

## AQUARIUS: YOUR HOPES, WISHES AND INTUITION

**So much of the difficulty and fear that the majority of people are experiencing is in large measure due to the juxtaposition of the collective forces of the current times. The new thought-forms and the resultant crystallizations of the new social structures have not as yet happened, while the old thought-forms have lost much of their meaning. We are thus in a period of “cuspal limbo” between the two World Ages—Aquarius and Pisces. It is little wonder that many of us feel like Hebrews wandering in the desert at the end of the Age of Taurus. We are still waiting to arrive at the Promised Land. This New Age Eden is the New City of Humanity, a place where the principle of Unanimity is practiced by one and all, making the reality of the Soul known as a Living Presence. We still have a while to go.**

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When we travel through the last two signs and houses of the horoscope, we enter into the sphere of human experience that takes us beyond the boundaries of our personal ego. The Eleventh House is the natural domicile of Aquarius and it is specifically the domain of the collective entity we know as “Humanity.” In fact as one of the great gifts of Aquarius and its ruling planet Uranus, unfolds in our consciousness, we come to understand more and more the unified essential nature of the human race and family. We are one. Capricorn and Saturn have taught us the lessons of boundaries and structures. Indeed the soul-centered astrologer uses a term to express these effects of Saturn on consciousness. We call Saturn’s physical rings by the metaphysical term, the “ring-pass-not.” This phrase indicates that the extent of our perception of life becomes anchored and crystallized until a major crisis occurs that pushes us beyond these limitations of the personal ego. Such a crisis is usually the work of the fixed sign that comes previously to Aquarius in the zodiac, Scorpio and its ruler, Pluto. Thus this crisis comes in the form of loss/death and our freedom from this crisis, from this previous ring-pass-not, brings along with it renewal and regeneration.

When we come to Aquarius and the Eleventh House, our thoughts, actions, and aspirations are allowed to evolve past the “ring-pass-not” of Saturn and open us to a sphere of personal aspirations that are directed for the welfare of the whole of humanity. We are aided in this respect by the faculty of intuition, itself a gift of human evolution that permits us to soar beyond the rational mind of personal thoughts, ideas, language, and opinions.

Intuition is the ability to perceive the quality of Life within its many forms. Thus Aquarius and Uranus contain within their energetic fields the opportunity for us to perceive life *energetically*. We do not for example, just see a painting in terms of its shapes and colors. Once intuition is an active faculty within us, we also view the painting in terms of the consciousness of the artist who created it. We then determine if we want this painting hanging over our sofa not only in terms of how the colors of the work match our living room, but also if we wish to live with the life force of the artist in our living room!

As the fourth and last of the fixed signs of the zodiac, Aquarius completes and culminates the task of these signs. These four signs have one major quality in common; they all deal with *values*. These values are anchored in earthy Taurus as our personal resources, both material and creative. They are activated into a highly personalized expression of these values, resources and creative potential in the fiery sign of the Lion. It is therefore in Leo that the personal ego takes on its greatest flare and strongest expression. But evolution does not stop here! In Scorpio the death of the egocentric focus of such values and creative impulses takes place. The result is that we either are destroyed along with our ego or we let the ego die and we emerge to climb higher both in terms of the zodiac as well as in terms of the evolution of consciousness. We enter the journey of Spiritual Path (Sagittarius) that takes us to the Mountain of Initiation (Capricorn). Once we have reached the top of this sacred Mount, we obtain the necessary vision that takes us out of our lower self and leads us to the last of the fixed signs, Aquarius. It is here that we aspire, hope, and idealize how we can contribute to others in a more impersonal and wider sense. We have definitely matured and seek to use the social and technical networking and know-how of this sign to contribute to humanity in general. The influence of the eleventh sign no matter where it is placed, will bring out a certain uniqueness in us, our special contribution or specific interest or talent that makes our contribution a most singular and particular one.

We do not have to be born in Aquarius to experience the effects of this sign in our

life. The house cusp upon which you find the Water Bearer in your natal chart will allow you to carry its message into your life. This house will also reveal much about our relationships with the people, friends, and groups with whom we come in contact in order to fulfill our hopes, wishes, and aspirations. Should Aquarius be intercepted in your chart, consider that this sign co-rules the house of its interception and refer to the following passages accordingly.

