQUARIUS NODES

Were you in your twenties in the Swinging Sixties? Do you know someone who was? Grandparent, parent, great-grandparent?

If you were born in 1943 or 1944, with the South Node in Aquarius, not only were you the right age for Hair in the early Sixties, you were also experiencing the conjunction of all those Aquarius planets and asteroids to your own Node, when you were in your twenties. You woke up. You were the change you wanted to see in the world.

My own mother was born with the South Node in Aquarius and owned an impressive pink kaftan in the Sixties with matching slippers - and she made her own candles. She had long hair and owned The White Album. My father was born with the North Node in Aquarius. No kaftan but a lifelong commitment to community groups and good causes, like our local rural fire brigade.

Astrology works for astrologers too. So I'm sharing. There is evidence in my own family. And yours?

My parents both became activists campaigning to save the environment in Tasmania decades later and helped conservationists win one of their biggest battles against the destruction of our clean water, clean air and beautiful forests.

You'll know what I'm talking about if anyone in your family also has Aquarius factors. It's not necessary the issue itself - it's the way it's conquered. Joining forces with friends and like-minded people is very much the way with this sign. Marches, petitions, boycotts and so on are classic Aquarius thinking.

Every time the North Node or South Node cycles through Aquarius, if you were also born with the North Node or South Node there, you have what is called the Nodal Return. Old patterns and memories come back. Old faces return.

As the South Node cycled through Aquarius in 2017 and 2018, generations of Aquarius Node people were hearing the alarm clock ring. They were joining groups, or starting groups, or returning to groups. It might have been a fitness class, it might have been be a ukulele orchestra. The cycle may have been about returning to old friendships, with people who were such good friends, they were more like family. The Node cycle is a fascinating thing to watch. Were you having a Nodal Return in Aquarius, or do you know somebody who was? Because those couple of years of hard karmic work will pay astonishing dividends in 2021 when Jupiter is in Aquarius.

MILLENNIALS, THE WORLDWIDE WEB AND THE SIXTIES SPIRIT

Faces ranging from six years old, to twenty-three years old, in the year 2018, remind people of the Sixties Aquarian spirit. They're advancing it, as every new Aquarian generation, born with Neptune, Uranus or Pluto in Aquarius, does.

Millennials were born with Uranus or Neptune in Aquarius. Neptune in Aquarius people were born 1998 to 2012. Uranus in Aquarius people were born 1995 to 2003.

When I go to astrology conferences, meetings or social gatherings I am always interested to see people of all ages, from 20 to 70. There are always Aquarian types there, and increasingly, Millennials.

These are the children, teenagers and twentysomethings who are forming global bands using the Worldwide Web. They are harnessing Twitter for activism. They don't have power yet, but they will – right on cue for Pluto's entry into Aquarius from 2023. They will be the change they want to see in the world. What kind of change? Aquarius takes control away from the elite and gives it back to the people – all the people.

There is no ageism with Aquarius thinking. People over 80 are as important as people under 20. That's a really striking thing about the age we are moving into.

If you're curious about that hit Search when you've finished this and see what the astrology was saying about the next President, way back when.

MARCH 24TH 2023 AND THE ARRIVAL OF PLUTO IN AQUARIUS

The Sixties, with all its emphasis on friendship ('making new friends' being the great idea of the age) and groups (evening classes, workshops, fan clubs and the aforementioned bands) was a deeply Aquarian time.

Women began to move towards Women's Liberation groups, for example. It is possible that the idea of sisterhood was helped by Beatles fandom, as thirteen-year-old girls found solidarity with each other, screaming at concerts – and grew into young women who felt at home in the company of other women.

In the Fifties, women stayed at home, cooked and cleaned, and lived for their husbands and families. In the Sixties, as Aquarius patterns took over, they found female friendship.

Each Aquarius age – the Aquarian weather in the heavens – deepens and intensifies what went before. I find it interesting that the 'Me Too' movement which began in 2017 did so, when the South Node was in Aquarius. Why is this sign associated with feminism? People power. Also history.



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SUFFRAGETTE CITY AND AQUARIUS

The Suffragette movement was at its most radical in Britain when Uranus was in Aquarius from January 2012. By 1914 with both Jupiter and Uranus in Aquarius, Emmeline Pankhurst joined 57 protestors in being arrested, trying to get to Buckingham Palace to present a 'Votes for Women' petition to the King. At this point in history more than 2000 petitions with over a million names, had been presented to the British Parliament.

In January 1915 the North Node, Jupiter and Uranus all in Aquarius began the New Year. Britain was at war and the Government appealed to women to work in factories. Taking male jobs.

Every cycle builds on the last one, in waves of great change. In 1792 with Pluto in Aquarius, Mary Wollstonecraft published her manifesto, A Vindication of the Rights of Woman.

The Sixties, with its Aquarius signature, saw Betty Friedan's five-million selling book, The Feminine Mystique in 1963 and the rolling tide of Germaine Greer, Gloria Steinem, Doris Lessing, Kate Millett and the rest, quite unstoppable by the Seventies.

The "Me Too" movement which Aquarian Oprah Winfrey has championed so successfully in 2018 (to the point where she is being considered as a future American President) is a classic example of the South Node in Aquarius.

The Nodes, also known as the Dragon's Head and Dragons' Tail, are points which cross Sun and Moon cycles. They repeat in Aquarius every 18.7 years and spend about 18 months in the zodiac sign. Strangely, they move backwards through the zodiac, not forwards (the South Node in Aquarius in moved backwards to Capricorn by 2019 – not forwards to Pisces).

This backwards movement is one reason why the North Node and South Node are associated with the past, repetition and karma. It's my belief, that I cannot prove here, that we reincarnate to experience Nodal cycles, and use past life experience and lessons, to help pursue some future goal in a new incarnation. Our souls demand it, in our lives between lives. We are born with a horoscope timed to go off, as the alarm clock rings – and we fulfil our mission.

The "Me Too" movement, which is real female power – a genuinely potent sisterhood – may well involve some old souls who were reading Mary Wollstonecraft in 1792, or marching with Emmeline Pankhurst in 1914.

PLUTO IN AQUARIUS ON MARCH 24TH, 2023.

Sitting at my desk in Tasmania in April 2020, this new Pluto in Aquarius cycle, coming right after a Jupiter and Saturn in Aquarius cycle - seems quite close even though it is three years away. One of the reasons it seems close is that so many Millennials with Uranus or Neptune in Aquarius are pressing for people power, using the Worldwide Web or their hacking skills to bring it about.

Pluto is a tremendous symbol of power. Nuclear power in fact (he was found in 1930 as scientists started their first steps on the road to the invention of the atomic bomb).

When he is in Aquarius from March 24th 2023 to March 8th 2043 (with a few slides back and forth at the start and finish) we will see a global change in the balance of power where nuclear weapons are concerned.

This is going to make the United Nations look like ancient history, which it certainly will be, by 2043, when Pluto has done his work. We're looking at something which is far more like a cross between Olympics spirit and a new, genuinely powerful planet of leaders committed to the human family, but also the animal family. The bird and fish family.

One thing about Aquarius is the respect for diversity, you see. There is no 'rank' of people at the top and other creatures down the bottom. It's everyone, everything, everywhere.

THE AGE OF AQUARIUS REPLACING THE AGE OF PLUTO

If you think you can detect change in the air - a pull towards Aquarian people power with all its focus on diversity and equality - then you are correct.

Part of it is coming from the sheer weight of Pluto in Capricorn (corporations, government elites) and at last, the end of Saturn in Capricorn too. We have to remember that this is the last time in our lifetimes, that we are going to see such a massive, weighty, difficult pile-up in Capricorn. By January 2020, as I wrote about in The Capricorn Effect on this website – we saw Saturn, Pluto, the South Node, Ceres and finally Jupiter in this sign. Right on time, along came COVID-19.

In fact, if you are curious about how accurate astrology can be, search 'virus' and see what was published here, a long time before Wuhan delivered its news.

The planet will creak and groan under the sheer weight of it all for the very last time in 2020, as we farewell Saturn for another 29 years (that will take some adjustment) and eventually Jupiter from Capricorn too. This is a massive worldwide shift from one zodiac sign to another, where a stellium has lingered in transit for so many years. By 2020 - specifically Christmas - we are ready for revolution. The end of corporations, government and corporate culture as we knew it in the 20th century is coming.

You can already see that, I'm sure - even in April 2020, when this is written. The casinos where the men at the top gamble; the brothels they frequent; the first-class seats they choose; the five-star hotels they use - it's all looking like ancient history isn't it?

We are going through heavy Capricorn weather, which – once it is finished – does not return in any serious way in most of our lifetimes. The slow-moving outer planets and points like Uranus, Neptune, Pluto and the Nodes won't be back. As you can read in The Capricorn Effect, elsewhere on this website, we will be drilling down very deeply into our understanding of Capricorn with all its ambition, social climbing and concern with being – and staying – at the top.

And what we have put up with - endured, even - since 2008 when Pluto first moved into Capricorn is rapidly looking like crumbling history once Jupiter joins Saturn in Aquarius at the end of 2020, and we have just one astro-factor remaining in the sign of the mountain goat.

PLUTO - WHAT HAPPENS TO TYRANTS AND DESPOTS?

Pluto has characteristic patterns in astrology. Ever since his discovery in 1930, Plutowatchers have noticed how he introduces despots and tyrants, who characterise the sign. When Pluto was in Leo, the world endured Emperor Hirohito of Japan, who bombed Pearl Harbour. In return the world endured Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The start of the possible end of the world. The Emperor surrendered.

Pluto cycles since 1930 have shown us that they always bring takeovers by powerful people or organisations who want to dominate. As Tears for Fears sang, Everybody Wants to Rule The World. The sign that Pluto is in, tells you the source of the problem. During the last war, Pluto in Leo gave the world far too many 'Kings' from Hitler, to Stalin, to Mussolini. They all met their end.

I sometimes hear from people who are scared of Pluto transits. It is true that they are intense, demanding and challenging – but they are about a transfer in power. A new setup, based on a shift in the controls. If you are curious about Pluto then turn to 2020 Astrology, my ebook on Amazon, for more information about this planet – but essentially, he is about the dominators, or 'Little Hitlers' (Hitler began his crawl to power when Pluto was discovered) being moved down or out. I am sure you remember that this is what happened to Pluto, as a planet, in 2006. He was demoted by astronomers. Mike Brown wrote a book where he claimed to have 'killed' him. We tend to see 'the beginning of the end of' when Pluto is around. In Capricorn, that's particular men at the top, or women who are following patriarchal rules.

