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A Prophecy for the Aquarian Age

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No one will be so bold as to deny that the seasons are caused by the apparent movement of the Sun through the 12 signs of the Zodiac. No one will dispute the statement that we habitually expect certain conditions when the Sun is in some signs of the Zodiac that do not obtain when the Sun is in other signs. For we do not expect to harvest wheat each month of the year, nor do we plant the same crops during all months. And, as all know, the months are merely the effects of the Sun as it passes through the various Zodiacal signs.

When the Sun, in Spring, apparently crosses the

equator, the days begin to become longer than the nights. This is the beginning of the astronomical year, the commencement of the Zodiac, technically called the Vernal Equinox. And even as the Sun apparently traces a path through the stars, completing its orbit in one year, so also does the Vernal Equinox—which is the point occupied by the Sun in the commencement of each astronomical year—trace a similar orbit in the sky, which we may conveniently term a Great Solar Cycle. The Great Solar Cycle is as truly measured by the apparent position of the Sun as is the common year, but in the former case the index pointer is the place of the Sun in the sky at the commencement of the astronomical year, and in the latter case it is the place of the Sun on various days of the year. There are these points of dissimilarity, however: The Sun during a common year passes through the 12 signs of the Zodiac in their direct order in $365\frac{1}{4}$ days, while the Vernal Equinox—which is the pointer of the Great Solar Cycle—moves in a period of 25,920 years, through the 12 signs of the Zodiac in their reverse order.

The Zodiac itself is nothing more or less than the apparent annual path of the Sun through the heavens, being a circle of 360 degrees. Commencing with the point where the Sun crosses the equator in Spring—the Vernal Equinox—the Zodiac is divided into 12 equal sections of 30 degrees each, called signs. These signs are again divided into three equal portions of 10 degrees each, called decanates. The ancients, who studied the influence upon human life exerted by the Sun, Moon and Planets when in each of these signs and decanates, grouped certain stars into fanciful resemblances of animals, which we call constellations. These constellations—anciently numbering but 48—each were formed to depict the influence exerted upon human life by one of the signs or decanates. But the constellations do not now occupy the same space, nor did they ever occupy the same number of degrees in extent, as do the signs or decanates which they represent. As some of the constellations are very large and some quite small, it, therefore, denotes a very different matter to say either Sun or Equinox enters a given constellation than to say it enters the sign bearing the same name.

As before stated, the Sun passes through the 12 Zodiacal signs in one year. It, therefore, passes through one sign in one month. And as the Equinox passes through 12 signs in 25,920 years, it must pass through one sign in 2,160 years. A moment's reflection convinces us that the Sun's movement through each of these signs brings certain changes in man's conduct; for at one time he plants, at another gathers fuel, at another reaps, and at another goes to the

seashore or mountains.³ So it should not be surprising to learn that the movement of the Equinox through each of these signs should also produce an effect upon the trend of human activity. And the ancients—whose unbroken astronomical observations stretch over thousands of years instead of the hundreds of years recorded by moderns—held that even as the Sun's passage through each sign brought a particular form of activity to man, so also the passage of the Equinox through each sign brought into the life of the world at large a distinctly different political, intellectual and spiritual influence.

The commencement of the Zodiac, as well as the commencement of the constellations, has been given by both ancients and moderns to the first point of Aries. When the Sun has passed in a direct manner through 30 degrees from this point it has passed through one sign and enters another. When the Equinox has passed in a reverse manner from this point through 30 degrees it has passed completely through one sign—Pisces—and enters the next one. But as I previously intimated, some constellations are more than 30 degrees in extent—and Pisces is one of them—therefore, the Equinox has not thus entered constellated Aquarius, it has entered the Sign denoted by that name.

The exact date when the Equinox should enter each sign, as well as the duration of the Great Solar Cycle, was known to ancient initiates. This knowledge, together with much other astronomical data, was incorporated into the Great Pyramid. The number of pyramidal inches in the two diagonal base lines of the pyramid, representing the Solstice and Equinox of the Zodiac, is 25,920, coinciding very closely with the number of years calculated by modern astronomers for the Great Solar Cycle. The number of pyramidal inches in the Grand Gallery of the Great Pyramid is 1,881, pointing indisputably by the Hermetic System of Numbers (see Course VI.) to the year 1881. Nine is the numerical key to all cycles, and the double 9, or 18, was used by ancients to designate the larger cycles. 1881 by the united direct and reverse 18 shows the point where a direct and a reverse cycle meet, as is the case when Equinox and Sun must both be considered. Both must be considered in calculating the date when the Equinox enters a new sign, and further, the sign Aquarius itself is numerically designated by 9.

As at the time of building the Pyramid our era had not yet commenced, it may well be asked how the ancient initiates knew those numbers which would be in use at the time the Equinox should enter the sign Aquarius. The answer to this question will be

found in detail in Course VII.⁴ We can here indicate it but briefly. As shown in the little MSS., "Clouds Dispelled from Popular Customs"—which we will mail free to any person—all festivals, customs and religious ceremonies that are observed at a given time each year must coincide in their significance with the place occupied by the heavenly bodies at that time. Otherwise the populace do not adopt them and they do not persist.

