

## *Pisces—the Zero Hour*

**W**HETHER MANKIND realizes the fact or not, the present period is vitally and truly a time of choice as to whether individuals shall “elect” to impede or hasten the rational evolution of not only themselves but of their planet.

Aware or unaware, mankind is now being whirled in a vortex through the presence of the Christ-fire in our planet, and this force shall filter out the false from the true in every phase and department of human thought, human feeling, and human activity. This action is the same purging process as that of Purgatory, or the lower region of the Desire World, where the forces are centrifugal in effect, gross conditions being flung outward in all mankind. The Christ-fire in our planet today, in a very vital sense, separates the sheep from the goats.

Those souls whose evolutionary temperament is so sluggish that they cannot or will not step forward with the impelling Christ-force of love and wisdom must, out of His very compassion, be removed to spheres of life where they may learn their lessons, for no longer will they be allowed to impede evolutionary forces and conditions because of their separative, saturnine concretions. The electrical and convulsive Uranian vibrations disintegrate and destroy the crystallizations which the inhibitive Saturn force creates; thus Saturn and Uranus are complements and operate respectively through life and form. In a very special sense, both



Oil on canvas, Rembrandt Van Rijn (1606-1699), National Gallery, London

### *Belshazzar's Feast*

*Some observers see in Western man's unprincipled pursuit of self-centered interests a parallel with decadent Rome. The "handwriting on the wall" is the permanent record of all our actions etched in the ethers of our vital bodies. It is also a reflection of the heavenly script of the zodiac, the cosmic Word in which we live and move and have our being.*

Uranus and Saturn are Christing Powers. Saturn creates concretions which result in personal pain, and Uranus dissolves concretions which result in transmutation and regeneration.

Behind the glyphs and symbols of the zodiac lie the whole story of mankind, and of our planet. To the merely intellectual, or the over-intellectual, this fact is for the most part lost sight of, and the message of the stars may be thought by them to reduce itself to a study that simply panders to the personality, or so-called “fortune-telling.”

Mankind in its increasing involutory descent ever preferred the darkness to the Light; but the time has now come when our planet, by precession, presents a new face to the Sun, whose visible

emanation is the physical vesture of our Solar God. Because of our unfolding cosmic panorama, as a result of the earth movement called "precession," there is a preparation in the making to set our stage of Earth with a completely new and higher grade of "living scenery."

Down come the outworn, effete, and useless stage props, the trappings of all that falsity and error which are the aftermath of Piscean materialistic intellectualism. All that abstract negative part of this intellectualism, which has brought not only dry rot into our lives and thought but downright danger, still stands here in America, in our present-day vicious spiritual apathy and spiritual impotence, as nescience does its corrosive work. The tragedy of our times is that man does not wish to hear or know of the Spirit!

Deconstructionism, atheistic socialism, amoral capitalism are for the most part the children of an intellectualism devoid of a flicker of light or love from the Godhead! This is the attempt by mankind to build on sand!

The viciousness of this Western danger now starts to turn in upon its creators as the people of the world become victims of an economic structure which has been erected without consort with or counsel of God. This structure now starts to totter and close in upon the people of this land of plenty where superabundance runs riot; here people tighten their belts and feel the lack; and this too in a world where more work stands to be done than ever before! At this moment millions of men and women now idle away their days!

The irrationality of this picture of greed and ignorance reveals again the recurring fact and folly of rearing systems of life upon the sand of base human desires and passions instead of upon the Rock of God. Only a divine intercession by a Christ-Emissary could restore order to our world and establish it on a far higher level, for mankind is dead with spiritual inanition, and this the fruit of our unilluminated intellectualism.

And so severe shall these days be on our planet that "Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Who are these who constitute the "elect" and for whom shall these

days of tribulation and retribution be shortened?

They are those souls whose hearts and minds are spiritually lighted with the flame of Love, the consciousness of the Christ. These souls have penetrated beyond, clear through, this miasma of hurtful materialism, and have become Christ-conscious. These souls stand ready, fully prepared, not just willing to die for God and Truth, but far more, to live for Him and mankind that humanity may be raised up and out of its self-created night of immorality, greed, and long-loved ignorance. The sin of separateness must now go. Well does John the Baptist say: "He must increase and I must decrease." Positive Uranus must flower and negative Saturn fade.