LEARNING FROM PLUTO IN VIRGO

To know what to expect from Pluto in Aquarius, just look at Pluto in Virgo. It's a good way to see astrology working in real time with real evidence. Pluto is a symbol of empowerment, control, transformation, and compromise over power. It always brings in questions about who or what is in charge. Once Pluto has spent years passing through a sign (he dominated in Virgo in the Sixties) nothing is ever the same again.

When Pluto was in Virgo during the Sixties, pharmaceutical companies, supermarkets and the medical profession (Virgo rules the body and everything that goes into it) took over. Women were on the Pill.

A new wave of people under the age of 30 were experimenting with drugs. Fast food arrived. Processed food arrived. Cigarettes were omnipresent. Everyone smoked.

The fight-back came as people discovered preventative health care. They took charge of their own bodies and pushed back. They reinvented what Virgo power meant. These were Pluto in Virgo people. Perhaps you are one of them, or know someone who is – born in the Sixties.

No heads rolled, when Pluto went through Virgo, but the medical profession and food industry has never recovered. Neither has the cigarette industry.

Before the Sixties babies (born with Pluto in Virgo) arrived, no city ever had a health food shop, a yoga centre or bottles of mineral water for sale. No city had naturopaths, vegetarian cafes or a gymnasium. This idea of empowerment and control is at the core of Virgo.

The Pluto in Virgo people today are among my friends and when they come for lunch, I cater for vegetarians, vegans, gluten-free and low-carbohydrate diners. Sixties babies, all grown up, control their food, because they want to control what happens to their bodies. That's Virgo. That's also Pluto.

We are seeing this with C-19 in the year 2020, as I write this. Immunity is central, especially to those born with Uranus and Pluto in Virgo, who are old enough to have lived through AIDS and SARS, but also born into a generation of consumers for whom gym membership, health food shops and vegetarianism has become mainstream.



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PLUTO IN CAPRICORN AND CORPORATE CONTROL

Ever since Pluto entered Capricorn in 2008 we have seen corporations take over. Capricorn rules the 'mountain' of the classic pyramid-styled corporate structure because it is associated with the climbing mountain goat who scales the system. Google, Facebook, Apple. Big corporates and big power.

The world had to put up with exactly the same problem, in the 18th century, and it made the French and Americans rebel, to the point where some Kings lost their heads and some Kings lost their minds. George III had to be replaced by his son. Everything repeats in astrology eventually. It's about the long cycles of time.

So we really have seen everything before and this Pluto in Capricorn cycle will be no different to the one that was the beginning of the end for slavery, for example. Watch and wait. We have until November 2020 to see the definite finish of systems, or people who are at the top of those systems, which abuse power. It's a rule with the Jupiter and Pluto cycle we are seeing in 2020. We've been here before. Apartheid ended on it.

KNOWING THE PLUTO RULES

Astrology is history, sociology, psychology and mythology. Knowing the Pluto rules depends on looking back at the decades since his discovery in 1930 to see which events changed the world. It is also about looking at particular generations, born with Pluto in a specific zodiac sign (like the Sixties babies with Pluto in Virgo) to see how they also change the world – and why. Understanding the mythology behind Pluto is at the heart of all this. What did the Romans, who created our modern astrology, have to say about this archetype? This god? This idea?

Seeing as we're talking about the future of Pluto in Aquarius from 2023, and the end of Pluto in Aquarius - across 2020, 2021, 2022 - it is worth digging more deeply into this astrological symbol.

THE MYTH OF PLUTO

The Larousse Encyclopedia of Mythology was published by the Batchworth Press in 1959, with an introduction by Robert Graves.

He writes, "Myth has two main functions. The first is to answer the sort of awkward questions that children ask, such as: 'Who made the world?' How will it end? Who was the first man? Where do souls go after death?' He goes on, "The second function of myth is to justify an existing social system and account for traditional rites and customs."

The Greeks called the god of the dead, Pluto. The Romans called him Dis Pater. "His name signified that he was the richest of all the gods - dis is a contraction of ditis, 'rich' -

and indeed the number of his subjects continued ceaselessly to increase. In much the same way the Greeks called the god of the dead Pluto, ploutos being 'riches'."

Money is power. When Pluto was found and named in 1930, Pluto was in Cancer, the sign which rules property, territory and land. He remained in Cancer until August 1938.

THE DISCOVERY OF PLUTO

Clyde Tombaugh found Pluto on February 18th 1930, weeks after Josef Stalin declared all Russian farms were collectives. In India, a few weeks later, Gandhi was ready to die over salt, taken by the British from the Indian sea. Italy took Abyssinia. Adolf Hitler, by 1937, said he wanted to take more countries for Germany. He called it Lebensraum, or living space. In 1938 Australia turned 150 and Aborigines launched a day of mourning. Britain said she was prepared to go to war to defend France and Belgium. Spain was cut in two.

The stakes are always high when Pluto passes through. The zodiac sign he occupies tells you where.

In 1947 with Pluto in Leo, the royal sign, Princess Elizabeth married Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten. Prince Charles was born in 1948 when Pluto was exactly half the way through its cycle. King George VI died in 1952 and Elizabeth became Queen. Vivat Regina! She was crowned on June 2nd 1953 when Pluto at 21 Leo was in a perfect pattern with Mercury at 21 Gemini, Mars at 21 Gemini, Neptune at 21 Libra and Pluto at 21 Leo.

Wherever you find Pluto, you find questions about tremendous wealth. As God of the Underworld he presided over gold, for example, and oil. Buried treasure.

When Pluto moved into Virgo in the Sixties, the money was in food. Pharmaceutical companies. When the Sixties babies became adult consumers, the money was still in food – but in the diet industry. Always follow the money if you want to know what Pluto is up to. Since 2008 Pluto in Capricorn has made 'big corporate' (Capricorn the mountain goat who slowly gets to the top of the ladder) and 'big government' (the same principle) more powerful than at any other time in 248 years. Why? Big data. The internet.

PLUTO IN LIBRA, SCORPIO AND SAGITTARIUS

Pluto in Libra, the sign which rules marriage, has tapped the vast wealth of gay, lesbian and transgender couples as one country after another has legalised those partnerships. The generation born with Pluto in Libra 1971-1984 has made it happen.

Pluto in Scorpio, the sign which rules sex, has given us the booming internet pornography business. The condom industry has gone through the roof in the wake of AIDS. Follow the money.



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Pluto in Sagittarius, the sign which rules foreign places and people, delivered the budget airline boom, Air BnB and Trip Advisor. Again online, travel has tapped billions.

Are you starting to get a feel for this planet and his cycles? The changes are deep, potent and permanent. Once Pluto has gone through a sign, the areas of life ruled by that sign are never the same again.

THE DAWNING! THE AQUARIUS WEATHER OF 2020, 2021

Before we get to the age of Pluto in Aquarius with all its intense focus on groups – most likely a new, serious, business and financial future for social media of all kinds – we experience a 'dawning' as Jupiter and Saturn enter Aquarius too.

The Aquarius weather of 2020, 2021 began, as we've seen, with the arrival of Saturn in Aquarius for the first time in 29 years. This took place on 23rd March 2020. He is then joined by Jupiter in Aquarius, for the first time in 12 years, on December 20th, 2020.

It is these slow-moving, rare cycles which make history. The history is made by people, of course, and if you have Aquarius factors, you may find that you are surfing a wave of change, specifically involving friendships, social media, and the whole group culture of the worldwide web. I am always amazed at the way numerology agrees with astrology.

WATCHING THE WORLDWIDE WEB ON 20-12-2020

These Aquarius entry dates for Jupiter and Saturn (the dawning of the Age of Aquarius) find them both together on December 20th 2020.

So, that's 2, 0, 1, 2, 2, 0, 2, 0 and you really have to wonder what the worldwide web will bring us on that date. Some kind of gigantic Anonymous hackathon? Perhaps the new rule of both Jupiter and Saturn in Aquarius is so extreme, it will make the old Millennium Bug scare of 1-1-1999 look quaint.

I've written about strange number line-ups before. In fact, when I was seeing issues with hackers, bugs and viruses in January 2010, on the eclipse of January 10th, I made a very long-range prediction about that odd collection of numbers. As you'll know if you read this site regularly, it looked like a code to me. It was on January 10th 2020 that the first C-19 death was sadly declared.

IT'S ALL ABOUT 2021

Anyone who is not surfing the new Aquarian waves of change by February 2021 when we have a New Moon, Mercury Retrograde, Jupiter and Saturn in the sign of the water-bearer is going to be stranded. Friendships become essential. They become a matter of survival. More important than family, more important than partners – friends are the lifeline from 2020, and particularly from 2023, when Pluto moves into Aquarius, following Jupiter and Saturn.

As I write this in January 2018, Twitter and Facebook are the behemoths of the friendship industry – social media. Facebook in particular has capitalised your social life. I am also watching Zoom. Zoom would qualify for an Aquarian entity that became hugely popular and heavily promoted, when Saturn went into Aquarius in March 2020.

There were immediate privacy issues raised about Zoom and it's lines of boxed-in-faces. It seemed benign enough, but as an astrologer my eyes are on Pluto (power) into Aquarius (the group) from 2023 and the obvious issues ahead when Pluto in Aquarius will square the Scorpio (finance) patterns of whole generations. If you have any outer planets in Scorpio in particular, that square is a real bridge to cross.

I've been a professional astrologer since my twenties and I am cautious about such a strongly Aquarian-style (or perhaps faux Aquarian) technological advance arriving on a very heavy Saturn in Aquarius cycle - ahead of a potent Pluto in Aquarius cycle.

We'll see, won't we? Meanwhile do your own research please.

By the time Pluto is in Aquarius from 2023, there will be a generation of adults whose foetal photographs, in the womb, have been on Facebook – and whose childhood and adolescence have been captured there. All in the name of friendship. Or Facebook

friendship, anyway. Facebook with all its power - the power to hold data about you - is an obvious example of a Pluto in Aquarius issue waiting to happen.

