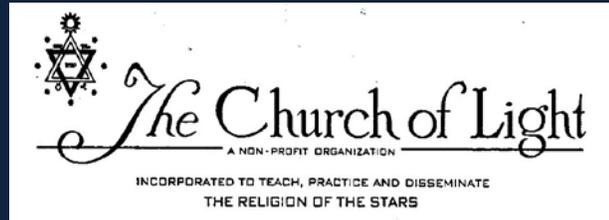




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A prophecy for the Aquarian Age

Astrology for Aquarius



Albert Benjamin

**Beware when the Great God turns a Thinker lose
on this Planet. Then all things are at risk.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Nourish your soul with the Religion of the Stars
and the teachings of the Brotherhood of Light.**

Elbert Benjamine and The Brotherhood of Light

The Brotherhood of Light is a progressive group of thinkers who specialize in the study, investigation and teaching of occult and paranormal subjects such as astrology and extrasensory perception. Its knowledge is identified Hermetic teachings and in 1900 Elbert Benjamine learned about Hermetic astrology when he acquired *Light of Egypt* by T.H. Burgoyne and put it to the test.

In 1909 Elbert was elected astrologer of the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor and in 1910 he gave his promise to upgrade The Brotherhood Light's ancient teachings by incorporating modern scientific and psychological data into its knowledge base.

In May 1915 Elbert moved to Los Angeles, California where he founded The Brotherhood of Light and commenced teaching astrology and psychic/spiritual development classes to a small number of students.

By 1920 he had written 7 Brotherhood of Light texts explaining its teachings in lessons on occultism, the laws of mediumship, astrology and esoteric psychology etc and in the January 1921 issue of The Brotherhood of Light Annual, in which he published his Prophecy for the Aquarian Age, he wrote:

'The Brotherhood of Light is custodian of knowledge concerning every branch of Occult Science. In ever lesson it issues will be found information of value not to be found elsewhere. These lessons in the order listed, lead by easy steps and first principles to complete mastery of the most difficult occult subject. The most advanced student, as well as beginners, will received new light from every lesson. They are issued with the definite purpose of reviving **The Religion of the Stars** – which is a Religion of Natural Law – as understood and taught by the Hermetic Initiates of ancient Egypt and Chaldea. The world has outgrown the dogmas of the Piscean Age. **The Religion of the Stars** is the Religion for the Aquarian Age.'

By 1929 The Brotherhood of Light was a dynamic, fast-expanding religious organization. Elbert, with the help of his wife Elizabeth, managed the show; expert teachers were conducting astrology classes; an astrological research department was providing statistical evidence to support Hermetic astrology's scientific status; and 10,693 students were learning the Brotherhood of Light teachings by studying the lessons and doing exams with 1,236 new students joining that year.

Then, in October 1932, adverse political developments in Los Angeles, California forced Elbert to incorporate The Brotherhood of Light as The Church of Light. Its articles of incorporation state: 'Know all men by these presents:

That we, the undersigned citizens and residents of the City of Los Angeles, State of California, have this day voluntarily associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of California, and we hereby certify:

FIRST: That the name of the corporation shall be, The Church of Light.

SECOND: That the purposes for which the corporation is formed are:

To teach, practice and disseminate 'The Religion of the Stars', as set forth in the 21 courses of lessons covering each of the 21 branches of occult science, as written by CC Zain under the auspices of 'The Brotherhood of Light'...

The signees were: Elbert Benjamine; Fred H Skinner; and Elizabeth D Benjamine.

This was a momentous event in Brotherhood of Light history and Elbert made it plain: 'The Church of Light is the Brotherhood of Light. We do not believe in special privilege. We are not trying to give information merely to a few. Instead, we believe every person in the world should have access to Brotherhood of Light teachings.'

He explained that the Church of Light was incorporated because it became necessary to have 'an organization strong enough to counteract (the power of special privilege) and with sufficient resources at its command to get these (Brotherhood of Light) lessons before a wide public.'

In February 1934 Elbert Benjamine aka CC Zain completed writing the 210 lessons that comprise the Brotherhood of Light teachings and from then till 1950 he revised and rewrote many of the lessons.

Their publication in book form was a massive financial cost. It was financed by Elbert who gave a \$10,000 property inheritance (\$173,000 in today's money); sales of Brotherhood of Light course books; and 'Response Day' donations from hundreds of dedicated Church of Light members who gave and gave from 1939 to 1950.