This body of the elect shall serve to shorten these days through their prayerful united effort, in virtue of their earnest willed desire in aspiration for divine intercession. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Always does the Christ speak in the language of the mystically occult, and this is the only science that shall ever be. Here is that vast force which shall produce vast results as mankind becomes shocked out of its wanton apathy and antipathy to the Good, the True, and the Beautiful, as man ceases to feed at the table of ignorance which has so effectively held back and neutralized his untold powers.

Pisces as a spiritual power in its positive aspect is far too heavenly, much too spiritually divine, for the generality of mankind to fully realize, much less feel and express, so its negative action does mighty work as it etches into our world drama that house-cleaning which of necessity must take place to clear away and prepare for the sweetening, refreshing fragrance which the Water-Bearer brings. For as drooping flowers revive and smile at the livening shower, so will our earth and its people revive and smile again, as the Wayshower of Christ-love through Aquarius and Pisces pours forth upon the Earth that vitalizing Christ-thought and Christ-feeling respectively through each Star Angel.

Now is the time when every soul whose privilege it has been to touch the Rosicrucian Teachings should intensify his spiritual life and manifest the purpose of it in highest degree. Now may he reach

out with those various resources which are his to the end that he may help shatter some of the crystallizing, saturnine abysmal ignorance that is all about us.

It is not so much a question of his forcing opinions or obtruding ideas upon others who do not wish for them or seek them, but a question of his living the life of Christ in imitation, which these highest Teachings demand as an obligation to his Higher Self. If this is done in thorough-going earnestness his vibrations will be of such quality as to bring to his door thirsting seekers after Truth—souls who are sorrow-stricken and laden with burdens.

So this overlapping Pisces-Aquarian period is truly a harvest period in the highest sense of the word for all earnest, active members of such an association as ours. In fact, the amount of our spiritual activity now will be the measure of our sincerity and love as servants privileged to serve the Great Ones in the Great Work.

For all those whose spiritual obligations are awakened, this is a time of glorious harvest activity. Apathy will be unknown to these. Rather, they will recognize this time as a grand call for them to go to work in the vineyard of Christ.

Only as mankind at last decides upon cooperation, harmony, and friendship as a daily living function in national and international life can the appearance of a world Teacher occur, and it is His appearance which shall truly mark the Zero Hour of Pisces.

With His coming there will appear the light and love of a new life, an Aquarian aroma of Friendship and Spiritual Intelligence which shall flow with increasing power into the world through the hearts, through the heads, and through the hands of men and women who no longer combat each other, for they shall see themselves equal. The destiny-duty of Pisces, so often called “sorrow and self-undoing” by the exoteric astrologers, shall

bring in the heavenly effulgence of Neptune through Pisces to underwrite this Aquarian savor, and signs will then show out of that more abundant life which Christ speaks of and promises to all of His children. So sorrow will be turned into joy and sweetness, and the roses will at last bloom for many.

Who among those who read this message will accept it as a call to arms to become kinder and gentler; to be filled with a higher spirit of active, effective, creative Friendship—a truer harmony—so that the direct Emissary of the Lord of Love may the sooner show his presence to those who love God. Then only will our life on earth cease to be a bedlam led by the blind and become an intelligent polity of friendly nations and peoples everywhere living in Friendship through the flower of Love and Wisdom which is spiritual intelligence.

Would that people could know that this transition which marks the Piscean Zero Hour may be ushered in harmoniously, by rationally regulated stages of rising levels of truth and action, so that mankind might conform to the changes with comparative ease and adaptability, thus not causing too much loss or disruption. Or, again it can be accompanied by great destruction, just according to the keynote struck by our common people so that they awaken and serve, or continue in deadly spiritual apathy and thus obstruct.

Today is a time of special choice for all mankind, for today will determine and condition whether we shall be fit to return tomorrow—in the new Aquarian Age.

Only as the Water of Aquarius floods the earth by infiltration can the sorrows of the soul-starved myriads fed so long on the husks of this mechanistic-mathematical-materialism, instead of the Love of God (Heart), become transmuted into the happier birth of a Lovelier Age. □

—John Jocelyn

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