What is the next big step for social media? To further capitalise friendship by taking the raw material of YouTube, Pozible, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, EBay and the rest and turning them into virtual banks. Why? Uranus (the revolution) is in Taurus (money) and we're going to see friendship and casual friendship used for banking. Rather like the 'friendly societies' of old.

This is an obvious outcome but it will have deep consequences. What happens if you lend to a friend and cannot repay? What price genuine friendship? This is a major concern for astrologers to ring a bell about. And that's what we do. We ring the warning bell. Look - really look - at anything which marries Aquarius thinking (old friends, new friends, social media, the hive mind) with Taurus thinking (money, property, possessions).

This might seem like a simple extension of crowdfunding but it's really not. Uranus from 2018 until 2025 is a completely different game and there will be some difficult moments of truth as Uranus in Taurus is at odds with the Scorpio placements of billions - Scorpio ruling assets and debts. And of course Pluto in Aquarius does the same thing, for many years, creating sharp squares.

I said astrology is sociology. Well, look at your chart or the charts of people around you. Look for slow-moving outer planets in Scorpio, like Neptune or Pluto. Ask yourself what happens when we see not only Uranus but also Pluto himself, opposing and squaring those positions. Astrology is here to be used, so please use it. If you are a Premium Member there is plenty to learn from on my website and in the guides that come with membership.

YOUR AQUARIAN FACTORS IN 2021 - 2024

Whichever groups you are involved with in 2021, or which are powerfully affecting your life (like a trade union, for example) will be at the core of what unfolds as Jupiter and/or Saturn flicks the switch. By May 13th 2021, Jupiter in Aquarius has gone, but Saturn remains, steadily laying the foundations for the big one - Pluto in Aquarius.

Saturn leaves Aquarius on March 7th 2023 then Pluto enters Aquarius on March 24th, around a fortnight later. Seismic shift. The next big leap is his re-entry into Aquarius, after dallying in Capricorn, and the landmark month, February 2024. As well as the capitalisation of friendship – turning social media into banks using cryptocurrency – we will see the rebirth of the trade union movement. This is already showing up in April 2020 as I write this, peering four years into the future.

We're seeing trade unions revived as governments try to deny casual, freelance and self-employed workers (in Australia, where I am writing this) the same rights as full-time working people. C-19 has created a huge salary issue. Unions are on the rise, protecting their members.

I am sure you can think of other Aquarian-style movements which are likely to make a huge return from 2023 as Pluto goes into that sign. History, as always, is so useful. Look back about 248 years to find out what Pluto in Aquarius delivered last time.

It was very much an era of 'societies' and society. From The Freemasons into less esoteric groupings of people.

ONE WORLD CURRENCY, GLOBAL TAX REFORM, PEOPLE POWER - FEBRUARY 2024

If you look back at the last Age of Aquarius, when Pluto was in Aquarius, you see massive tax reform in the United States, which sacked King George III and the British so successfully – and more violently in France, where heads rolled.

I have in my notes, May 1767 circled. This is an exact repeat of the zodiac sign positions of Uranus, Pluto and the Nodes in May 2018. It is the first step towards the planet-shaking events of February 6th and 7th, 2024.

Across those days, the New Moon is in Aquarius. Mercury is in Aquarius. Venus is in Aquarius. Mars is in Aquarius. Pluto is in Aquarius. Uranus is in Taurus. Jupiter is in Taurus. They key to those dates is that Uranus and Jupiter line up together at 7 Taurus on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th 2024.

These are phenomenal patterns that speak clearly of an historic shift away from the old world economy with all its potential for greed and corruption – a characteristic of so much in public life and leadership since Pluto first changed signs in 2008 – into a radically different way of doing business.

By then the Panama Papers and Paradise Papers hacking of public figures like Her Majesty the Queen and Bono – and their offshore bank accounts – will be a dusty front page in an old copy of The Daily Telegraph in some London attic. I mention these two, in April 2020, because they are both Taurus.

Also in that attic we might find the lovely old Jane Austen bank notes, or perhaps some sweet old coins showing Elizabeth's head on the reverse. Bitcoin, Ripple and Blockchain were a foreign language to most people before Uranus entered Taurus in May 2018. In February 2024, even the phrase crypto-currency might seem adorably old-fashioned.

The crowdsourcing, alternative banks and digital marketplaces of 2020, when I am publishing this prediction, might also seem like a curiosity by then.

Or will Etsy, Air BnB, EBay, Paypal, Stripe and the rest have evolved into something far more radical and sweeping than their inventors ever imagined? In some dramatic merger with social media, perhaps.

I have written in The Capricorn Effect, elsewhere on this website, how 2018, 2019, 2020 will be critical for corporations and governments which abuse power. Power comes from money, of course, and their money comes from money-laundering, political party donations and the corruption that accompanies that system – and legal tax-avoidance.

Pluto. Follow the money.



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THE SHOCK TO THE SYSTEM - URANUS IN TAURUS

The old system is bank managers lending you money, from on high. Accountants sending you your tax bill, from the government, on high. None of this leaves anyone on a high, particularly when the people at the top are in tax avoidance schemes offshore, and the banks are in bed with government, to the point where – during the Global Financial Crisis – governments bailed banks out. This is the way the system stood before C-19 arrived with all its shock, in January 2020.

How quickly can things change? Well, Uranus was the father of sheet and forked lighting in mythology. He tends to land in a new sign with a crash, bang and wallop.

Electrical shocks are associated with Uranus. The last thing that anyone expects to happen, is the first thing that happens.

So it is this I write this in April and March seems like the longest month in the history of the 21st century. In years from now we will look at each other and ask 'Where were you, when you first heard about the Corona Virus?'

On Wednesday May 16th 2018, allowing 24 hours either side for the world to catch up with itself - there was an absolute fortune waiting to be made or saved, for billions of people - but at a price.

We knew that price a little earlier, on Wednesday 9th May 2018 (allow 24 hours either side again) as the Sun in Taurus was opposed by Jupiter in Scorpio. Why billions? Because billions were born with Scorpio factors, across generations. Scorpio rules finance, just as Taurus does.

Astrology is sociology and history. As we've seen, there were billions of us born with the slow-moving outer planets or Nodes in Scorpio, as well as the faster-moving planets like the Sun or Moon. What happened in May 2018 is extreme and was global.

It was - the Magnitsky Amendment to the Money Laundering Act signed into law in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland by Her Majesty the Queen.

In April 2020, as this guidebook makes its way to your computer, so many astrologers are watching and waiting for the money laundromat to explode.

Scorpio rules sex and money. Marriage and mortgage, for millions of us. Jupiter (expansion, growth, solutions) in Scorpio in May 2018 alongside Uranus (shock, revolution, radical change) in Taurus (currency, banks, tax) in the same month was explosive. Yet only a few astrologers noticed. The Magnitsky Amendment passed most people by.

So, now, let's look more closely at Uranus, because the Age of Aquarius and its 2020, 2023 transformation of the world, won't happen without a transformation of the world economy.

We're starting to see this in April 2020 but by 2025 the old economic world has gone forever. Money laundering was a huge part of that. So was paper and metal currency. Consumerism and greed destroying the normal climate and nature. But that's not all.

URANUS IN TAURUS AND THE URANUS MYTH

Uranus rules shock. Always has, since 1781, and always will - in astrology. Uranus in Taurus, the money sign, is a financial shock to the economic system and it tends to come in fits and starts. If you are a regular reader you will know I was predicting the GFC2 some years ago.

So let's get into this planet, which rules Aquarius anyway - as he is also here, transiting through your chart in the New Age of Aquarius.

Turning to my trusty Larousse Encyclopedia of Mythology, we find the first link between Uranus and electricity. He was father to the Cyclopes as well as the Titans, like Saturn. "In Hesiod the Cyclopes were storm genii, as their names indicate: Brontes, thunder: Steropes, lightning: Arges, thunderbolt."

When Uranus was reduced to impotence by Saturn, a whole new world resulted. Thus, we associate Uranus with the process of invention. All that is original.

And we associate it with stormy weather, but also technology. Without electricity, no invention. Without Uranus, no electricity.

It's really no secret in astrology that Uranus entering Taurus, the currency sign, in May 2018 was about cryptocurrency and blockchain as much as the imminent end of money laundering, with all its arrests and asset seizures. But why and how?

On 11.47am in London on Tuesday 15th May 2018 we had a New Moon in Taurus and then the shock of Uranus in Taurus at 3.16pm. Those dates are going to be significant when you look at the new headlines appearing in May 2020, right through to the year 2025. In fact, by then, we'll all know what was actually happening - an historic moment that may have been covered up at the time, or minimised by the mainstream media.

Uranus ruling electricity, new invention and innovation this was clearly Blockchain which made big news just as Uranus entered Taurus in 2018 and the HSBC Bank became the banking world's pioneer user of the new technology.

In astrology we pay attention to what happens - when.

BEYOND PARADISE PAPERS AND PANAMA PAPERS

The stage is set for the next lot of hacked financial records then – beyond the Paradise Papers and Panama Papers. The legal tax avoidance of the global elite will reach the people. The second story, equally important, is the arrival, with a bang, of cryptocurrency for the masses – not just the early uptakers. The third likely story near Tuesday 15th May 2018 involved corruption inside big banks. And yet, this was the very early stages of the Uranus in Taurus cycle, so the first page, in a long book.

I love the way newsreaders say the words 'volatile markets' on the news so calmly when we see sharemarket madness. I actually don't think it will be possible to use the phrase in such a controlled way while we all live with Uranus in Taurus until 2025 because this goes beyond volatile markets. It's a volatile planet and it's the very first step towards the changes we will see in February 2024 which are so extreme.

Virtual money, sure. Likely, the new Communism or the new Socialism - however you want to label it. Uranus turns the known world upside-down. We currently live on credit cards, mortgages and borrowed money to pay our tax and just afford a roof over our head, if we are part of the general middle class or working class in the Western world. That's the system.

Uranus is going to flip that system. And in fact, in April 2020, it has already begun. Taxation more than anything else will undergo a massive revolution 2020-2025 worldwide.

THE AGE OF AQUARIUS IN HISTORY

Astrology is a very good tool if you want to prepare for great change, because it shows us how we can learn from history. That's really what this little ebook is all about. A chance to go over your own horoscope, sure, but to also understand it in the context of wider changes sweeping your world.

