Beware The Aquarian Age!
Get ready for more changes and challenges than you ever imagined.

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We are now nearing the end of the Piscean Age. An astrological age lasts about 2000 years. The Aquarian age will be in full force by 2012, according to renowned astrologer Michael Tsarion. This coincides with the end of the Mayan calendar as well, among other things. In any case – it is upon us. The energies of the ruling sign directly affect the nature of the way people interact and events unfold. As the shift between ages approaches, there is an overlapping shift in the ruling energies. The Piscean energies recede and the Aquarian energies grow stronger each day.

Compare the characteristics between Pisces and Aquarius to see the trends and what verification is already showing.

### Pisces characteristics

**Dissolver**: Most changes take place by gradual shifts in a given structure, dissolving the old into the new.  
**Examples**:  
Governments change their methods and priorities slowly over time. In 200 years, the US has gone from cradle of freedom and independence to a cradle of welfare and dependence.  
Personal relationships develop gradually over the years.

**Secretive**: Secrets are rampant on all levels from governments to individuals.  
**Examples**:  
Secret societies and government activities are commonplace. Keeping secrets is considered important and used as a source of power and intimacy.  
One partner keeping secrets from the other is commonplace.

**Deceptive**: Smoke & mirrors, calculated misinformation and errors of omission have developed almost into art forms.  
**Examples**:  
Leaders almost universally deceive others and are often rewarded for it.  
Many personal relationships are based on deception.  
The most common personal deception is wearing of behavioral “masks” to hide perceived inadequacies.

**Sympathetic Self Sacrifice**: Sacrifice is considered a virtue. Victimhood is widely accepted, especially when played to sympathies of others.  
**Examples**:  
The very fabric of our society has become based on giving to others – charities abound. “Be as greedy as you want, but giving a small part of your gain to others in visible ways makes everything OK.”  
Self-sacrifice is considered a virtue. We are surrounded with glowing stories about the virtues of the sacrificing parent, child, spouse etc.

**Idolizer, Worshiper**: Society is filled with all kinds of idols, from rock stars to the rich and powerful. Worshiping as a form of securing power is rampant, the position is more important than performance.  
**Examples**:  
Celebrities are cheered in spite of philandering, or other deceptive behavior. Misinformation rules. Idolized partnerships eventually disappoint.

### Aquarius characteristics

**Disrupter**: Changes take place abruptly, without warning, dramatically changing patterns very quickly.  
**Examples**:  
Governments will change quickly, especially in response to unexpected events.  
Personal relationships will move quickly to deeper levels or separation – bringing faster companionship and quicker divorces.

**Communicative**: Knowledge is king. The focus shifts from secretive to open frankness in all things.  
**Examples**:  
There will be no tolerance for secret or clandestine behavior. Spying and clandestine activities will no longer be considered acceptable behavior.  
Partnership will be based on forthright communication and follow through.

**Helpful**: The overriding philosophy is “How can I help you?” Deceptive behavior will be universally rejected as an acceptable form of behavior.  
**Examples**:  
Imagine zero tolerance for telling a lie. Leaders who deceive will not last long.  
Deceive others and find yourself socially alone.  
Relationships are based on communication and knowledge rather than appearances.

**Friendly, yet Impersonal**: Sacrifice is recognized for its destructive power. The emphasis will shift from “gifts” to opening opportunity and self-responsibility.  
**Examples**:  
Sacrifice is no longer associated with love. The entire nature of religion and philosophy will change dramatically.  
A person sacrificing themselves for another will no longer be considered the hero, but will be frowned upon. You got a problem? Then fix it! Here’s how to find a solution. Come back when you’ve done it.

**Know, then Understand**: People will be recognized for who they are. Position, itself, will have little value. The focus will shift to the knowledge and skill itself, rather than the personality involved.  
**Examples**:  
Leaders will not be able to hide behind their image. Knowledge and performance will be the universal measure of interest and success.
**Magic:** There is a great appreciation for slight of hand and illusion. Achievement without understanding is highly thought of. Pooling of ignorance is common. Something for nothing is the ultimate high.

*examples:*
Popular stories of “magic” solutions to various problems abound. The ultimate magic is someone coming along and bailing us out of our problems – relieving us of personal responsibility for our choices. This ranges from the genie in the bottle to Prince Charming.

**Egocentric:** The focus is on the individual. Anything that glorifies the ego is popular. The individual is considered more important than a given group.

*examples:*
“What’s in it for me?” is the battle cry.
Awards are everywhere, stroking egos.
Personal ownership is an important concept.

