

# The Age of Aquarius

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Welcome to the Age of Aquarius.\*

We are a generation that is perched on the dawn of a new epoch, a new vibration. The world is changing. Everything from politics to industry to our mortgages turns on a new pivot, and we are lucky enough to be able to witness the unfolding.

There are those who feel as though the Age has already begun. Others believe that the Age is not yet here, and the called for changes have not yet fully unfolded. Both are correct.

As we look around us, electricity fills the air. Lights, power, technology, refrigeration, computers, smart phones, microchips, and science are all manifestations of the New Age at work, of a brave new world already (up and running).

But the use of fossil fuels, oil, coal, and natural gas, the inability of Congress to get things done due to party allegiances, the growing intensity of storms and the general weather patterns, are all indications that the Age of Pisces is not yet over. We are building to a crescendo with the warming of the planet being the substantial catalyst that inaugurates these changes.

According to the Bible, the new Age will be special, where we foster a renewed connection with the Divine, where we see God in each other and treat the planet with respect, nurturing both her and her resources in such a way that they sustain us, both for now and for the children of the future.

Here is the Book of Revelation's look at the coming Age, and what it will mean for humanity. It marks the passing of the old Age, Pisces, here referred to as the "sea" and "sadness." Pisces is a water sign that is said to rule the oceans.



Alpha Piscium and Omega Piscium are the stars thought by Don Cerow to observationally "benchmark" the Age of Pisces.

Revelation 22:13 says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." When Revelation was written in the first century AD, the "New Age" (Pisces) stretched out before them, describing what the future would hold. According to Cerow's research and calculations, the shift of the Great Ages will be in full force when the Vernal Point reaches Omega Piscium on February 11, 2013, some 8 weeks after the Winter Solstice of 2012. (Watch the Vernal Equinox and its Full Moon of 2013 (on March 27) for dramatic triggers to these celestial mandates.)

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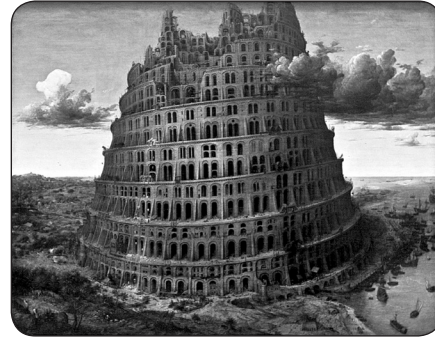
\* The Great Ages are stages of cultural development that are part of a very long cycle known as the Great Year. Each Age is associated with a zodiac constellation and fosters associated activities. (Writing and improved means of transportation were developed during the Age of Gemini. Great monuments were built during the bull-worshipping Age of Taurus. Metallurgy and weaponry advanced during the warlike Age of Aries. The Age of Pisces has been dominated by the Christian religion, symbolized by the fish.) The timing for an Age is shown by the position of the Sun each year at the start of spring (the vernal equinox). This point shifts backwards relative to the zodiac constellations at a rate of about one degree every 72 years. Each year's position precedes the prior year's slightly; thus the phenomenon is known as the Precession of the Equinoxes.

**21:1** Then I saw a new *heaven and a new earth*; the first heaven had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, "You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make *his home among them*; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is *God-with-them*. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no mourning or sadness. The world of the past is gone."

Aquarius is the new heaven as the Vernal Equinox moves into the territory of that constellation. Different people have different opinions, but it is generally felt that the precessional cycle lasts anywhere from 24,000 to 26,000 years. Since there are twelve signs to the zodiac, each "Age" lasts from about 2,000 to 2,200 years apiece. In the West, the Vernal Equinox (also known as the East Point or Spring) is used as the 'marker' to determine where we are. For the last two thousand years, this marker has been moving through the constellation Pisces, and is currently in the process of entering the celestial territory of Aquarius. Precessional motion moves in reverse order (Aries, Pisces, Aquarius) compared to the more familiar seasonal order (Aries, Taurus, Gemini). In India, the Autumnal Equinox is used in lieu of the Vernal Equinox as the hour hand of heaven. Either is appropriate. Except for the gender slur (our Biblical quote should read, "Here God lives among his people" rather than "Here God lives among men"), the astrological sentiment holds up well, as Aquarius is often held aloft as a sign of communal peace. The heavenly mandate will generate a new vibration on earth. The vibration of Pisces is passing, and the Earth it engendered will pass away with it. The old ways are coming to a conclusion.

The new Jerusalem is not a city located in Israel, but the new cosmopolitan community that will be found everywhere on the Earth. It is a new consciousness, a new way of understanding, a new way of being. The marriage of heaven and earth is an ancient association, as the new Earth, like a new season, is born of heaven's authorship. It is a new beginning.

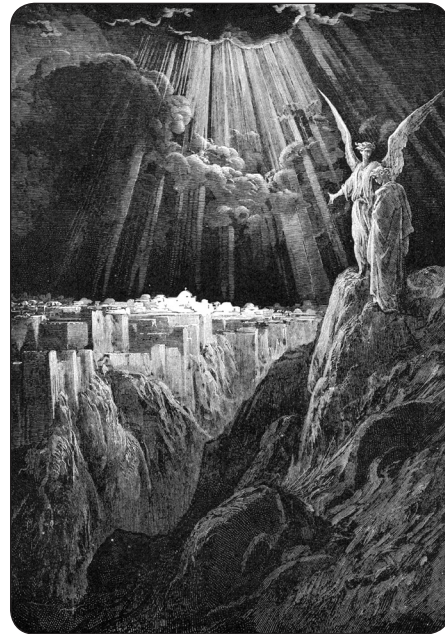
Like the birth of the United States of America, which reflects a Moon in Aquarius, it may be an Age born of revolution. As has often been the case, this revolution may be violent, but then again, it may be peaceful. In the twentieth century, we have been given examples of how a peaceful revolution can be possible. It will be our choice, and our contribution to the coming epoch, if we chose peace over fear.



Toren van Babel (Tower of Babel), 1565

by Pieter Breugel de Oude

*Genesis 11 refers to a world-wide city that was under construction but beginning to wind down at the end of its epoch. The pillars of civilization were crumbling at the end of the Age of Gemini, an AIR sign. Gemini is communication. These are the tower of Babel references where everyone speaks a single language, and that language is the symbolic language of the sky, stars and planets, astrology.*



The New Jerusalem, 1897

by Gustave Doré

*We are entering Aquarius, another AIR sign, and we will return to building a world-wide community once again, referred to in Revelation as the New City, the New Jerusalem. God broke apart the world wide community that was being built at the end of the Age of Gemini (read "The View Over Atlantis"), and we will start rebuilding it again once we move the oil dynasty and all its many support industries to the back burners.*