Elbert Benjamine devoted his life to bringing The Brotherhood of Light teachings to Earth and on November 18, 1951, when he received his promotion to inner-plane work his beloved Church of Light was passed onto current and future members of unknown intellectual and spiritual merit.

Alas, by 1990 – in a worst case scenario development – the Church of Light in Los Angeles was a toxic mess of infighting and power struggles. Ego-driven members of dubious intellectual and spiritual merit failed to connect with and understand the Church's teachings and religious message.

Then in 2001 the corporation named the Church of Light was launched online as Light.org. It was an insidious betrayal of Elbert Benjamine's Church of Light by its then Board of Directors.

The board misrepresented the Church of Light and suppressed the fact that the Church of Light was established to teach, practice and disseminate the Religion of the Stars. Light.org was a fraud played on Elbert Benjamine, the Church of Light membership and the public. It fails to pass the truth-test on all counts.

Since 2000 incompetent leadership has broken the Church of Light. Three presidents – Paul Brewer, Christopher Gibson and Margaret Joscher – mismanaged Church of Light affairs and persisted in pursuing failed policies. Its online presence as Light.org has been a dismal failure. Information available on Light.org reveals that in 2001 the Church of Light had 730 active members and 1,341 inactive members and in 2020 the total worldwide membership was 'around 800'.

In 2021 President Margaret Josher and the Board of Directors continued their false narrative when they changed The Church of Light's stated purpose on its email communications to: The Church of Light: A non-profit organization incorporated to teach, practice and disseminate The Brotherhood of Light lessons – Light.org. It's just one of a number of lies being told Church of Light members on Light.org in 2021.

Elbert Benjamine knew that reestablishing the Religion of the Stars here on Earth would be a tough gig. He didn't know that disloyal Church of Light board members (2000-2021) would misrepresent The Brotherhood of Light's church online and conspire to derail its religious vision for the Aquarian Age. It was the worst crisis to ever confront the Brotherhood in its 4,500 year history.

Preamble to Elbert's 'Prophecy for the Aquarian Age'

2021 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the writing and publication of 'A Prophecy for the Aquarian Age' by Elbert Benjamine (CC Zain).

The article, written in 1921 for members of The Brotherhood of Light, was based on astrological knowledge and a birth chart timed for the Sun's entry into Aquarius on **January 19, 1881** at **8.56.24 pm** GMT. (The time was out by 18 seconds. Pluto was not located in the chart.)

Precessional cycle time period

The astrological ages are timed by the precessional cycle and its time frame is uncertain. Times range from 25,772 to 25,920 years.

Encyclopaedia Britannica and Universe Today give 25,772 years; and Western Washington University gives 25,765 years. 25,868 and 25,800 are both popular.

The Binary Research Institute (BRI) has this to say:

'The precession of the equinox is the age-old phenomenon whereby an observer on Earth will notice that after one year (solar, tropical, equinoctial), he will not realign with the exact same point relative to the distant stars. From two to four thousand years ago observers on Earth noticed that the sun on the vernal equinox aligned with the constellation Aries, and in the last few thousand years with Pisces.

Now as many know, we are at the "dawning of the age of Aquarius", meaning the sun on the vernal equinox is close to aligning with the constellation of Aquarius.

This apparent backward motion of the stars (at the time of the equinox) is the precession of the equinox – whereby the equinoctial point slowly recedes through the 12 constellations of the Zodiac at the present rate of about 1 degree per 71.6 years.

If this rate were constant it would take about 25,700 to 25,800 years to complete one full precession of the equinox. However, the annual rate is now speeding up, meaning the calculated length of one full cycle is getting shorter.

If the observable precession is due to an elliptical orbit of our sun around another star, as we believe, then this explains the reason for the variable rate of precession, and also tells us the full cycle will average something different than 25,700 years. All our calculations lead us to believe the period will average about 24,000 years.'

In his prophecy article Elbert used 25,920 years for the precessional cycle but in other writings he used 25,868.

The 25,920 year time period gives 2,160 years for each astrological age and the 25,868 time period gives 2156 years.

Note re reference to Course 7: Throughout his *Prophecy* Elbert Benjamine refers to several Brotherhood of Light reference texts in particular Course 7. It was originally titled **The Religion of the Stars** and was renamed **Spiritual Astrology** in 1922. Elbert wrote the text's 13 lessons in 1920.

Then in 1929 Elbert published **The Spiritual Texts of Astrology** and the new information focus necessitated the writing of a new Course 7 – **Spiritual Astrology**. So the references to Course 7 in *Prophecy* refer to the original version of **Spiritual Astrology** which was discarded in 1935 and replaced by the current version.