**Flexible:** Let’s compromise.

*examples:*
Negotiation is the dominant bargaining tool with fine print everywhere.
It is easy and common to compromise personal values to achieve a desired relationship.

**Structure Oriented:** Rules, regulations and laws are dominant concepts in social structure. “There ought to be a law.”

*examples:*
Legal consideration has come to dominate most social decisions. The rule is considered more important than the intent. Drug laws destroy lives under the banner of helping people. Liability concerns overwhelm business decisions. Traffic tickets become income source under banner of public safety. We have more laws and lawyers than any civilization in recorded history.
Marriage has become a legal institution. Even non-married living arrangements have rules and laws.

**Escapist:** Torn between ego and soul, identity confusion and fear reigns. Great efforts dedicated to abundant means of escape from self exploration.

*examples:*
Drugs, alcohol, acting, wearing “masks” are all popular forms of escape.
Entertainment is the world’s biggest industry. Special effects and sensory stimulation dominate.

**Knowledge:** The focus is on knowing. The result is not so much a given structure as the knowledge that makes it possible.

*examples:*
Magic disappears in the light of understanding. Illusion is only a challenge to learn how things work. There will be no room for free rides.
Ignorance is not considered a virtue.

**Group Minded:** There is little interest in status or awards. Style is appreciated for its function instead of flattering the ego.

*examples:*
“How does this benefit the world?” is the operational question.
Function and spreading of knowledge replace awards.
Personal ownership is of little importance.

**Stubborn:** Once the knowledge is clear, there will be no compromise.

*examples:*
Agreements are knowledge based with little room for compromise.
Relationships require real understanding. Clear self-knowledge needed.

**Rebellious:** Rules are made to be broken. Enforcers are frowned upon. Knowledge and intent always outweigh tradition or precedent.

*examples:*
Legality has little relevance. Knowledge will win.
Structures will change to accommodate this.
Marriage as a lifetime pledge will shift to a more temporary arrangement, or become rare and based on deep self-knowledge. It will be replaced by public acknowledgment of shared goals and inner bonds of respect and appreciation.

**Direct Analyst:** Know thyself is paramount. Exploring and understanding the inner self takes precedence over external explorations.

*examples:*
Escape is replaced by search for knowledge and understanding. Drugs become a non-issue.
Entertainment industry shifts emphasis to education and enlightenment.
Fear Based: The continual tug-of-war between the Piscean ego and soul generates a lot of fear from the ensuing identity confusion. Fear is everywhere, whether acknowledged or not. 

examples:
- Fear of failure and/or rejection are cornerstones of current society.
- Fear spawns police states.
- Fear multiplies rules, restrictions and subservience.
- Much entertainment is passive-aggressive attempt to look at inner fears.

Passive-Aggressive: This is the predominant method for dealing with denied anger and frustration. Will readily add negative energy to dissension, but usually in subtle ways. Entertained by watching fighting from a “safe” distance.

examples:
- Violence is major factor in entertainment.
- Back stabbing is highly developed.
- True feelings typically repressed until pressure causes eruption.

Absorbs Knowledge: A characteristic of feminine energy, knowledge is integrated with the intuitive, combining all dimensions of awareness.

examples:
- Religion holds partnership with science in balance of power with government.
- Virtually all great discoveries manifested first as inspirations from the intuitive.
- Personal interactions are based predominantly on how we feel.

Hypersensitive: Personal sensitivities allowed to grow into manipulative art form. Freedom takes a back seat to the “needs” of the highly sensitive.

examples:
- No smoking mania grows like a disease.
- Homes destroyed to “save” a mouse.
- Violence can be triggered by a look or phrase.
- Neighborhood associations override private ownership.

Rationalization & denial based: Excuses can be made for anything. We lie to ourselves all the time – especially to support the individual ego.

examples:
- Hitler was evil, but Stalin wasn’t so bad in spite of the fact he killed more people – we helped him.
- Smoking is considered worse and receives much more attention than the monumentally larger amount of deadly pollution our cars and industries spew forth each day.
- Most medical treatment and research is based on using a drug for symptoms rather than finding the cause and a cure.
- Because someone treats you in a friendly way, you call them a friend without knowing their nature or friendship capability.

Understanding Based: Understanding dissolves fear. The focus is on knowledge and using that knowledge. Once you understand something, fear of it departs.

examples:
- As fear disappears, manipulation by fear loses its power.
- Police power disappears.
- Media misinformation becomes obvious and changes to real information or disappears.
- Slavery or subservience in any form loses all support.
- Partnerships replace dependencies.