There are many 'Age of Aquarius' cycles in astrology. Many people think the precession of the equinoxes gives us the 'Ages' or zeitgeist. If you are curious about the precession of the equinox, then please see a long story I wrote on the myth of The Thirteenth Sign of the zodiac – there is more detail there. (Just hit Search to find it on my website).

According to the rule of the Precession of the Equinox, for the last 2000 years or so we have been in the Age of Pisces which began with the birth of Jesus Christ (never datestamped, even though many assume it was Christmas Day). Before Christ we had the Age of Aries. Now, the Age of Aquarius is next - 'dawning.' Thus the lyrics in the musical Hair.

The exact timing is confused and confusing to astrologers. Neil Spencer quotes Nicholas Campion, in his book True as the Stars Above: "the historical ages bear only the flimsiest relationship to what we know of the history of the relevant period."

Carl Jung thought the Age of Aquarius might have begun in 1997. Or maybe 2143. Other astrologers have put forward all kinds of possible start dates. Astrologers have all come up with competing times and dates for 'The Age of Aquarius'.

MANY AGES OF AQUARIUS

Actually, there are many 'Ages of Aquarius' when we see a cluster of planets, asteroids or Nodes gathering speed in that zodiac sign. When this occurs, and rings the alarm clock for entire generations also born with Aquarius factors, we tend to see the classic outcome. A huge focus on friends and groups, rather than family or marriage. A power shift across, horizontally, not from the top – vertically. Equality and diversity issues go front and centre.

Our last important Age of Aquarius really did begin in 1962, as not only did Jupiter and Mars align in Aquarius in March that year, one month earlier - in February 1962 we had a stellium or unusually high cluster, in the sign.

That month we had a Total Eclipse in Aquarius, Mercury Retrograde in Aquarius, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Bacchus and the South Node in Aquarius. Perhaps that was in the minds of the Hair creators when they were searching for inspiration.

WHAT 1962 TELLS US ABOUT AQUARIUS

It's interesting looking back at 1962 to see what was happening in both February and March. On February 20th, John Glenn, the American astronaut, orbited the earth in a Mercury capsule called Friendship.

Mercury was of course retrograde and astrology had the last laugh on astronomers at NASA because the flight of Friendship (a key word for Aquarius) was postponed ten times. I am sure you know that Mercury Retrograde brings delays, changes, reversals.

The promoted Aquarian ideal in 1962 was not about a space race between America and Russia or even the claiming of a planet like the Moon for any particular country - but for all people.

It eventually happened on July 21st 1969 with Neil Armstrong's words "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

All the portraits of the astronauts of the Sixties are Aquarian in spirit. The space brotherhood. Then women joined them. Space sisterhood.

SPACE AND AQUARIUS

The quest of outer space is Sagittarian. That sign rules distant travel and new geographical horizons. The Sixties space race, though, is also powerfully Aquarian. If you have Aquarius chart factors in a stellium in your chart (more than three) or even if you just have an important placement there, like the Moon or the Sun - you need space.

Groups survive and thrive because they give everybody space. Room to move. Tolerance is a key Aquarius concept, as we discussed at the start of this ebook. When you are crammed into a spacecraft with your fellow astronauts, in space - you need space as well.

Aquarius is an air sign. Air circulates and allows us to breathe more freely. These core ideas about room to move, freedom, room to breathe and circulation are all tied to the ancient Roman Baths (again) which covered the old Roman Empire during their own Age of Aquarius. You don't last long in the swimming pool if you crowd other people or stop moving.

Aquarius is about the brotherhood and sisterhood which thrives asexually. More space. The Aquarian type says "I just need some space" or "I just need more space" when he/she slinks away from a relationship. The Sixties was about outer space and also the need for space in your inner space. Aquarius.

I really need to go back to The Beatles again - the band which explains everything - to look at this in more depth.

THE BEATLES AND CLASS, SEXUALITY AND RELIGION IN 1962

A build-up in Aquarius, which we'll see dramatically from 2020, especially from Christmas, always intensifies the power behind the zodiac sign. Aquarian types become more fiercely Aquarian. Sometimes it begins with a challenge.

In February 1962, during the Aquarian pile-up, The Beatles were rejected by Decca and Brian Epstein talked of the band producing their first album independently. It was the start of Beatlemania. It was also the beginning of a very Aquarian phenomenon which would last for the rest of the Sixties.

The band (Aquarius rules groups) with the fan club (Aquarius rules collectives) was managed by a gay, Jewish man in charge of four working-class lads (Aquarius is about the human family without class, sexuality or race and religion barriers).

Over time it would become clear that The Beatles were part of a much larger global group - millions of men and women who got the message about class, racial, gender and sexual equality, with a Beatles album tucked under their arm.

The Beatles were transmitting strong Aquarius signals with their accents (working class), their lyrics (feminism, the global peace movement) and their hair (masculinity and femininity). Every person in the Fab Four had Aquarian horoscope factors – most importantly, George Harrison, who despite being Pisces, may as well be an honorary Aquarian.

THE BEATLES BECAME AN AQUARIAN CHANNEL.

John Lennon fell in love with a Japanese artist. Paul McCartney fell in love with a vegetarian photographer. They both fell in love with the core ideals of women's liberation, through their equal partnerships with these women.

George Harrison famously fell in love with India and Indians. Ringo Starr became a global emblem of working class power through newfound wealth and honours from Her Majesty the Queen.

The Beatles were a lightning rod for the Aquarian patterns of February 1962 and perhaps, with Decca's rejection, it all began then. Something was born.

If you want to know what Aquarius is really all about, listen to The Beatles, both as a band and as solo artists.

I sometimes walk into bars aimed at university students and I hear The White Album streaming on someone's MacBook Air through speakers. Teenagers with Uranus or Neptune in Aquarius turn it up. They get it.

One of the cultural side notes of this New Age of Aquarius is a new teenage obsession with The Beatles. They transmitted Aquarius. They remain a channel just waiting to happen. Watch John Lennon all over again!

EXPLORING AQUARIUS - WHAT HAVE THE ROMANS EVER DONE FOR US?

The famously naked cast of Hair (as naked as any Roman in the communal baths) sang about 'harmony and understanding' and The Beatles went on to create All You Need is Love after being forced into birth across the Aquarius line-up of February 1962.

But what, really, is Aquarius all about if we go back to the astrology texts, beyond the music?

In 1964, Louis MacNeice published his superb book, Astrology, (J.G. Ferguson). His chapter on Rome was never far away when I was at Jane Franklin Hall, at the University of Tasmania, looking at Latin texts, gathering up my degree.

There is a joke in MacNeice's book that Petronius ascribed water on the brain to Aquarius. It was certainly always associated with water. Principally, the carrying and public supply of it as a communal resource. For the people, from the people, by the people.

This may seem like nothing special now, but around 2000 years ago water was precious, hard to get and sometimes for the privileged few. Water you could not only drink, but bathe in - in a town centre - must have seemed shocking to the Britons who watched the Romans building their famous pool in Bath, over the natural hot springs.

THE ROMAN AGE OF AQUARIUS

Slow-moving planets in Aquarius, like Saturn, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Ceres and Pluto (Ceres can spend two years in a sign when retrograde) together with the Nodes, leave their mark on history.

Turning to Tables of Planetary Phenomena by the legendary Neil F. Michelsen (Starcrafts Publishing, 2007) we find Pluto in Aquarius from March 28th 60 AD to October 14th 85 AD.

This was the 'alarm bell' to wake up the generations born with Neptune in Aquarius from March 12th 33 AD to September 10th 47 AD.

Amazingly, it was another Sixties.

Uranus entered Aquarius on March 14th AD 69 and stayed until September 18th AD 77, also acting as an alarm bell to wake up people born with Pluto in Aquarius, young and old, and those born with Neptune in Aquarius.

You might say that AD 33 to 85 was an Age of Aquarius, then, with successive generations born with an Aquarian planet, found their Aquarian side activated by transits in that sign. Groups ruled. Legions were powerful and could make or break an Emperor. Religious cults were everywhere and one of them, Christianity, would take over the world.

Benson Bobrick, author of The Fated Sky – Astrology in History (Simon & Schuster) records Augustus being crowned in AD 31, right on cue for what would become the new Aquarian age in Rome.

THE ROMAN AGE OF AQUARIUS AND ITS EMPERORS

It was the dawning of a Roman Age of Aquarius, if you like, ahead of Neptune's entry into the sign. In fact, Ceres would be in Aquarius by the end of AD 31 as a warm-up.

When the Roman emperors of this period got it right – following the Aquarian path – they survived. When they read the Aquarian zeitgeist, they flourished.

Titus took over in AD 79 at the end of this Roman 'Age of Aquarius' and dedicated himself to public works, completing the Colosseum, building new baths and in true Aquarian style, attending to disaster relief after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. People power. Funded by the people, for the people.

By this time, those Aquarian groups - Christians, atheists, Jews - were pushing hard against the Roman religion, based on the gods and goddesses who lend their names to astrological planets today.

Sue Tompkins, writing in The Contemporary Astrologer's Handbook, (Flare Publications, 2006) notes "To the Aquarian ideal, the class structure so beloved, or at least respected, by Capricorn clearly does not lead to fairness and equality for all. Aquarius is the sign of the ordinary person in the street, the sign of Tom, Dick and Harry." She goes on, "Basically, there is a dislike of hierarchy and privilege."

This wrangling over Emperors and the many, many groups of Rome – from Christian cults to people identifying as their zodiac signs (like August) – was about just this issue. In the end, hierarchy and privilege could not continue.

AQUARIUS AND ASTROLOGY, AUGUSTUS AND NERO

Emperor Augustus was born with a horoscope, cast for him at birth by the Roman senator and astrologer Nigidius Figulus.

In adulthood he was advised by another astrologer, Theogenes. Bobrick writes "The birth of the empire under August "ushered in an era of almost universal acceptance of astrology by the Roman elite."

Each of the twelve chariot stables of the imperial race track stood for a zodiac sign. When Augustus died his successor Tiberius was actually a practising astrologer. The Romans knew all about the signs of the zodiac.

Emperor Nero was born in AD 37 and became ruler at the age of seventeen in AD 54. He blamed the Christians, the group he loathed most, for a fire that he himself started in AD 64. Persecution of Christians began and three years later, St. Peter and St. Paul were martyred in Rome.