Text notice: Elbert Benjamine's *Prophecy* is documented as he wrote it in 1921 and back then the generic pronouns *he*, *him*, *his* and *man* referred to both males and females.

Age of Aquarius birth data: January 19, 1881 at 8.56.42pm GMT

America's Age of Aquarius chart

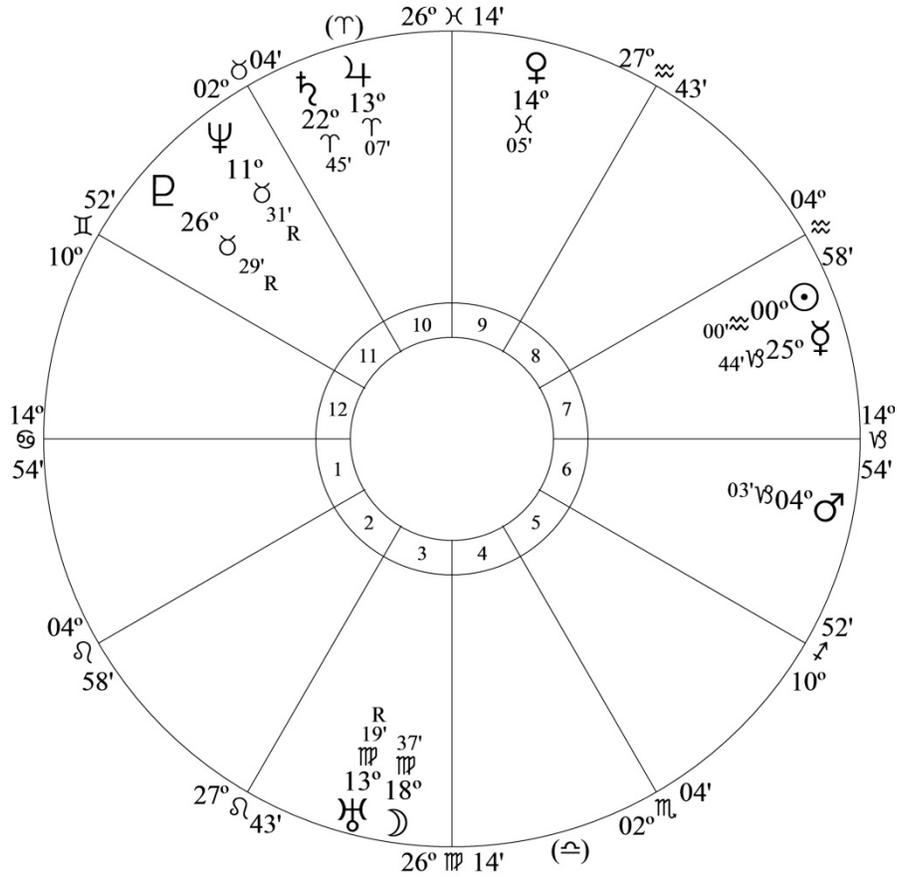


Chart data is: January 19, 1881 at 3.56.42pm EST Washington 38N53; 77W01

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☉	51.69	9.2	9	82.56	9.4	♎	101.36	11.6
♁	49.12	8.8	1	81.87	9.4	♏	85.03	9.7
♃	47.00	8.4	4	53.48	6.1	♐	81.87	9.4
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♃	35.17	6.3	6	29.05	3.3	♒	39.05	4.5
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A prophecy for the Aquarian Age

Key points

- **The precessional cycle**
- **Astrological ages**
- **The Great Pyramid**
- **Natural law in action**
- **What to expect from Aquarius**
- **Cetus, the whale monster**
- **The solar period**
- **When the Age of Aquarius began**

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 the precessional cycle.

The precessional cycle is 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 it is the place of the Sun on various days of the year.

However, there are these points of dissimilarity: The Sun during a common year passes through the 12 signs of the zodiac in their direct order in 365 days, while the vernal equinox— which is the pointer of the precessional cycle— moves in a period of about 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, called decanates.

The ancients, who studied the influence exerted upon human life 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 48 – were formed to depict the influence exerted upon human life by one of the signs or decanates.

But the constellations do not 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 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.

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 last degree of the next one back. But as some constellations are more than 30 degrees in extent – and Pisces is one of them – the equinox, therefore, has not entered constellated Aquarius, it has entered the sign Aquarius.

The exact date when the equinox should enter each sign, as well as the duration of the processional 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 the equinox of the zodiac, is 25,920 coinciding very closely with the number of years calculated by modern astronomers for the precessional cycle.