In the little MSS. mentioned, I illustrated this peculiar law by using the 21 chief holidays observed throughout the world. The same law holds also for the more local observances which gain national popularity.

Thus in the United States there are three chief national celebrations—July 4th, Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

The 4th of July is celebrated as a day of patriotism. On this day the Sun—which is always the chief pointer—is in the sign Cancer, the sign ruling country and home. The day is not celebrated with meekness and devotion, but with noise, fireworks and military display, because the Sun is in the Mars (Scorpio) decanate of Cancer, and Mars rules fireworks and guns.

Another day whose observance is rapidly gaining is Labor Day. It is celebrated on Monday, because the Moon (day) rules the common people, the kind of people in whose honor it is observed. The Sun at this time—the first Monday in September—is in the sign of Virgo, which in experimental astrology is found to be the sign ruling labor. And it is in the Saturn (Capricorn) decanate of Virgo, for Saturn is the planet of labor. The constellation which pictures this decanate is Hercules, noted in ancient mythology for his 12 great labors.

The other local observance to which I would call attention is Thanksgiving. The Sun is then in the Jupiter decanate of Sagittarius. Jupiter is the planet ruling Sagittarius, and is known among astrologers for his love of abundant fine food. Sagittarius rules religion and prayers, which are prominent features of this day. And at the time the Pilgrim Fathers landed, turkeys were plentiful, proving a very acceptable addition to the menu, but being wild they were secured by hunting. For is not Sagittarius pictured in the sky as the huntsman?

That law which causes these and all other customs of popular observance to fall on days when the position of the Sun is such that it represents the nature of the observance is the same astrological and psychological law that enabled ancient initiates to foresee the beginning of the present era and forecast

the commencement of the Aquarian Age for the year 1881.

There is much astronomical and other data that might be cited to show that the Equinox passed from Pisces into Aquarius in 1881. But the important thing is to show what may be expected on earth as a result of the Aquarian Age thus ushered in. And even as we find the precise conditions obtaining on earth during the past 2,160 years that astrologers attribute to the sign Pisces, so we may expect those conditions during the next 2,160 years following 1881 that astrologers attribute to the sign Aquarius. For instance, people born under the sign Aquarius are progressive, humanitarian, keen students of psychology, given to investigating psychic phenomena, and quickly take interest in astrology. We may be sure, then, that following the entrance of the Equinox into Aquarius the world will become more and more interested in all these things. And such changes are already apparent. The New Thought movement, Christian Science, Mental Science, Theosophy, and what not, had their birth near the year 1881; and the next half century will see the facts which I have explained in Course V., Esoteric Psychology, taught in the public schools. Since 1881 labor organizations have gained in power, causing great improvement in the living conditions among the poorer classes; and within a century people will look back with horror upon a time when any man willing to work was denied a livelihood.

The key-words for the influence of Pisces are, "I believe"; those of Aquarius are, "I know." Believe and be saved sufficed for the Piscean Era, but the Aquarian Age demands Knowledge. Pisces rules imprisonment, Aquarius governs friendship. Both physical and mental fetters belong to the past, and in the near future not only will man's mind be freed from bondage to sacerdotalism, but he will no longer be imprisoned for his crimes—he will be scientifically treated for his moral maladies, not punished for them. Pisces is a watery sign, and during its reign we conquered the ocean and made steam our slave; but not until Aquarius gained the day did we vanquish the air and harness the electric current; for Aquarius is an airy sign and rules etheric force. In the very near future the electro-magnetic rays from the Sun will be utilized as cheap motive power. Aquarius, also, has especial rule over astrology; and soon all men will recognize that the rays from the various planets impinge upon their bodies and constantly stimulate them to corresponding actions. And knowing this, it will be but a step to learn how, by rightly directing the mind and taking advantage of the vibratory radiations from objects, they may utilize or annul any given planetary influence. Thus they will accept The Religion of The Stars.

The Religion of the Stars, whose details are given in Course VII., embrace not only a knowledge of the power of mind over external conditions, and a recognition of the influence exerted upon all life by the planets, but also includes Spirit Communion. Aquarius is pictured as a man in the sky pouring water down upon the earth, where a fish drinks it joyfully. This water symbolizes the wisdom that flows from the great minds of those who have passed to the spirit plane of life, and which may be utilized to quench our thirsty souls through conscious mental communion. To those who wish startling and conclusive evidence of the communion between the discarnate and the incarnate, as observed by a trained mind, we especially recommend "Dawn of the Awakened Mind," by Dr. John King, founder and president of the Canadian Society of Psychical Research for the eight years of its existence. It will be well, also, to read the works of Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Rev. G. Vale Owen, Hill, Leaf, Watson, Stead and Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Better still, let each investigate for himself; and when convinced of the phenomena he will find the mechanical and psychological explanation for it and the principles it involves in Course I., The Laws of Mediumship.