The Aquarius spirit, which is so much about the rebellion, that leads to a new world, was powerful at this time. Uranus, the god who sparked a revolution and accidentally created a new world as a result, is the ruler of Aquarius and it is the rejection that inspires a revolt, that often puts a rocket under Aquarian types and their pursuit of equality.

These Aquarian-dominated years in Rome saw an age of rebellions, against Nero. The legions – people power - moved against Emperor Nero in favour of Galba. Nero committed suicide in AD 68 and Galba took over.

You might have thought the history of Rome was about some kind of 'Age of Capricorn' and in fact Augustus had Capricorn embossed on Roman coins. Yet, for all its corrupt all-powerful elite rulership, it came down. It collapsed. We saw decline and fall, and the arrival of Christianity - the ultimate people-power movement - in its place. Hold that thought.

THE SWIMMING POOL OF LIFE

Like so much that the Romans invented, including modern astrology, the basic idea of the public baths – the swimming pool - is more popular than ever in the 21st century. I began this book using that as an analogy about how this zodiac sign, the water bearer, functions. Forget the billionaire's private spa and pool - that's Capricorn thinking. This is Aquarius thinking.

In Brighton, where I sometimes teach astrology on The Barge at Brighton Marina and podcast your horoscope workshops from my yacht, we have a beautifully restored Art Deco public swimming pool called Saltdean Lido.

For the people, by the people – saved from destruction by its owner – rescued by mass protests across Great Britain – now accessible to all, for a modest entry fee. This is a really good example of Aquarian action and activism.



Photo by Prescott Horn

BRIGHTON AND AQUARIUS

Brighton is a strongly Aquarian city (I was asked to write about her 'birth' chart in a travel guide some years ago) and Saltdean Lido is a wonderful modern example of the old Roman idea of the 'Aquarius' water-bearer who fed the city's baths. When I fly back to Melbourne from Brighton, every year (and I hope I may do so again, even if it's every other year!) the first thing I see in Australia (an Aquarian country) is a municipal swimming pool, a turquoise oblong on the ground, seen through a plane window. Within minutes there are dozens of them, across Victoria.

Many of the ideas we have about Aquarius today have filtered down (excuse the pun) from the Romans.

All those star-sign internet memes you see about Aquarius telling you, 'Colour - Electric Blue' actually have a basis in history. Electric blue is the colour you see in any swimming pool or Roman bath, at certain times of day.

It's a very Australian idea - in this Australian country, born in January or February, depending on which official version you accept. Either way Australia is a water-bearer nation, very much about people power, the group and the team. The tribe - which of course is indigenous Australians - the first people.

Electric blue from the air, dotted with communal pools funded by people power, it's quite a sight. Watch Australia reborn as she goes through Jupiter in Aquarius in 2021 and become more powerful, with Pluto in Aquarius from 2023.

AQUARIUS AND THE HUMAN FAMILY

As we've seen, the swimming pool, funded by the people's taxes for the people – or saved from big business destruction by crowdfunding – is the Aquarian symbol. The rich can have their private swimming pools, saunas and spas, but the same experience (a shared experience) can be enjoyed by the masses, too. Mixed bathing, which produced such a horrified reaction, at the start of the 20th century, has now become a normal and healthy part of life.

The key phrase for Aquarius just has to be 'pooled resources' doesn't it?

The classic 1951 publication, The Modern Text-Book of Astrology, by Margaret E. Hone, Principal of the Faculty of Astrological Studies between 1954 and 1969, talks further about the zodiac sign of Aquarius.

For Hone, Aquarius was "The Man with the Urn of Water," and she continued, "In the earliest of records on carved stones of antiquity, its wave-like form represented water." The association of Aquarius with aqua is mentioned by Hone, back in the Fifties. "Electric blue seems to be liked."

She went on to describe the sign.

"The objectives will be out of the ordinary, studies will be of the unusual, frequently of the very old or very new. Membership of clubs, lodges and societies will be more congenial than personal bonds."

Hone's Aquarius list covers Astrology, Clubs, Eccentricity, Revolutions and Rebellions, Reforms and Inventors. Perhaps she wrote it partly knowing the history of Rome and its Aquarian Age.

ROME AND THE ZODIAC SIGN OF AQUARIUS AND CAPRICORN

There is no date-stamped, time-stamped, place-stamped astrological chart for Ancient Rome. I would speculate she was heavily Capricorn/Aquarius, though, with her ambition to be at the top of the world and her dependence on groups.

She was in fact a conquering nation who invited everyone from all over the Empire to become Roman and join in. Jump in at the deep end or the shallow end and get in the mix.

As we've seen, Augustus put Capricorn on the coins, and Rome - even if we don't know when she was founded - must have had a very strong, long Capricorn transit.

Yet, in time, that became powerfully Aquarian. Christians, an obscure cult, began to persuade and convert. The people - not the rich and elite - began to rise.

Rome was certainly sworn to astrology, picking up on Margaret Hone's list. By AD 188 Vettius Valens, the famous astrologer, had a library of horoscopes and put 100 of them into a book called Anthologiae. Another astrologer, Ennia Thrasylla, a woman (unusual for the time) had Emperor Caligula as her lover.

Roman gods like Aesculapius and Bacchus give their names to asteroids we use in modern astrology today. They are both part of Jupiter's family tree. If you are a Premium Member, of course, you can spend whole weekends enjoying that discovery. Always use the asteroids that are related to Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and the rest. It expands your astrological vocabulary!

Writing in A History of Astrology (Andre Deutsch 1983) Derek and Julia Parker, now living in Sydney, claim "modern astrology undoubtedly first reached Britain in the form of Zodiacal carvings at Mithraic shrines, while Asclepius became the patron saint of astrological medicine."

They go on, "As is usually the case when a country is invaded by a new culture, some reactionaries took great exception to the changing times. But the tide was against them.' Britain adopted astrology, then in the 18th century, shipped it to the world - in its modern form.

AQUARIUS AND NERO

My copy of The Twelve Caesars by Suetonius, translated by Robert Graves (Penguin, 1980) tells us that Nero had his own baths in The Golden House, where an enormous pool, like a sea, entertained guests.

"He had men at work on a covered bath surrounded by colonnades and stretching from Misenum to Lake Avernus; all the hot springs in the Baiae district would be canalized to feed it."

No communal Roman Baths for him. He died at the age of 31 and "in the widespread general rejoicing, citizens ran through the streets wearing caps of liberty." Suetonius tells us that Nero was born at Antium on 15th December 37 AD with Neptune in Aquarius. He was man for the times, but he also had the Moon in Leo.

Nero is a famous reminder of what can happen when you let your Leo get in the way of your Aquarius. In fact, he died for it.

He understood the Aquarian emphasis on the latest technology which also excited Rome as a whole.

His house was full of such inventions including dining rooms with sliding panels in the ceiling which rained flowers or showered guests with perfume. The circular dining-room had a revolving roof, timed to spin with the heavens.

NERO AND THE 60 AD AGE OF AQUARIUS

For all the shock of 2020 there is comfort in astrology which has been there, throughout numerous plagues and financial crises, and will always be there in the future, too. As I mentioned, we don't have a chart for the birth of Rome, but one would suspect a heavily Capricorn nation going through a long Capricorn transit by Pluto.

Pluto went into Aquarius in 60AD on March 28th and was there, mostly, until 85AD so when he died aged 31, in AD68, Nero had presided over an Aquarian age.

Nero at his best was a tax-reducing, astrology-watching, invention-loving, poetry-reciting, party-throwing, chariot-racing, gift-bestowing Emperor true to the Neptune in Aquarius spirit of his generation. He was a reformer. He was also deeply eccentric and appeared on stage as a singer and drove a chariot at the Circus. He was also an Emperor born with the Moon in Leo, up against a classic example of Neptune in Aquarius – that rebellious cult called Christianity. Rome worshipped many gods. They worshipped one. It was an affront to his pride, his ego and his leadership.

CHARIOTEERS AND AQUARIUS SYMBOLISM

Everything about Rome was about the group, back in their Age of Aquarius. Charioteers were divided into four parties, green, blue, white and red - they and their supporters were known as factions. The word survives today.

Outside the city and across the Roman Empire the Neptune in Aquarius and Pluto in Aquarius years were full of rebellion. Nero could not survive that and eventually took his own life.

Whenever we see Aquarian 'weather' in history the usual themes unfold. The people versus the leader. The leader who needs the people – and vice-versa. The rise and rise of groups, factions, teams, clubs and the rest. The Leo-Aquarius dichotomy unfolds.

In the early Sixties the British Royal Family understood how to work this, as Nero never did, and allowed television into their lives. They expanded their reach to popular charities, humanitarian causes and other Aquarian groups.

Why do we always get Leo with Aquarius? Because a Full Moon, with the Sun in Aquarius and Moon in Leo, or Sun in Leo and Moon in Aquarius, will always bring those issues to a head. The cycles of the Nodes, around every two decades, even more so. One Node in Leo will always be opposed by another Node in Leo.

It's a tricky balance, like all opposing zodiac signs. As I write this, Donald Trump has played it perfectly, just as Nero did at the beginning. Let's see what happens at the end. The Nodes are once again in Aquarius and Leo and as we'll see further on, a chain of eclipses across Leo and Aquarius has brought with it, a chain of cover-ups.

AQUARIUS AND HOW TO PLAY IT BEYOND 2023

The institution of the Roman Baths itself became a useful tool for Roman invasion and colonisation. It was a very Aquarian ideal invented for Aquarian times and Aquarian types. It also helped subdue local rebellion.

In Bath, which takes its name from the famous local pools (still filled with water today, still beautiful) the Romans cleverly opened up the medicinal hot springs, contained within the pools, to everybody – and took a British deity, Sulis and matched him with their own Minerva, the goddess of wisdom and daughter of Jupiter.

Thus, the Romano-British divinity Sulis Minerva. The Temple of Sulis Minerva was more than a swimming pool. It was a multicultural shrine designed to stop any local resistance.

How do you play the New Age of Aquarius beyond 2023, when Pluto moves there? Well, you can learn from Aquarian types. Germaine Greer. John Lydon. Malcolm McLaren. From them, old hippies or punks all - we learn what to do, as well as what not to do. The key point about Aquarius is that he or she feeds the group and supplies it, while remaining outside it.

THE AQUARIUS JOB IN ITALY AND ROMAN BELIEFS

Aquarius the Water-Bearer, often pictured as a hairy hippy on Seventies zodiac medallions, carrying a large urn of water, had a serious job to do in the Roman Empire. Sacred spaces for cults had to be clean, as did their devotees.