**Aquarius on the cusp of the First House:** This placement gives the urge to express oneself in a highly unique way. There is a definite love/hate relationship with groups and organizations. On the one hand, Aquarius on the Ascendant indicates a person who is decidedly an individual. On the other, there is a distinct calling to integrate that individuality within the framework of group activities and many social interactions. Aquarius on the first house cusp is acutely aware of all and any communicative possibilities and will seek out numerous ways to express his or her aspirations and social ideals. These individuals are natural born networkers. They must however take care not to overextend themselves for if they do so, they easily run the risk of dissipating themselves energetically and losing their center of gravity in their continuous whirling and swirling.

**Aquarius on the cusp of the Second House:** This position leads to a desire to express our talents and abilities either in a unique and original way or as a member of a group working towards the same social goals. Proper circulation of resources is an essential aspect of success. If this person spreads her money and/or creative energies too thinly, investing in too many projects or supporting the ideas of too many friends, she is likely to dissipate such resources accordingly. It will be important however for this person to network correctly with others to make the most out of who she is and what she owns. It is good to remember that although Uranus is the primary ruler of this sign, Saturn is the secondary ruler. This means that it is always important to have a firm structure in place if

we wish to expand upon set limitations. This is especially the case in terms of money and personal resources with this sign/cusp combination.

**Aquarius on the cusp of the Third House:** This position indicates a person whose ways of communicating tend to be highly original, technical (computer skills may be exceptionally good if Uranus is well placed in the chart), and far reaching. Here we have a person who may be gifted with an especially intuitive mind, especially if Uranus and Mercury are in sextile or trine in the natal map. Such an individual will have a strong need to be in constant communication with many people of varied interests. This is a sign/cusp combination that contributes to having many friends close enough to be considered as brothers or sisters. Indeed, this is a person who will see friendship as an absolutely essential facet of his life and will make every effort to stay in contact with such people. Science, technology and even astrology (itself ruled by Aquarius) may be of major interest as well as causes that advance humanitarian efforts.

**Aquarius on the cusp of the Fourth House:** This sign/cusp combination contributes to a distinct urge to break away from home at an early age as well as to rebel against inherited, family patterns of behavior. The individual will stand out, either as the “black sheep” of the family (especially if Uranus is in a major aspect with the Moon), or as the family eccentric. Although the entire chart has to be examined before definite conclusions about any area of life can be made, Aquarius on the IC will tend to produce an individual who will draw upon his own belief system as a source of inner strength and purpose. This is someone who can be very fixed—at times fixated—in his life views, and who will right or wrong, not easily veer off his own particular course.

**Aquarius on the cusp of the Fifth House:** Here we can expect a person who tends to be quite experimental in his or her creative self-expression. The natural outlets for one’s

creativity with Aquarius on this cusp are in the sciences, media, and other forms of communication. This is an individual who may also express a very humanitarian orientation towards causes that involve the welfare of children. Indeed, this is a person who would much prefer to be a friend to one's children than an authority figure. This is not the most romantic sign to have on the Fifth House. The life orientation is much more towards friendships than highly intimate relationships. One would have to look elsewhere, say to the relative positions of Mars and Venus, to see if one's personal libido is as strong as one's impersonal orientation towards love and lovers.

**Aquarius on the cusp of the Sixth House:** Should one encounter any health problems, the orientation with this sign/house combination, is to find alternative rather than traditional ways of dealing with them. The individual often has a conscious relationship between her mind and body and realizes that the way one thinks is intimately connected with how one feels. When present, health issues often relate to the circulatory and/or nervous systems. Unusual pets are preferred over cats and dogs, or at least one would seek out an unusual breed of cat or dog as a pet. It is not unusual to find that many people with Aquarius on the Sixth House cusp will use their humanitarian instincts for the welfare of animals. In terms of work, the other major Sixth House interest, these individuals will find that is essential and natural to seek out a job in which communications and/or humanitarian organizations play important parts.

**Aquarius on the cusp of the Seventh House:** There are two totally different attitudes to relationships with Aquarius on this cusp. Some people will be attracted only to others who are part of one's own social, family, religious or racial group. These are people who feel safe and secure in those social circumstances that are extensions and projections of their own egos. The other attitude produces people who are attracted by individuals and groups farthest away from the familiar. They look for partners in demographic groups that are

totally different from those found in their early environment. In either case, there is a strong urge for social interchange. In today's world match-making over the internet has become hugely popular. Aquarius rules communication by computer, so whether one is a person with Aquarius on the Seventh attracted by one's own reflection or by the panoply of human variation, computer dating has a strong possibility of entering into one's life experience.