The number of pyramidal inches in the Grand Gallery of the Great Pyramid is 1,881 pointing indisputably to the year 1,881. Nine is the numerical key to all cycles, and the double 9, or 18, was used by the ancients to designate the larger cycles.

1881 by the united direct and reverse 18 shows the point where a direct and reverse cycle must 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 is numerically designated by 9.

At the time of building the pyramid our era had not yet commenced, so it may 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 is given in detail in Course VII (Spiritual astrology – the first edition which was later discarded and replaced with the current version).

I can here indicate it briefly. As explained in **Clouds Dispelled From Popular Customs** (Elbert's lead article in the first Brotherhood of Light Annual) 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 does not adopt them and they do not persist.

In the manuscript mentioned I illustrate this peculiar law by using the 21 chief holidays observed throughout the world. The same law also holds 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 the observance of which 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 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 isn't Sagittarius pictured in the sky as the huntsman?

The 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.

You 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 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 on a time when any man willing to work was denied a livelihood.

The keywords 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, (the belief in some Christian churches that priests are meant to be mediators between God and human-kind), 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 electromagnetic rays from the Sun will be utilized as cheap motive power.

Aquarius, also, has special 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, the details of which are given in Course VII (the discarded version of Spiritual astrology) embraces 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 communication.

To those who wish startling and conclusive evidence of the communion between the discarnate and the incarnate, as observed by a trained mind, I specially 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 is divided into three decanates, the influence of which upon life has 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 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 – the 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 – also has an economic aspect. It represents either Profiteering Capital or Red-Handed Anarchy, whichever gains in power. And Libra being the sign of equality and cooperation not only points the danger but reveals the way to escape. Not until brain and brawn meet in perfect economic cooperation will society be freed. And during the 700 years following 1881 that the equinox is passing through the Libra decanate of Aquarius such economic cooperation 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 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 those planetary periods in 308 years 208½ days.

Now a glance at the history of Rome and Greece from 588 B.C. to 280 BC – which was the Mars period in the Arian 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 its 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 BC to 29 AD 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 been mentioned.

The Sun recognizes no equal. He is ruler supreme. And we find during the solar period of 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 my inferences from the past are entirely astray, 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 single power is in recognizing the principle symbolized by the Libra decanate. Our only hope of safety lies in the equal opportunities that may be guaranteed by a cooperative 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 – passes into the sign, for the latitude and longitude of the nation's capital.

The Aquarian Age began when by transit the Sun entered the sign Aquarius at 8.56.24 pm GMT, January 19, 1881. From this data any person of average intelligence, with the aid of Course VIII (Horary Astrology – Hermetic System) can erect the chart of the Aquarian Age for any country in the world.

From such a chart they 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 3.48.24 pm LMT. It shows 15 degrees of Cancer rising and 26 degrees Pisces on the Midheaven. 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 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 arising from this that soon will threaten us from a foreign foe, as shown by the planets in the house of war square to those in the house of business.

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 in satisfaction by learning to read the chart for himself.

Prophecy update – June 1928

Seven years ago in **A prophecy for the Aquarian Age** I explained the data upon which a chart for the Aquarian Age might be erected from which accurate predictions might be made.

I explained there that the duration of the Piscean Age extended from the time the equinox left the first point of Aries among the constellations and moved back 30 degrees, and that when the equinox had thus moved back 30 degrees it entered the last degree of Aquarius and commenced the Aquarian Age.

I did not, however, at that time designate the precise point among the stars marking the first point of Aries among the constellations.

All must agree that when the vernal equinox moves back from the first of Aries in the precessional cycle until it is 30 degrees distant from that point, it enters Aquarius and commences the Aquarian Age, but just where this first point of Aries is located among the constellations is open to discussion.

Now in the annual cycle of the Sun the first point of Aries is that point in the sky occupied by the Sun when it crosses from south declination to north declination. No doubt in the precessional cycle there is also a point crossing which the equinox changes its polarity, just as the Sun changes its polarity about the 21st of March each year. This point, however, is not so easily discovered as that of the commencement of the annual cycle of the Sun, yet the precessional cycle certainly must have a point from which it also starts.

If a fixed star were to be chosen as the starting point of the precessional cycle it would be natural to choose the star Arietis, because it is the brightest star, in the constellation Aries, and because it occupies the upper forehead of the Ram, occupies that position in Aries where the Ram exhibits its characteristic tendencies most strongly; for the head of the Ram is a weapon of offense as well as an organ where thinking is done.