John Scheid's book, Roman Religion (Indiana) explores this further -

"As constant ablutions were required in the performance of the cult, sanctuaries contained wells, pools and even, in the case of isolated sites, baths in which the celebrants could wash before the rites."

Someone had to lug the water to supply these places and it was the Aquarius. An Aquarian type 'feeds' the community and supplies people power – the kind of people power which bubbles up in the old Roman baths of the Empire, but is still there in any public swimming pool in Brooklyn, New York, today.

It is there at the beach, in Australia, an Aquarian country on a hot summer's day. Free. Popular. For everybody, rich or poor, black or white, old or young, male or female, straight or otherwise.

THE BATHS OF DIOCLETIAN AND AQUARIUS

The largest thermal baths of the Roman world were the Baths of Diocletian. You can visit today and see the lead pipes which the privileged upper classes used to get their water directly from aqueducts.

The famous Roman aqueducts of course have the same linguistic roots as Aquarius. Those lead pipes, called fistulae, tells us all we need to know about Aquarius and its opposite sign Leo. The people had their public baths – the upper classes had private baths. The many and the chosen few, is a good way of expressing the Leo-Aquarius gap. If the chosen few – the nobles and Emperor – had any sense, they would build spectacular baths for the rest. It worked.

The Baths of Diocletian in Rome, brought in a branch of the Aqua Marcia to fill the pools. The whole complex ran over 32 acres. It held a library and theatre as well as plunge pools and the main swimming pool.

When I visited there, I put my feet up and paid my own tribute to the old Aquarians and the rest who worked on the Aqua Marcia and the aqueducts by taking a copy of Suetonius to read in the August sunshine and putting money in the vending machine for – you guessed it – a bottle of water.

WHAT AUSTRALIA REVEALS ABOUT THE NEXT AGE OF AQUARIUS

Australia always was, always will be, Aboriginal or indigenous land. From the moment the officially the British officially claimed the nation we know today, though (7th February 1788 at 11.00am in Sydney: Source University of Wollongong) there were tribes.

The famous Australian idea of mateship comes from her Aquarius Sun, Moon and Mercury. This is also a country of migrants and multiculturalism.

The nation also uses January 26th, Australia Day (Invasion Day to some) as its birthday. In fact there are several contenders for the chart which defines the country. Let's look at 1788 just for the moment and her constitutional birth.

On 7th February 1788 the slow-moving planets Pluto and Saturn were in Aquarius, alongside Australia's Sun, Moon and Mercury. She also has the powerful little asteroid Bacchus in Aquarius. She was born Aquarian, at least in her modern version.

Six years later, by 1794, the South Node was in Aquarius alongside Pluto. By then the challenge of being a reborn nation of tribes was beginning to show. Indigenous Australians. White convicts. Among the convicts, tribes – the Irish. The British. The Upper Classes.

What is really interesting about Australia is that she was built on men (mostly) taken from their families. They were convicts. Mateship, or friendship, was essential to their survival. The indigenous Australians had to also turn to their tribe for survival. Classic Aquarian issues about space – giving space, asking for space – just as the Sixties astronauts were to find in outer space – came to pass in Australia's first Aquarian age. She was born with the Moon at 15 Aquarius alongside Pluto at 15 Aquarius. Mercury was very close by at 14 Aquarius. Australia Day, set for 26th January 1788, can also be used for the national chart, although it was not a date which the British authorities officially recognised at the time, as the start of the new nation. Today many find it offensive and boycott it - at least in 2020.

The 7th February 1788 ceremony witnessed at 11.00am and recorded, shows the dark and difficult truth of Australia's early beginnings. Saturn is in Aquarius too. The chart shows no Leo at all. Not even an asteroid.

If you want to read more about the Australian chart and how it rings with historic events, you can find further information in 2020 Astrology.

When Jupiter, Saturn and then Pluto cross 14, 15 Aquarius and trigger the original position of Mercury (communication, the worldwide web) the Moon (property, housing, land) and Pluto (power, control) we will see a fascinating leap forward on two fronts.

THE FUTURE OF AUSTRALIA IN 2021-2034

Firstly, indigenous land ownership, for obvious reasons. Secondly, real estate. Aquarius is about groups, communities, tribes. Beyond new advancement for Aboriginal land rights, the moment when Jupiter, Saturn and then Pluto all cross this hotspot in the Australian horoscope suggests groups come into their own on a property/financial level. Could this be the new communes, or the new communal housing?



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Australia will turn a dramatic new pages in continuing story of Aboriginal land rights, indigenous ownership, mining, property and real estate on February 18th - 26th 2021, January 20th - February 5th 2022, March - August 2032, February - March 2033, July - December 2033 and January 2034. During these years we also see Uranus entering Cancer - a historic shift - as the planet of revolution, freedom, independence and radical change moves into the sign associated with territory and turf.

Everything about the old 7th February 1788 chart is about the British takeover of Aboriginal land and the rulership of King George III over indigenous people. These years, 2021 to 2034, will not only see a Republic and a break with Britain, Buckingham Palace and the Commonwealth, but also – very possibly – climate change forcing a dramatic rethink of land use and property ownership. What do you think?

BLIND SPOTS AND BLACKOUTS AHEAD

Eclipses, partial or total, lunar or solar – leave us partly or wholly in the dark. We cannot see and do not know. In a long story on Leo eclipses, elsewhere on this site, I've looked at a number of famous cover-ups and mysteries which all fell on eclipses.

The most famous eclipse of the 20th century was the total American eclipse of 20th July 1963 when the Sun and Moon both stood at 27 Cancer. This was also right on the 27 Cancer Saturn position of President John F. Kennedy. On the day of that eclipse, when

America went dark, Lee Harvey Oswald left his job, ahead of his next one - allegedly killing the President in Dallas, Texas on the 22nd of November.

I mention this because there are some eclipses coming our way that we need to know about.

WHAT ECLIPSES ARE ALL ABOUT

Cover-up and conspiracy are usually accompanied by eclipses and so they have a bad reputation. They are actually neither particularly good nor bad news. They are what they are – unusual, rare days in our lives when we have low to zero visibility or awareness of developments which affect us, either at a distance, or personally. If the eclipse falls on anything in your chart, as it did on Kennedy's chart, it's personal. If the eclipse misses your chart, then you'll just be hoodwinked, fooled or duped with the rest of the world.

Nobody saw Lee Harvey Oswald coming in 1963. Had President Kennedy seen an astrologer, she might have pointed out that eclipse and told him that as it fell in Cancer in his Fourth House of home and family, he might want to stay closer by the White House instead of taking his summer vacation to see what was really going on there – and take a much closer look at the Kennedy Clan.

It is purely because particular eclipses coincide with other, intensely dark and serious patterns in charts, that we sometimes see Shakespearean drama.

Shakespeare used eclipses as symbols of dreadful fate at work. In King Lear, Gloucester says "These late eclipses in the Sun and Moon portend no good to us..."

He tells the audience that mutinies occur in cities, on eclipses – and in palaces, treason. This is uncannily like the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. It is also rather too close to the sad events of 1982 – when the world experienced a record number of 7 eclipses.

Princess Diana threw herself down the stairs at Sandringham in 1982 when she was pregnant with Prince William. The Queen bore witness. It was thoroughly covered up and only revealed when Diana collaborated with Andrew Morton in what is essentially her autobiography. So 'in palaces, treason.'

Shakespeare used eclipses in Julius Caesar, Antony and Cleopatra, Hamlet, Macbeth (slips of yew, sliver'd in the Moon's eclipse) and in Othello as well as Henry VI Part One.

Before I go into the eclipses which pass us from 2020 onwards, let's look at Captain Cook.



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CAPTAIN COOK AND ECLIPSES

Captain Cook was an eclipse chaser. He saw his first one on the Newfoundland coast in 1766. He was chasing Longitude, as well as eclipses, but they were the secret that helped him find it. "Over the next eleven years he would see the Sun go out four more times – each time totally," according to Richard Cohen, author of Chasing the Sun (Simon & Schuster).

He saw eclipses off Ascension Island; off New Caledonia; from Tonga and off Christmas Island. "By the time he was murdered on Hawaii in February 1779, he had observed more solar eclipses than anyone else in history," Cohen writes. So what was Captain Cook blind to, during his career as an explorer?

Cook did not know, and could not see, that he was paving the way for the evils of colonisation. In 1770 there were 300,000 to 350, 000 indigenous Australians. Over the next 150 years their numbers would fall by 80%. It was Cook who claimed part of Australia for Britain and named it New South Wales. Some eighteen years later Sydney, New South Wales, became a dumping ground for convicts in overflowing British prisons.

What he was blind to, was his own role in that. A similar situation unfolded with the Maoris in New Zealand. Cook might have fancied himself an explorer but he was unwittingly a wrecker for the world's indigenous populations.

ECLIPSES AND VISION

The total eclipse which turned America dark in 1963 was captured in photographs and home-made Super 8 films that summer. July as a whole was immortalised in footage and snapshots of Americans on holiday with their Raybans and eclipse glasses. The Kennedys were off guard, away from the White House in the same month that Lee Harvey Oswald was on the move. The entire nation was in the dark, wearing the sunglasses that were so fashionable in 1963 while the assassination was being planned.

Staring at the Sun inflicts damage. Solar retinopathy is the result. In the strange light of a solar eclipse, there is also danger of vision loss.

"In 1999, after an occlusion over England," Richard Cohen writes, "one London eye hospital reported that ten per cent of its admissions that day experienced some permanent loss of vision."

ECLIPSES AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS

Even if an eclipse (the 1999 eclipse fell at 18 Leo) does not affect your birth chart, you can still be sent on a journey where you are 'flying blind' for many years, if you set your compass with a new life path on the day.

As I've discussed elsewhere on this site in a story on Leo eclipses, these strange dances between the Sun and the Moon tend to create three blind spots. One is blind to what is going on. One also puts other people in the dark. Finally, one is blind to one's own choices.

In 2020 our eclipses are grouped around Cancer-Capricorn, the chart axis which rules property prices, mortgages, families, and big government, big corporations and so on. I'll mention these in your regular horoscope and they are also in your book on the Moon phases for 2020, so take a look.

We'll see cover-ups as they come to pass in 2020.

