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Aquarius and the American Supreme Court

As 2020 draws to a close, all eyes now turn to the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction set to occur around Capricorn Solstice in December 2020. Given the world-wide tensions between fear of covid on one hand and fear of excessive authoritarian invasion of personal autonomy on the other, everyone is asking what the impact of the new Aquarian energies will bring.

The answer to that question lies within the archetype of Aquarius, the Water-Bearer, who pours forth waters of life for thirsty humanity.



As many readers know, Aquarius connotes group consciousness and the structuring of human endeavor in the form of the group, organization, or association. In modern astrology, Aquarius symbolizes universal brotherhood, friendship, goodwill, cooperation, teamwork, sharing, unfettered distribution of ideas and resources, circulation of divine healing energies, and emphasis on the greater human family. However, it can also bring an emphasis upon interest groups with competing interests. All the same, Aquarius is about human functioning in the group context.

The original Greek myth out of which the Aquarius archetype grows likewise concerned the functioning of a group. This myth tells the story of how the stars of Aquarius were placed in the form of the Water-Bearer constellation. The group in this story was composed of the twelve Olympians, gods and goddesses who dwelled in the higher worlds. Their central leader was of course Zeus. As it happened, Zeus one day spied down on Earth a mortal by the name of Ganymede, a beautiful youth and Trojan prince. With divine intercession, Zeus was able to convince the comely Ganymede to depart the Earth realm and join the company of gods and goddesses on Mount Olympus, the region of higher truth and life everlasting. It took some doing, but once Ganymede was persuaded, he

rode the Eagle of Zeus (the ancient equivalent of the classic black limousine of contemporary fame) up above the clouds. Once raised to the heights of Mount Olympus, the mortal Ganymede was granted the immortality held in common by the divines, and was assigned the task of cup-bearing to the gods and goddesses. Ganymede is often pictured in Greek art of the ancient period in this role, serving the gods and goddesses at their group gatherings and feasts while he displays a pitcher holding the elixir of everlasting life. Below, the youth Ganymede is shown in ancient Greek art in precisely that capacity.



As is evident, Ganymede served the group, as well as becoming a member of the group. This is a fundamental pattern within the symbology of Aquarius, associated in modern astrology with the integration of the individual into social networks and organizational connections arising on account of common interests, rather than on account of close family or biological kinship.

When Jupiter and Saturn enter Aquarius in late December 2020, a focus on the symbology of Aquarius will displace the tremendous focus on the Capricornian archetype which has suffused the year 2020 with both the good and the bad of that sign. The difference will be evident. While Capricorn in its very worldly face connotes an emphasis on the privileged, the elite, those in control by right of political and financial power, exclusive cabals of extraordinarily wealthy individuals, ruthless greed and pecuniary machinations, and the brutal power of authoritarian governmental clout, Aquarius leans in the direction of greater teamwork, cooperation, and execution of tasks in group formation. Within

international politics and governance, the Aquarian emphasis shortly to arise will therefore throw a spotlight on elected legislative bodies and other group arrangements. The limelight will shift off the single dominant player theme. This shift of emphasis will tend to move the world focus off persons like zillionaires Bill Gates and Jeff Bezos, and other individual figures who rule vast empires. Instead, the big action will shift into the group environment. One of the ways in which this is likely to manifest is an increased engagement of the main swath of humanity in regard to the decisions which affect all life on planet Earth. Power-sharing will be sought and demanded, though not granted easily, as the departing emphasis on Capricorn fades out stubbornly but inevitably. As the influence of Aquarius comes into the forefront, the emphasis will move to the work not of highly placed individual isolated from the hoi-polloi, but to that of the group.

A key group function within American government is the United States Supreme Court, the nine-member judicial body which wields ultimate authority in the United States for the interpretation of the Constitution. Every serious conflict of values within the United States works its way to this high court, where the argument is (most of the time) definitively decided. A key feature about the Supreme Court is its group formation. This brings it under the jurisdiction of the Aquarian archetype. Much like the gods and goddesses of the ancient Greek Olympus, the justices of the Supreme Court sit on high and judge the fates of humanity. Indeed, the U.S. Supreme Court bears striking similarities to the world of the Olympian gods and goddesses of ancient Greece. This similarity is even evident in the architecture of the building where the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court carry out their deliberations. Strongly reminiscent of a Greek temple, the U.S. Supreme Court hails back in symbolism and archetype to the world of the Olympian gods and goddesses.