This star, commonly called the Ram's Horn, or Ram's Head, is of 2nd magnitude, and Raphael's Tables of Fixed Stars gives its position in 1900 as Taurus $2^{\circ}-35'$.

Now when the equinox entered the last degree of Aquarius the commencement of the precessional cycle must have been in Taurus $0^{\circ}-0'$, and as the equinox moves back among the constellations at the rate of about 70 years to 1 degree, Arietis would have been in Taurus $0^{\circ}-0'$ about 1719.

There is no reason to suppose, however, that the point where the equinox changes polarity is marked by a fixed star like Arietis. Even were it so marked the starry landmark would probably move and cause error in calculations; for the stars have a proper motion of their own and change their positions relative to each other.

The boundaries of the constellations cannot be considered in this connection, for they are too poorly defined, and as the start of the constellations change position so probably would the boundary lines.

Nor do the extent of the constellations mark the duration of an age or the extent of a sign, for one constellation in the zodiac extends only 15 degrees while another extends some 50 degrees.

Thus in determining the exact point where the precessional cycle starts, and as a consequence where each sign of the precessional cycle starts, we are confronted with the same kind of problem as when a person knows the year and day and approximate hour of birth, but does not know the exact time of day.

In such a case we gather as much data as possible about the nature and time of past events and from this data rectify the chart.

I have already, in *The Brotherhood of Light Annual*, for 1921 given some data that leads to the conclusion that the equinox entered Aquarius in 1881. It remains here only to add that each year brings additional evidence that we are now in the Aquarian Age; for the many development, that enable us to maintain our present living standards are all ruled by Aquarius, or by the planet governing Aquarius.

Steam engines, steamships, and a cramping orthodoxy in religious matters had their existence prior to 1881, but Aquarius rules gas engines, electricity, aeroplanes, the automobile, phonograph, moving picture, radio and the various other things that now contribute to our comfort.

The Key-Phrase of Aquarius is 'I Know', hence our young people, as never before, insist on plain facts regarding procreation.

Uranus is both independent and unconventional, and companionate marriages, suffragettes and flappers are true Uranian manifestations, as are the unusual dances, women cigarette smokers, and jazz music.

Equal opportunities for men and women in industrial lines would be unthinkable in the Piscean Age, but are fast becoming a fact in the Age of Aquarius.

All the Aquarian tendencies are now further speeded up by the commencement of the Uranian Cycle on February 21, 1928.

We may therefore confidently look to a new way of doing things in almost every department of life, **for inventive genius is on the ascendant.**

Prophecy update and revision – 1930

In **1930** when Elbert revised **A Prophecy for the Aquarian Age** he made another prediction and elaborated on the impact of the solar period (1881 – 2188) on nation states and Aquarian Age politics.

He wrote:

When the Age of Aquarius started, we find Germany determined to play the same role in this age that Rome played in the last one. She started teaching her people that it was their destiny to rule the world, and 33 years later, in 1914, she launched World War I in the effort thus to acquire world domination.

In that war Germany was defeated, but let us not blind ourselves to the disagreeable fact that over and over again, until world dominion by some single government or by some single type of government is accomplished, other aggressive nations will seek to gain the power which so recently drenched the world with blood.

It will be tried in Europe. But the greatest danger lies in the nation which flaunts the rising Sun as the emblem on the flag her soldiers so willingly follow to glory and to death. That nation is Japan.

Under this Sun section of the Aquarian Age, representative democracy and totalitarian forms of government cannot persist side by side. Sooner or later, and after great strife, the whole world will adopt, or be forced to accept, a single governmental standard.

Aquarius is a democratic sign; but this is an imperialistic section of the Age, and the only hope for the world to escape complete servitude to an Oriental power dominated by Japan is through recognition of the principle of equal opportunities and individual liberties which is characteristic of Aquarius as a whole, and the cooperative upholding of that principle with sufficient force, as did Perseus, to slay, when necessary, Cetus, the greedy and mighty monster of armed aggression.

What that form of government will be which before many years will encompass the whole world depends upon the intelligence, integrity and courage of our representative democracies which, with all their present faults, exemplify the finest quality of Aquarius. But of this we may be sure, one general form of government alone will encircle and be the dominant political force of the globe.

End note: As predicted Japan did attempt to dominate the world but was defeated by the allied forces in 1945. Since then America and Russia locked horns in a 45 year Cold War (1946-1991) that ended with the collapse of the Soviet Union in December 1991. Now in 2022 China is flexing its muscle and aggressively making its presence felt on the world stage.