Captain Cook, eclipse-watcher extraordinaire, did not see how much some indigenous people wanted him dead, on his 'exploration' of their countries. IN the end, he was murdered by the local people of Hawaii.

Captain Cook deceived Maoris and Aborigines alike. Behind the telescope and the maps, was his employer, mad King George III who wanted their countries for his own.

The third blind spot was personal to Cook. He was unconscious, perhaps, of his own racism. Eclipses are deep and complicated affairs, and if you witness a lot of them, which Cook did, you may be 'flying blind' (or sailing blind in his case) for years. History has not been kind to him.

As we go into this new Age of Aquarius with all its tensions about groups and money, social media and finances - do be aware of the eclipses as they pass you. Don't be fooled. Pay attention.

I'm just going to repeat this - the first C-19 death announced by China was declared on an eclipse in January 2020.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, TINTIN AND ECLIPSES

In 1504 Christopher Columbus was stranded in Jamaica after a mutiny, starving along with his crew. The island's indigenous people refused to bring food. "From his astrological charts," according to Richard Cohen, "he knew that a lunar eclipse was imminent." Columbus told the local Jamaicans that he would make the moon rise 'inflamed with wrath'.

Predictably 'on cue it began to disappear' and Columbus got his food, having intimidated the people.

Like Cook, he was blind to what he was actually doing - beginning the end for Jamaica and its people. The locals were, of course, blind to the trick being pulled.

In 1949 Herge published The Prisoner of the Sun in which Tintin, Captain Haddock and Professor Calculus are saved from the Incas when Tintin tries a Columbus trick. Knowing an eclipse is coming, he fools them with his powers. Snowy, upon seeing the eclipse, howls 'wow-ow-woo-ow!'

Was Snowy right to howl? Perhaps. Eclipses are so often about confusion, delusion, self-inflicted blind spots. Often, eclipses are about not wanting to see.

This brings me to the past, because in astrology the past is the future. You don't just peer into 2020 and beyond, without referring to what came before. So you need to look back. Even just checking your old emails can be useful, in this way.

AQUARIUS ECLIPSES - WAS YOUR CHART AFFECTED?

Here is a list of blind spots, cover-ups and mysteries involving Aquarian themes – friendships and groups – since 2017. If you have any Aquarius factors at the same degree or number as these eclipses, you need to raise your awareness regarding what came to pass near these dates – or is yet to come.

Allow one degree's difference, so if you have factors at Aquarius 21, 22, 23 then the 11th February eclipse would also have affected you. This was about one friend or one group. And you did not see. Or did not know. Wool pulled? Blind spot?

It's not positive or negative, by the way. An eclipse just conceals, it never reveals. The minuses or pluses rest with your own chart.

Even if you don't have Aquarius factors at these specific degrees, below, if you do have a chart signature in Aquarius in the Eleventh House of teams, groups, bands, clubs, societies, trade unions, political parties, good causes and the rest, it may be useful to think back and then see how what went before, still affects life from 2020 in the New Age of Aquarius.

FULL MOON ECLIPSE LIST 2017 TO 2019

11th February 2017 (Sun Aquarius 22 opposite Moon Leo 22)
7th August 2017 (Sun 15 Leo opposite Moon 15 Aquarius)
31st January 2018 (Sun 11 Aquarius opposite Moon 11 Leo)
15th February 2018 (Sun 27 Aquarius opposite Moon 27 Leo)
27th July 2018 (Sun 4 Leo opposite Moon 4 Aquarius)
21st January 2019 (Sun 0 Aquarius, Moon 0 Leo).

HISTORY IS THE FUTURE - 1777 TO 1798

Pluto was in Aquarius between 1777 and 1798. In 1781 he was joined by Ceres in Aquarius. This is important for us, because we are looking at similar patterns as we go from 2018 towards 2023, because over the next six years, it's going to look a lot like the American Revolutionary War, Cook's Pacific Voyages, the French Revolution and the Industrial Revolution.

From 1777 to 1798 there was a typical 'Age of Aquarius' as the idea of brothers in arms, brotherhood between men and (even) sisterhood started to sweep the world.

In other words, your friends or allies within a group became like family. It was this hive mind loyalty that fuelled all those 'We the People' movements at that time.

It's really important to realise how the pattern works. Pluto (domination) is in Capricorn (people at the top) for years, fuelling discontent and rebellion. Then, when Pluto moves into Aquarius ('We the people' as opposed to the people at the top) radical change comes. As you recap, making notes in your journal, remember this massive shift has happened before.

For you it may be about farewelling the boss or the company and working alongside friends in a group. That would be typical.

2018 TO 2023

The build-up to 2023 will be similar to the build-up to those three revolutions – American, French, Industrial. I also mentioned Cook's Pacific voyages which of course led to land grabs and worse. Slaves were taken as white property.

From 1777 to 1789 the push-back began. King George III and Britain were thrown out of the United States of America. Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette were executed.

The Industrial Revolution gave birth to a new class of workers (literally, the working class) and seeded what would later become the trade union movement.

Immigrants, meanwhile, flocked to the new United States of America in 'brotherhoods' and 'sisterhoods' of Jews, Quakers and even Freemasons. The Age of Aquarius – the 18th century version - was on the march.



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POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Once Pluto is in Aquarius again from 2023, the world will see a global push towards independent nations, post Brexit. I made this prediction many years ago now but the end of the European Union, as we knew it, is coming. You can see Italy shaking in 2020 with Spain alongside her. If you are curious about this (very) long range-prediction about the end of the E.U. hit Search.

How do we know this about the EU? Because Aquarius is about the shift away from the people at the top of the mountain (the mountain goats who power-trip us when Pluto is in Capricorn) towards new power for all. I am sure you'll remember how so many British people stubbornly refused to accept democracy after the majority voted Leave. Another election was even demanded.

That is a really strong example of how the Age of Capricorn dominated in 2016-2019. People power was defeated by a minority elite. At least for a time.

(At least until some leaders lost their seats or their jobs). As soon as 2019 drew to a close, though, a landslide vote for PM Johnson (who had originally championed the Leave movement) rang the changes.

No more Capricorn mountain goats ruling from the top down, over the majority. The majority finally had its day. Interestingly, this was just a few months shy of Saturn leaving Capricorn for another 29 years to enter Aquarius. Real astrology in real time, you might say. The end of the few ruling the many, and the start of the many, appreciating their own power.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, AMERICA AND THE NEW AGE

Thomas Jefferson, who was President during the 18th century Age of Aquarius, had a vision of America as a loose union of states, ruling themselves. The Declaration of Independence of 4th July 1776 gave all men (but not women or people – that would come later) the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If any government tried to destroy that, it was the 'Right of the People to later or abolish it, and to institute new government.'

All of you who despair of Trumpism as I write this in April 2020, should remember that. 1776 is coming back. Remember the French Revolution, too. The end of Pluto (dictatorship) in Capricorn (people at the top) also saw the end of the ancien regime, or old order, in France.

Rich, greedy nobles and clergy (less than 3% of the population) owned nearly 40% of the land until Pluto in Aquarius came along and replaced Pluto in Capricorn. Peasants burned their landlords' chateaux.

Despite the violence, France eventually came up with 'Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen' on 28th August 1789 which inspired the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 (all sexism corrected by then).

I have to say, and I am not the only astrologer to have realised this - the Trump Towers are a problem waiting to happen. Why?

Pluto in Capricorn describes the mountain goat who climbs to the top of the peak. This is an ancient astrological symbol at least 2000 years old.

In modern life the 'mountains' are skyscrapers and towers. As Donald Trump has become a living symbol of Pluto in Capricorn, I'm afraid that with the heavy weight of Saturn also in Capricorn in 2018, 2019, 2020 – those towers are going to come down - one way or another. Who knows why or how? But it's a potent symbol of the end of the Capricorn age.

The last Age of Aquarius in the 18th century saw a statue of King George III being pulled down in Bowling Green, New York. There is no glorious statue of Trump (yet) for people to destroy, so, the astrology tells us -

When Pluto is the 'last man standing' alongside Jupiter in Capricorn, and we know for a fact that Jupiter is always the big correction, or the big solution - you just know those penthouse suites are going to shake at the top.

In fact all Capricorn structures which put the elite rich at the privileged pinnacle at the expense of those further down in the basement (doing the cleaning) look vulnerable in 2020. Jupiter-Pluto cycles have a way of rebalancing what is unbalanced.

URANUS, RULER OF AQUARIUS - WHY?

Uranus rules Aquarius, but why? The answers rests with its year of discovery, 1781. In astrology, we decide on the meaning of a planet in the horoscope by looking at the Roman myth, and then finding similarities between the themes in the myth and events in the year of a planet's discovery.

These are then put to the test, as the hypothetical meanings are set against the birth horoscopes of well-known people. Predictions are also made. Will events set for a day of exact patterns involving a new planet or asteroid, match the expected results?

Once the meaning of a planet in the Roman family tree of gods and goddesses becomes clear, it is then given sign rulership. Uranus was given Aquarius.

Mars rules Aries. Venus rules Taurus. Mercury rules Gemini. The Moon rules Cancer. The Sun rules Leo. Mercury also rules Virgo. Venus, again, rules Libra. Pluto rules Scorpio. Jupiter rules Sagittarius. Saturn rules Capricorn. Neptune rules Pisces. And – Uranus rules Aquarius. Here's why.

Skip this part if you are already a professional astrologer, of course - or an experienced student. But if you're new to this wondrous and potent thing called astrology, you'll want to know more. Why Uranus and Aquarius?

TRIBES, GROUPS AND THE HUMAN FAMILY

Once Uranus had arrived in 1781, and the horoscope altered for all time, astrologers were free to think about the story of Uranus the sky god, his wife Gaia and their son Saturn, who cut off his father's penis and testicles, using a scythe made by his mother. By doing this Saturn set himself and his brothers and sisters (the Titans) free. They had previously been trapped inside Gaia's womb as every time she gave birth to another child, Uranus shoved them back inside. Saturn castrated Uranus when he was having sex with Gaia.

He was thrown off her, or perhaps she was thrown off him. Thus, 'The World Turned Upside Down' which was a popular folk song in 1781, and in fact played when the Americans beat the British at Yorktown and the world really did turn upside down.

Crucially, when Saturn castrated Uranus, all the children were released and a new world began. A tribe of heavyweights like him, and romantics like Venus (his sister, born when Uranus's semen mingled with sea foam, after the penis and testicles were thrown into the sea).