Avoids Confrontation & Absent Minded:
[Except when cornered] Fighting is distasteful. Grudges quickly and easily forgotten. Slow to anger, but if cornered, all bets are off, and don’t get in the way – there are no rules.

examples:
- Violent activities are unpopular. Violent sports and entertainment will change or fade away.
- “Don’t just stand there, spit it out – say what you really feel, or go away.”

Analyzes Knowledge: Masculine emphasis is on gathering information and applying analytical methods. Can be dangerous when feminine aspect is denied.

examples:
- As knowledge takes the place of power and fear, old institutions will change quickly, be replaced or fail.
- Unless the feminine/intuitive is recognized and accepted in its proper role, polarization will grow radically worse.
- Personal interaction will focus on communication.

Tactless: Knowledge and communication override personal sensitivity. Freedom is more important than individual taste or limitation.

examples:
- Established facts override statistics and opinion.
- Highly sensitive individuals get no sympathy.
- False compliments disappear.
- “Your taste will not impinge on mine.”

Reformer – in your face: Look at the facts. If it doesn’t work, we won’t do it. If it’s wrong, there are no excuses. Make it work or get out of the way.

examples:
- No more token support of human rights. Changes will be made, and now.
- “Victimless” crimes will go away, or we will build the biggest police state ever.
- Medical research and treatment will focus on cause instead of symptoms, revolutionizing the industry.
- Individual friendship potential will be recognized, and relationships will more easily find their appropriate levels, promoting greater harmony.
Home Centered: The home has been the cornerstone of social structure. Even in law the home has been special. examples:
Home ownership is a major driving force in social and economic dimensions of society. Home appearance is more important than structure and longevity. Education has been home based. and supported as partnership with parents. Home is identified with love, safety and security.

Low Self Esteem: Inner self identity is seriously in question with ego – soul dichotomy. This encourages the two extremes of victimhood and brash pseudo self esteem. examples:
Society is filled with victims – people determined to be dependent on others. The opposite polarity is also well represented by the flashy, “super” confidence of pseudo self esteem. Both polarities are raised to new levels of sophistication.

Easily Used: “There’s a sucker born every minute.” examples:
Government grows at increasing rate, developing new excuses and ways to take advantage of citizenry at every turn – virtually unopposed. Scams and deceptions abound everywhere. “Something for nothing” is the predominant philosophy.

Structure Oriented: Rules regulations and procedures abound. If there isn’t a rule about something, someone will make one. The organization becomes more important than the mission. Power is in the position. Change is largely feared. examples:
Government procedures dominate everything. The corporation brings long term structure to business, strangling individual opportunities. Relationships become idealized and institutionalized. Marriage becomes more of a structure than a partnership. Dependencies are common and the structure is often considered more important than the individual even in the face of claims to the opposite.

Intuitive: Whether we acknowledge it or not, most decision making relies heavily on intuitive awareness. examples:
Governments are elected by how we feel, instead of what we know. “News” panders to the emotions and denials instead of useful knowledge. Violence and the spectacular dominate. Most significant purchasing decisions are made for emotional reasons, occasionally backed by some analysis. Relationships are almost entirely based on emotions and appearances instead of self knowledge.

World Centered: With the world as a focus, the individual home virtually disappears. examples:
Communal living will increase dramatically. [apartments, townhouses, and condominiums are a limited form of communal living.] Professional parents will raise the children [day care centers are the beginning of this trend.] Safety and security considered to be individual traits.

High Self Esteem: A solid inner knowledge of self and the soul connection provides a solid base for real self-esteem – if feminine energy reaches full acceptance. examples:
Tolerance for positions of low self esteem will be low. Victimhood will be reviled instead of honored. “Stand up and stop sniveling. The solution to your problem is thus...now get with it.” The brash, glitzy pseudo self esteem will also be considered deviant behavior. “Take your airs and deceptive bravado somewhere else, and get real.”

Freedom First: Individual independence will become a dominant objective. Dependencies will disappear. examples:
Government will shrink and individuals be held responsible for what they do and don’t do. Police forces, lawyers and armies will disappear – people will “police” their own areas. Lies and deception will not be tolerated.

Change Oriented: Change is embraced as the foundation of life. Organizations become smaller and highly flexible. Leaders gain and maintain position based on relevant knowledge and ability. Positions of inherent power disappear. examples:
What there is of government will be simple and effective. Leaders will preserve and encourage freedom instead of curtail it. The corporation will disappear. Marriage will become significantly different – depending upon acceptance of feminine energy. It will either become more of an open growing personal partnership, or a form of female slavery.