The U.S. Supreme Court Building in Washington, D.C.

See how closely the architecture resembles this artist's recreation of the ancient Temple of Zeus pictured below.



Olympia: Temple of Zeus (undated drawing)

The same architectural style is evident in the photograph of the ancient Temple of Apollo, one of the twelve Olympians.



Below are pictured some of the gods of Olympus, with Zeus at the center, all decorating the frieze of a restored Greek Temple.



In the U.S. Supreme Court, the equivalent to Zeus is the Chief Justice. The other eight justices fill in for the remaining Olympians, all perched high on their thrones of authority at the top of the American government. Of course, the Supreme Court represents just one of three branches of American government, these being the legislative (Congress), the executive (the presidency), and the judicial (the Supreme Court). All three branches are specified as co-equal within the U.S. Constitution, but the Supreme Court in practice has often been proven to be the place where the buck stops. It is the ground on which most of the fundamental decisions of American values and policies are decided if they can't be resolved elsewhere.

This matters at the moment. Many do not know this, but the U.S. is in the throes of a contested presidential election. Major media have declared that the Democratic ticket of Biden and Harris has officially won the election, but news organizations are not vested with the authority to make that pronouncement by the U.S. Constitution. That power is reserved for the U.S. Electoral College, which has not yet convened and made its decision. Meanwhile, numerous lawsuits alleging election tampering have been filed, some with potential to proceed immediately to the U.S.

Supreme Court. Thus, it is highly likely that the Supreme Court will be called upon to resolve portions of the dispute, if not all of it. This certainty arises just as the great social planets and dominant chronocrators of human affairs, Jupiter and Saturn, prepare to enter Aquarius, archetype of group decision-making. It is therefore highly likely that the U.S. Supreme Court will figure significantly in major political developments which enter the world stage around the end of December 2020. In plain language, this means that Donald Trump's legal challenge to the apparent results of the American presidential election of 2020 will ascend to consideration by the U.S. Supreme Court. There, the matter will meet a court known to cut 6-3 along conservative to progressive lines. The implication is that Trump stands an overwhelmingly good chance of reversing the apparent election results through legal action.

However that situation may turn out, humanity is left with the challenge to apply the energies of Aquarius wisely. Ruled by Uranus, the planet of modern scientific discovery, Aquarius can bring good through innovation and bad through the tyranny of technology. Already, horrific scenarios of electronic surveillance and chip implantation enter the public discussion. These undesirable developments are indeed possible under the influence of Aquarius in its lower manifestation, but in its higher manifestation, Aquarius encourages fair power-sharing and decision-making. As it is now, many feel justified in making rules and regulations which force on others profoundly unwanted conditions, such as lockdowns and mandated medical interventions in the form of compulsory injections. The influence of Aquarius will bring this assumption into question, opening the world discussion to the themes of individual rights and the rights of all people (not just some people in certain political parties) to wield the powers of governance. Even the most progressive of progressives today assumes that authoritarian management of covid is without question the proper path, whether it tramples individual choice or not. Aquarius will moderate this assertion, as time will show.

Daily Analysis and Prediction for the Week of November 23 – 29, 2020

This week offers energies which are distinctly milder than those of the past few weeks. Even so, this interval is not without potent issues. The main challenge this week comes from the fact that Neptune makes a station, turning from retrograde to direct motion in the zodiac. Stations of all planets are very powerful, and so will be this one. Neptune stations direct on November 28 at 18 degrees Pisces, throwing a Neptunian dream catcher web over the entire week. This can be enjoyable and meaningful for those insulated from the current terrors on the world stage, including threats of absolute medical tyranny.

Gullibility and malleability are Neptunian manifestations, though; therefore it is likely this week that many will shift into a passive state of trusting the authorities and conveniently believing that vast predatory power networks somehow are looking out for the interests and well-being of the common person. This is much easier than questioning the science, the persuasion tactics, or the politics, especially given that independent thinking just this past week has been officially classified as terrorism in certain nations. There is palpable shift toward escape from harsh truths.