There were other brothers and sisters. Two kinds of lightning. Sheet and forked lightning. Very strange.

These basic ideas about a new, very mixed tribe founding a new order – born from rebellion and revolution – seeking freedom – were embedded in the naming of the new planet in 1781. You'll remember how Aquarius is about diversity, community and equality. The strange assorted bunch of flowers that makes the bouquet. Aquarius is about tolerance, space, acceptance and room to move for all kinds of groups.

In this way the Roman myth of Uranus finds parallels. His children were all sorts of different!

The United States of America became a reality that year, in 1781, when Uranus was discovered. Many tribes of migrants, slaves and Native Americans released from British rule, to seek independence. King George III, the British monarch who sponsored the astronomers who found Uranus (William and Caroline Herschel) was symbolically castrated by his son, the Prince Regent, who took over after he had succumbed to Bipolar Depression.

In 1781 Jacques Necker released details of the French economy to the public. Rage over unfair taxes seeded the French Revolution that year, as surely as anger over British taxes, started the American Revolution.

So, there is method to the old astrology books and their insistence on Uranus as ruler of Aquarius. We stand on the shoulders of giants in this profession, and those astrologers knew they were seeing synchronicity.

URANUS - REVOLUTION AND TRIBALISM

Aquarius, by 1781, had been associated with revolution and tribalism for so long (the Christians in the Age of Aquarius in the Roman era, rebelling against the Emperor) that Uranus must have seemed like a natural fit, to enlightened astrologers. The phrase 'chopping and changing' is part of what Uranus is all about and refers unconsciously to the castration of Uranus (the chop) by his son. There is no chopping and changing in the world without groups – be they religious or political.

1781 was important because of the fight over a name for the new planet.

Originally called The Georgian Star to flatter King George III, it became Uranus on the advice of an astronomer called Bode, who wisely saw a system in the named planets – taken from Roman gods, goddesses and concepts – and suggested that Uranus, as father of Saturn, should be introduced to the list.

THE HERSCHELS AND URANUS

William Herschel and his sister Caroline were in the garden at their shared house in New King Street, when they found the planet that would fascinate the old king. Uranus, ruler of Aquarius, is all about new kings replacing old kings. None of this ever happens without some group pressing for change. In America, the new kings would be Presidents, like George Washington.

In 1781, the heroic slave Elizabeth Freeman won her freedom (and court costs) from her white owners. Over 200 years later Barack and Michelle Obama would put black faces in the previous all-white White House.

Again, none of that would have happened without tribes of Democrats and Democrat voters, and they would not have arrived without Elizabeth Freeman, her fellow Americans in slavery, and the groups of white Abolitionists campaigning for change. You might call this Aquarius-Think or Uranus-Think. And it's coming like a wave - repeatedly - from 2020 as Saturn enters the sign.

AQUARIUS, URANUS, INVENTIONS, TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRICITY

I mentioned that Uranus was the father of two rather odd children – sheet and forked lightning. In 1781 when he was found by the Herschels, an Italian scientist called Galvani discovered what he called animal electricity. This would help to power discovery of the battery.

The Herschels themselves were inventors and their massive, forty-foot-tall telescope was commissioned by mad King George III. Eventually William's brilliance would lead to the discovery of infrared radiation.

The pair did this within walking distance of the Roman baths, after which Bath is named. In Roman times this new-fangled invention – the public swimming pool – was part of a settlement called Aquae Sulis. The clue is in the name.

So we come back to the beginning, if you like, and this idea of people pooling resources!

BLACK POWER, CIVIL RIGHTS AND AQUARIUS

The last Age of Aquarius in the 18th century was about the start of equality for all – black, white, male, female, rich, poor – with power shared among the people, not hoarded at the top.

William Wilberforce pursued the abolition of slavery in Great Britain from 1795 to 1799 at this time. It was the early seeding of what would become not only the end of the slave trade, but also the start of black power and Civil Rights, centuries later. Nigerian activists like Olaudah Equiano (1745-1797) were part of this wave of Aquarian change.

This brings us back to Captain Cook, too, and lands rights issues, some 200 years later, for indigenous Australians and New Zealand Maoris. If you are curious about New Zealand in astrology, do look up the long-form feature on this country on my website.

AQUARIUS VERSUS LEO

The eclipses involving the zodiac signs of Aquarius and Leo as we go towards 2023 remind us that Aquarius is opposite Leo. So too were the Nodes dominating these signs across 2017, 2018 which were also polarised in Aquarius and Leo.

These were the years of royal cover-ups involving Leo Meghan Markle, as she was then - and Prince Andrew. I trust astrology and history more than I trust the mainstream media and spin, much of the time, and the predictions you read on this website about concealment and royalty, before 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 rolled around, have proven correct.

So what's in store for royalty as we see this Aquarius push beginning, right opposite Leo?

Aquarius is people power and popular mass movements. Leo is royal power. It's Louis XVI versus Robespierre and Danton.

The Pluto in Leo people born 1937-1957 are no longer the movers and shakers of society as they approach retirement or go into their senior years. In their place we have Neptune in Aquarius people born 1998 to 2012. Uranus in Aquarius people born 1995 to 2003. If

we're going to see this very famous British family survive and thrive it has to - absolutely - embrace community, diversity and equality. Nothing else is really going to suffice once Pluto goes into Aquarius from 2023.

A NEW AMERICAN CONSTITUTION - SERIOUS AMENDMENTS

The New Age of Aquarius, intensifying from Christmas 2020, brings a change to the American legal framework. The nation. The constitution.

Article V of the American constitution allows for changes, or amendments. In 1865 the end of slavery was written in. In 1870 black votes were written in. In 1920 votes for women were added. Those moments in history have horoscope too and those horoscopes are ticking faster, and harder, from 2020.

The United States constitution, agreed on 17th September 1787 is a document typical of the old Age of Aquarius. It talks about 'we the people' and 'a more perfect union' and 'blessings of liberty' and 'United States.'

It came into force on 21st June 1788. How do those charts look in this new Age of Aquarius, unfolding in slow stages and intensifying in 2023?

AMERICA BEYOND 2023

The chart set for 17th September 1787, such an historic day for America, shows Fortuna at 7 Aquarius, Pluto at 14 Aquarius and Saturn at 23 Aquarius, conjunct Aesculapia at 23 Aquarius.

This last is significant. Aesculapia is the asteroid associated with resurrection, rebirth, renewal. This is the symbol to look for when you expect something/someone to come back from the brink, every single time. This is, in effect, a constitution which will never die – at least as far as those Aquarian groups (the early American political and religious groups) are concerned.

Like Australia, which was settled and founded at around the same time, America is a nation of tribes. Some black, some white.

With that chain of asteroids and planets at 7, 14, 23 Aquarius, the American constitution of 17th September 1787 is headed for serious amendments in the forthcoming new Age of Aquarius – if not a total rewrite.

What does the chart set for 21st June 1788 say, when the paperwork was actually triggered and became real? It is so typical of astrology that the Moon should have arrived in Aquarius at 4 degrees. The odds of the Moon being in that sign, are 11 to 1 against.

Diana, that great symbol of female independence and freedom, is at 15 Aquarius and Pluto has moved to 17 Aquarius. This is also very much about former President Ronald Reagan.

Reagan was a Sun Aquarius and his chart ties into this pattern. He developed dementia, as the nation was told, after he had left office - in his senior years. Reagan is back to haunt America in 2020 and beyond.



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PREDICTING SPECIFIC DATES FOR NEW US AMENDMENTS

Using astrology it is possible to predict amendments to the constitution, if not a dramatic rewrite - set up in the smallest way, as early as January 2018.

The South Node moved across 15, 14 Aquarius that month, and in February and March as well. Neptune was at 14 Pisces in a semi-sextile.

What really interests me is that we had an eclipse back on August 7th 2017, which is always a cover-up and the Moon fell at 15 Aquarius.

August 2017 was the month everyone in the United States was wearing dark glasses. Bright sunshine and two eclipses. Were they also in the dark about what looks like new amendments to come, or even a full-blown constitutional crisis?

I guess time will reveal all. It's April 2020. But - a massive shift is coming and it will owe so much to the cover-ups back in 2017 and 2018 when Trump stared ill-advisedly at the sun, as the eclipse hit.

THE TIMELINE FOR A NEW AMERICAN CONSTITUTION

Jupiter and Saturn are both at 0 Aquarius on December 20th to 24th 2020, so just before Christmas, as I've mentioned. Things are about to get serious for the constitution in 2021. This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius in an all-American way, as Pluto is also poised to move into this sign.

Jupiter moves across the crucial 14, 15, 16, 17 Aquarius degrees from February 18th through March 7th 2021 and that's the first big move. Saturn follows from January 20th 2022 to February 22, 2022.

America does not have a royal family but she does have the first family in the White House. You would be crazy, as an astrologer, not to think of Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump as the Prince and Princess of ... something.

As Leo/royal archetypes in America's palace, you'd have to suspect this new Aquarius weather is going to refuse to leave them alone. In fact, the entire Trump approach to government (dynasty) is so Leonine in nature that it seems doubtful much can survive of that old system beyond October 2020. If you are curious about this, by the way, do look at the prediction filed on my website about the Leo eclipses, some years ago - and the Trumps.

MEET YOU IN NEW YORK

In April 2020 it would seem that every astrology workshop or event in the world has to happen online, but we will ultimately see the aftermath of the initial C-19 crisis of 2020 and ways to deal with it.

Saturn finishes his time in Aquarius in March 2023 and Pluto moves in. He will arrive at 14, 15, 16, 17 Aquarius – the big amendment hotspots – in 2032. Jupiter also enters Aquarius again in 2032. He is headed for a historic conjunction with Pluto in February 2033.

I will be a senior astrologer by then, but perhaps we should make a date for a celebration of the Age of Aquarius and the new constitution. That Jupiter-Pluto conjunction at 15 Aquarius is worth a party. See you somewhere in Brooklyn, the week beginning Monday February 7th, 2033. I'll reserve it now on Meetups. Okay? I'll be the woman with the fifty-year old Ramones silver tote bag.

If you have enjoyed reading this guide to the New Age of Aquarius and would like to learn astrology as a hobby or career, please do join us at The Sun Sign School, linked to this website.



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