**Aquarius on the cusp of the Eighth House:** This sign/cusp combination is often prone to investigate sexuality in ways that open a person to new life experiences. There may be what most people would consider "peculiar" interests, or at the very least a certain openness and curiosity that goes beyond conventional attitudes towards sexuality. If Uranus in the natal chart is strongly aspected with Venus and/or Mars, such unconventional activity in terms of personal sexual expression is much more likely. On the other hand, Aquarius is also a very dispassionate and impersonal sign leading in some cases, to a relative lack of sexual interest. This would be the case for example, if Uranus were with Saturn in the chart and in some hard aspect to Venus, Mars or the Moon. These aspects can also indicate a person with "peculiar" sexual interests but who has a very difficult time expressing his or her sexuality due to psychological and social pressures or controls. It is also not unusual for people with Aquarius on the Eighth to enter into sexual relationships with people who are more like friends than lovers.

**Aquarius on the cusp of the Ninth House:** This sign/cusp combination has many wonderful possibilities for spiritual and philosophical growth as it opens people up to many belief systems, religions and ways of higher learning. Aquarius on the Ninth can indicate a person who has rebelled against her early religious conditioning and who spends her entire life searching (and perhaps finding!) the wealth of human richness contained within the sacred teachings of all of humanity's traditions. Thus Aquarius on the Ninth can produce a very open-minded individual, one who is totally free of prejudice. On the other hand,

should the more conservative group-oriented Aquarius energy predominate, the individual is then most likely to feel comfortable in a social setting in which the same beliefs are shared by one and all. As this is a fixed sign, this person may hold on to such beliefs no matter what evidence is presented to the contrary. If the “ultra-unique” energies of this sign predominate, the individual may become so eclectic that he or she evolves her own “religion of one.”

**Aquarius on the cusp of the Tenth House:** With Aquarius on the MC, we can expect to find a person who enjoys having his or her own unique position but one that is integrated within a group setting--in essence, this is a team player. This sign/house combination is definitely geared to the distribution of information and the systematization of data. He or she is very much at home behind the computer and naturally geared to marketing products, services or ideas. As Aquarius is an idealistic and humanitarian sign, the Water Bearer on the Tenth often indicates a man or woman who is involved in the political or sociological arena. This is a person who seeks to create social change and stimulate improvements for humanity. When pushed to the extreme, this placement can indicate a true revolutionary or anarchist. Should Uranus be in hard aspect to Saturn and Mars, the latter indications would be quite prevalent. At the very least, this person would feel oppressed by and likely rebel against the status quo of the society in which he lives. His “career” would then be to produce changes in society.

**Aquarius on the cusp of the Eleventh House:** Aquarius is the natural ruler of this house and as such, its placement here tends to be quite strong, either for the good or otherwise.. This sign/cusp combination offers the individual the opportunity to participate in collective goals and aspirations. If Uranus is well placed in the natal chart, especially with the Moon or Venus, this is a person who feels quite at home in group settings and will easily work to help manifest the ambitions and aspirations of any group with which he or she is involved.

But should Uranus be in too strong an aspect to the Sun, especially by square or opposition, the sense of being a unique individual may be too strong and thus inhibit positive, group relationships. When Aquarius is on the Eleventh and Uranus is in difficult aspect with the Moon or Venus, then one would tend to feel like an “oddball out” and experience himself as alienated by or from the group in which he finds himself.

**Aquarius on the cusp of the Twelfth House:** This is a person who feels that she is truly familiar with human nature. It is a man or woman to whom there is no such thing as a stranger. It is important for such a person to have a strong sense of discrimination and personal boundaries. If not, this sense of universal compassion may lead to misplaced idealism. There is a distinct tendency towards diffusion, when this sign/cusp combination is present. So many social directions are accessible, so many possibilities for relationship present themselves, so many doors open, that it is extraordinarily difficult for this person to choose which of these many social opportunities for friendship and group association are appropriate. Yet if this individual is firmly centered within him or herself, this is one of the most soul-centered positions possible as it brings a person to that place of perception that reveals that we are one humanity revolving on one planet in one solar system in one universe.

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