Each sign of the Zodiac, as previously mentioned, is divided into three decanates, whose influence upon life have been pictured from remotest times by corresponding constellations. The decanate of Aquarius into which the Equinox passed in 1881 is the Libra decanate, pictured in the sky by a monster whale—the same that is reputed to have swallowed Jonah. Woman was in bondage prior to 1881. But no sooner did the Equinox enter the Libra decanate than she began a struggle for equal rights; for Libra, as all astrologers know, rules equality, partnership and marriage. And from this fact we discern the immediate future—that woman will gain equal suffrage and equal economic rights, not only in a few countries, but the world over. And as Libra is the marriage sign, man has recently been studying the laws of sex, all too long neglected. In Greek Mythology, Perseus, symbolizing the enlightened mind of man, slew this whale monster, Cetus—picturing the Libra decanate of Aquarius—and rescued fair Andromeda. Thus will the greatest evil on the face of the earth today—loveless marriage—be exterminated, and fewer souls be chained and hampered by the necessity of functioning through unhealthy bodies. This whale monster—which was sent to devour helpless Andromeda—has also an economic aspect. It represents either Profiteering Capital or Red-Handed Anarchy, whichever gains in power. And Libra, being the sign of equality and co-opera-

tion, not only points the danger but reveals the way to escape. Not until brain and brawn meet in perfect economic co-operation will society be freed. And during the 700 years following 1881 that the Equinox is passing through the Libra decanate of Aquarius such economic co-operation will become a fact.

A still lesser division of each sign, not so generally known but well recognized by the ancients, is of septenary nature. It was stated in veiled form long ago by Abbot Trithemius, mentioned later by Eliphas Levi, and made plain by T. H. Burgoyne. The signs are divided into 7 equal periods, each period being ruled over by one of the 7 planets, in the natural order of their rotation, the Sun always ruling the first period, Venus the second, etc. As the Equinox passes through Aquarius in 2,160 years, it passes through one of these planetary periods in 308 years 208½ days.

Now glance at the history of Rome and Greece from 588 B. C. to 280 B. C.—which was the Mars period in the Aries Age—and you will find it a time of military achievement. The Mars period in the Piscean Age was from 1572 to 1881—a time when machinery came into use, and iron ships, steam engines, and appliances for greater destruction in warfare were invented; for Mars rules these things. Let us ask what were the conditions during the Solar period of the Piscean Age, and then by drawing the parallel, we may find what to expect during the next 267 years; the Equinox having entered the Solar period of the Aquarian Age in 1881. From 280 B. C. to 29 A. D.—the Solar period of the Piscean Age—we find nations attaining the climax of their power and civilization. Therefore, we may confidently predict that during the next 267 years nations will rise to immeasurable heights of power and glory.

But the most significant point has not yet been mentioned. The Sun recognizes no equal. He is ruler supreme. And we find during the Solar period in the Piscean Age a constant struggle for world dominion on the part of Rome. Likewise, but 33 years after the commencement of the Solar period of the Aquarian Age, a nation launched an offensive for world control—an offensive in preparation for the 33 years of the Solar period that had elapsed prior to 1914. And let us not blind ourselves to disagreeable facts. Unless our inferences from the past are entirely estray, still another nation will yet attempt to gain the power that so recently drenched the world in the blood of war. Aquarius is a democratic sign—but this is an Imperialistic Period—and the only hope for the world to escape servitude to a

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single power is in recognizing the principles symbolized by the Libra decanate. Our only hope of safety lies in the equal opportunities that may be guaranteed by a co-operative alliance of nations.

We have, though very briefly, passed from the broad generalities of the sign Aquarius to the influence of the Libra decanate, and then to the more specific trend of the Solar period. These influences apply to the world at large. To foresee the destiny of any nation during the Aquarian Age it becomes necessary to erect a chart of the heavens for the exact moment the Equinox passed into the sign, for the latitude and longitude of the nation's capital. The Aquarian Age began when the Sun by transit entered the sign Aquarius: 8 h. 56 m. 24 s. P. M., Greenwich Mean Time, Jan. 19th, 1881. From this data any person of average intelligence, with the aid of Course VIII., can erect the chart of the Aquarian Age for any country in the world. From such a chart he will be able to forecast with considerable precision not only the general trend of events, but many of the lesser details, that will occur during the time the Equinox is passing through the sign.

This chart of the Aquarian Age for the United States should be erected for Washington, D. C., at 3 h. 48 m. 24 s. P. M., L. M. T. It shows 15 degrees of Cancer rising and 26 degrees Pisces on the M. C. Saturn and Jupiter are in the 10th square, Mercury in the 7th. The Moon, significator of the people, is conjunction Uranus in the 3rd, trine Mercury. Mars is in the 6th, the Sun is in the 7th, Venus is in the 9th and Neptune is in the 11th house. Each of these positions indicates definite events and conditions in the history of the United States during the next several hundred years. The limits of my space forbid I should read this chart and tell in detail of the wonderful developments in business foreshown by the planets in the 10th; and of the great danger that soon will threaten us from a foreign foe, as shown by the planets in the house of war. Nor will lack of this detailed delineation be much loss to any investigative mind; for all the necessary instructions to give such a reading are contained in Course VIII. And the student will gain more both in profit and satisfaction by learning to read the chart for himself.

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