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The Awakening for Aquarius **You Are an Idea**

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AQUARIUS IS THE SIGN OF HUMANITY. By that I don't mean the groovy propaganda campaign associated with the Broadway show *Hair* — all that idealistic harmony and understanding sung of so gleefully is really the stuff of Pisces (at its best). With Aquarius, we have many people all in the same room, getting to know one another. Friends of friends become friends. This is about social patterns.

Today we are connected by a fast digital infrastructure that overlays with the electrical themes of Aquarius overlaid with the social patterns of Aquarius and we wind up in a world that is all about personal identities and friendships moderated through electrical and electronic devices — which in

turn form invisible and intractable social patterns that suddenly run our lives, set our personal agendas and recommend the pizzeria we happen to be driving past. We are so intertwined with these privately owned, advertising driven, wholly transactional devices that we cannot imagine life without them. It's hard to imagine our existence in any form without them, though people try.

And at no time in the history of communication media — which is the history of humanity, starting with words — has anything descended upon the human race so fast, so furiously, so thoroughly and so inescapably.

With the arrival of Pluto in your sign, this area of thought and experience rises to the top of your awareness, and becomes a vast priority for society whether we know about it or not; whether we notice what is happening or not.

There are several other factors that will have equal or greater influence, and I will go through them carefully, though the most important of them all is what occurs in Aries between now and mid-2027. Aries, wherever it lands in a chart, is a primary zone of self-actualization: of becoming yourself. Aries lands in your 3rd place — your state of mind, your relationship to siblings and neighbors, your communication style, and how you conduct local commerce, such as buying groceries.

Without this information, we could say that Aquarius is the sign of ideas. However, just from studying Aquarius and its ruler Saturn we don't really get much to go on. But with Aries in your 3rd, your ideas are not just important to you; they *are* you. I'll be devoting much of this reading to events in Aries and how this regulates your self-concept.

But let's go back to considering the nature of Aquarius itself, though I'll end this section by telling you my purpose for this reading: to give you all the information you need to remain human and not get swallowed by the transhuman, dehumanizing technology environment.

The Twofold Essence of Aquarius is Really One

The essence of Aquarius is twofold. The first idea is the social patterns that form: the nodes and the hierarchies, and the invisible forces that shape relationships. While in theory these should be exceedingly flexible, it turns out that the thought forms that support them are among the most difficult to change, probably because they are invisible and lurking beneath the imaginary line of liminality. They show up as "the way things are" and the

idea that something invisible might be influencing everything that is visible hardly crosses anyone's mind.

The second idea is that Aquarius moderates the relationship between the individual and the group. It's "the sign of groups" (which in the past might have included Toastmasters, the Kiwanis Club and the local fire hall), though I am expanding this to the total social pattern of various hierarchies. However, it's also the sign associated with those who go against the group, who assert their individuality, and who might have a contrarian quality. It's the sign of outcasts as much as it is the sign of groups and affiliations.

So when you put that together, you get "the relationship between the individual and the group." And this is where the story of Pluto in Aquarius most significantly enters your life trajectory. While this will inevitably be a confrontation for all of society, it's especially personal for you. There are no abstractions involved. If you consider what happened to society in 2020 and through 2022, that will give you a clue. During those years, Saturn was in Aquarius. Look what happened.

The entire theme of society became conformity. This is an expression of what most astrologers would agree is "shadow Aquarius" and its energetic tendency to lock in patterns.

And I would ask, where did you stand on the matters of the lockdowns, the mandates, and the 24/7 campaign of fear imposed on everyone in 2020-2021? How did you personally respond? Where did you stand on the censorship issues and the punishments doled out for refusal to comply? In short, did you refuse, or did you comply? And how did you feel about the people who did something other than what you did?

Saturn in Aquarius was your "dry run" or your dress and tech rehearsal. That's your barometer as to how you're likely to respond under even greater pressure. I would propose, though, that how you responded was part of how you were shaped by much larger influences going back decades.

And that influence was all about who you think you are, and based on that notion, how you feel and how you conduct yourself in the world and in your relationships.

Humanity is at Stake. No Exaggeration.

Many times, I've quoted Neale Donald Walsch from Book 3 of *Conversations With God*. "As I have said, this isn't the first time your civilization has been