Analytical: Decisions will primarily be made on a logical basis. This will demand sound knowledge. examples:
What elections that are held will be based on knowledge of the people, track records and related facts. “News reporting in whatever form will be focused on useful information instead of glitz and sound bites. Purchasing decisions will be made on function and reliability. Shoddy products will not be tolerated. Relationships will be knowledge based, and foster individual independence. As people change, so will their relationships, without censure.
**Contract Based**: Reflection of “What’s in it for me?”
Most if not all interactions include contract type expectations. In highly evolved states of denial many aspects of this arrangement are beyond conscious awareness.

*examples:*
- Citizens owe government because you’re here.
- Few things are ever done without expectation of return.
- Marriage is based primarily on unspoken/assumed exchanges. When reciprocation stops, the relationship is quickly over.

**Feminine Energy**: in the state of full denial of the feminine energy, this aspect provides underlying support in spite of the denials.

*examples:*
- Even though the feminine is denied, women are still recognized as people.
- Women are allowed to function in and influence most levels of society.
- The intuitive aspect is allowed to function, in spite of its denial.

**Enlightenment Based**: The driving force is knowledge and understanding. “What can I learn from this.”

*examples:*
- Relationships will flourish when based on expanding knowledge and mutual learning – otherwise not.

**Masculine Energy**:

a. If denial of feminine continues in this atmosphere there will be no supporting basis and all aspects of feminine energy will be ignored, except basic physical sexual needs.

b. If feminine energy is accepted in its proper place it will provide a foundation for understanding for the next level of enlightenment.

*examples:*
- a. Women will lose all social status. Intuitive aspects will become universally ignored.
  Analysis will dominate all things – yet the “why” and inspiration will be absent.
  The imagination will be derided more than ever before.
  Love will be considered just emotion and chemistry – lust will take center stage.
  Real self esteem will be lost with denial of half of self.
  Resulting inner chaos is highly destructive.
  Imagine a world led by a bunch of run-amuck mad scientists aided by computers filled with misinformation and no sense of individual worth.

- b. Women will become full and equal partners and participants in all aspects of society.
  The intuitive will be powerfully linked with logic to open a new era of light and exploration.
  Understanding of love will become clarified and separated from lust, sacrifice and emotional baggage.

**Quick Summary**

Piscean energies encourage centralized one world government. Power centered forces have been moving toward this goal for centuries. Their success is becoming visible in many ways.

Movement into the Aquarian age changes the entire game, just when those in power are grasping for the prize. Even if worldwide control is finally established, it cannot last, as it will be based on the opposite of Aquarian characteristics. It may emerge just in time to fall to a whole new game.

The question is not about one world government, but how destructive the changes will be. If we do not bring sufficient change and enlightenment within each person *before* we are fully into the Aquarian age, we will have the last throes of the Piscean power plays to get through as well as adjusting to a whole new personal environment.

Imagine runaway government domination combined with active denial of any moral codes, inspiration, or soul connection. Imagine a whole world of victims. Not a pretty sight.

Alternatively imagine a world focused on exploring real understanding of the inner self combined with a focus on individual freedom and knowledge.

You can move into the Aquarian age easily, and with minimum pain, by awakening to the challenge and doing the necessary work within to bring your feminine energy into full conscious partnership, or you can go kicking and screaming, immersed in painful experiences. The more who make the changes within, the easier it will be for everyone. Time is short.
Overall Aquarian Conditions [Notice any familiar trends?]

**Weather:** Patterns become less stable and more unpredictable. Storms will be more severe and more disruptive. Droughts and floods more common, and in unexpected times and places.

**Geological:** More and larger quakes, eruptions and disturbances. Rivers and watersheds become more erratic.

**Energy:** Instability of supplies and reliability increase dramatically.

**Social:** Changes become blatantly evident in all aspects. Organizations crumble, old rules eliminated or replaced suddenly. Real communication replaces old deceptive patterns. Low self esteem is challenged at every turn. Victimhood dismissed as unacceptable – self sufficiency will become new goal. Personal relationships will all be challenged at their very core. Illusions will be replaced by knowledge.

**Governments:** Rocked by dramatic changes and upheaval, none will remain stable. The trend will be reduction in size and power as freedom and knowledge replace the old ways. What you know will become more important than who you know.

- The many predictions of world change and disruption over the centuries have been warnings.
- The millennium scare [2000] was a wake-up call.
- Now is the time for personal action.
- This new age can become a time of great evolution and accomplishment, or produce great distress and destruction.
- It’s your choice, and the time is now.


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