Otherwise, Mercury trines Neptune and sextiles Pluto on November 23 and 27 respectively, interjecting the semblance of manners and human caring into the mix. One hopes against hope it's real. Then Venus opposes Uranus on November 27, unsettling social connections considerably and disrupting normal seasonal happenings. The week ends up with the Neptune station and Mercury sextile Jupiter on November 28. All this taken together does indeed offer a shred of hope that compassion and mutual respect might creep into human affairs, but the vigil must not be abandoned. The existing Jupiter-Pluto conjunction remains in effect and constitutes a raging invitation to those who binge on and delight in absolute power to seize the reins of planetary life - free speech and open discussion be damned. All independent thinking has been deemed right wing extremism linked to terrorism. Everyone be warned.

Monday November 23 opens the week with the Moon in Pisces making a trine to Mercury, conjunction to Neptune, and sextiles to both Pluto and Jupiter from 6 am – midnight CST, thus providing a long interval in which to gain one's emotional balance. Serious tensions of the present time may be lessened so that one can think and feel naturally. Mercury trines Neptune from 18 Scorpio to 18 Pisces, exact at 10:40 pm CST, helping reduce worries for a time. Visions of things higher enter our experience. Music, art, dance, romance, poetry, outdoors reverie, and spirituality help.

Tuesday November 24 continues the theme of peace and positive psychic resonance, especially 4 am – 6 am CST while the poetic Pisces Moon makes the sextile to Saturn. We rest peacefully for a time, and thank the gods and goddesses for that. Then the waxing Moon enters wild and spunky Aries at 9:05 am CST, signaling a new wave of events driven by fire and grit.

Wednesday November 25 sees that Aries spunk come into full tilt action as the Moon conjuncts Mars at 5:39 pm CST. Take care around this item from 4:30 – 6:30 pm CST. Intense conflicts can easily flare into expression at this time. Even with the best of strategies, however, we are likely to feel strong energies of anger, disturbance, unfairness, and consequent desire to assert ourselves. There's something worth fighting for, we feel.

Thursday November 26 sees the time growing near for Full Moon. Energies start ramping up for Full Moon on November 30. Today, the Moon remains in highly volatile Aries. The people fight back against monolithic power, especially 7 am – 7 pm CST while the Moon squares Pluto, Jupiter, and Saturn in authoritarian Capricorn. Clashes between authorities and citizenry can easily flare into heated exchanges at this time. The same applies to everyday domestic situations. This is a good time to use strong emotions to power vigorous outdoor exercise. Big muscle action helps diffuse tension. Then, the Moon enters more sedate Taurus at 9:43 pm CST, while at the same time, we begin to feel the Mercury-Pluto sextile exact on Friday. Solutions to present worries glimmer on the horizon.

Friday November 27 is a day full of realizations and dramatic changes. Mercury makes the sextile to Pluto from 23 Scorpio to 23 Capricorn, showing that somehow we are able, even in the midst of extreme concerns about looming authoritarianism, to keep our minds focused on creative themes and meaningful efforts. But at the same time, Venus is opposite Uranus today from 8 degrees Scorpio to 8 degrees Taurus, kicking up inner and outer frictions over emotions and possessions. The whole shebang heats up to high alert noon – 3 pm CST while the Moon in Taurus gets smack dab into the Venus-Uranus opposition, conjuncting Uranus and opposing Venus. This will prove to be a tumultuous interval. It is also a passage which brings much illumination about major trends just now, so we should pay close attention to what bubbles up during this influence.

Saturday November 28 sees the Moon cranking up fast and furious toward Full Phase. Intensities of all things increase. Neptune makes the direct station, releasing a flood of internal, subjective, and subliminal imagery in dreams, visions, and spirit encounters. We learn much as Mercury makes the sextile to Jupiter, opening the door to the higher mind. The Moon helps matters along, now in unflappable Taurus making the sextile to Neptune, and trines to Pluto and Jupiter 10 am CST through 2 am CST on tomorrow, Sunday. For a time we get signals that perhaps time ahead might not be too foreboding. Even so, we are on alert.

Sunday November 29 brings us right to the door of the Full Moon, which opens on Monday November 30 at 3:30 am CST, with the Sun at 9 Sagittarius and the Moon at 9 Gemini. Today we are flowing into that magical portal. The Moon in stubborn Taurus opposes Mercury just after 2:30 am CST, making for restless moments and much agitated thought. Then the Moon enters mentally agile Gemini at 10:16 am CST, further amplifying mental currents toward telepathy and quick realizations. The high tide of Full Moon takes over, operating in the truth sign Sagittarius and the fact sign Gemini. We find out much as the glare of the Moon symbolically lights up all the worlds, inner and outer.