

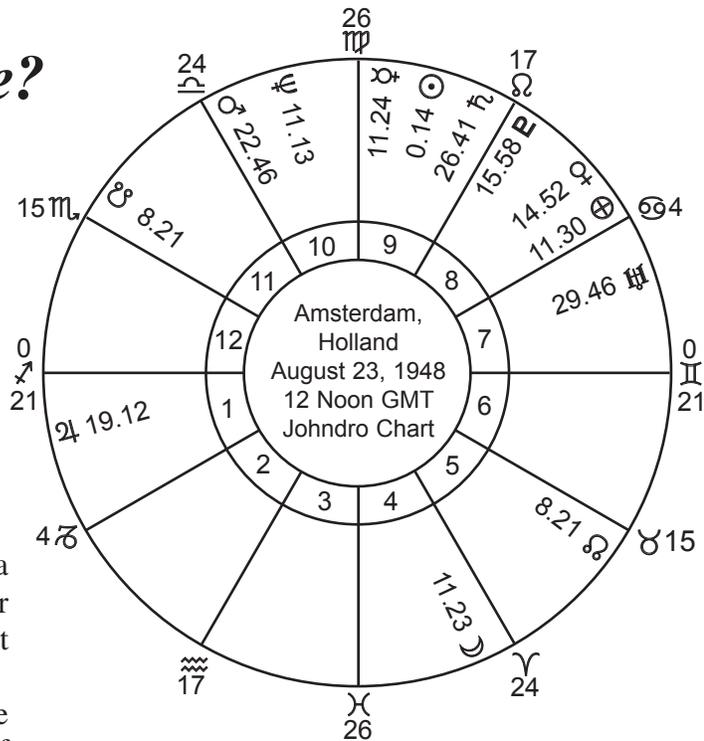
Will Christendom Unite?

ON AUGUST 23, 1948, 350 representatives from 147 denominations, mainly Protestant, convened in Amsterdam, Holland, to found the World Council of Churches (WCC), “the most ambitious expression of religious unity since the Protestant Reformation.”¹ It was just 3 years and a week after World War II’s end, and there was hope that a unified Church would not only help prevent another terrible conflict, but also strengthen its own thrust into a hostile world. How will this effort fare?

In any chart, the Ascendant always describes the “what factor,” and here the Sabian symbol of Sagittarius 0.21° is interpreted as “fervent reunion.”² How precise! But the same point also informs us of its fates with the first degree rising—this project is premature.

For additional testimony, we find a fiery grand trine of sorts, including the Moon, Jupiter, and Saturn. Fire is impulsive! Regarding fiery grand trines it has been stated, “Slowing down is next to impossible.”³ The number one member of this configuration, because it is in a cardinal sign and receives the closest major aspect from the Part of Fortune, the Moon position has a Sabian symbol interpreted as “immature,”⁴ another indication of being “out of sync” timewise.

The Ascendant’s closest aspect, a square (challenge), is to the Sun, the intrinsic nature of the endeavor, also in the first degree of a sign.⁵ The solar orb is afflicted by Saturn, planet of time, in its detriment in Leo in the impulsive fiery decanate of Aries. Saturn’s Sabian symbol is “Daybreak,”



also dealing with the element of time, as does the Sabian symbol for the degree of the I.C., “A new moon.”⁶

The cusp of the 12th house of self-undoing always holds a key to a chart’s problem. Here the Sabian symbol describes “Children playing.”⁷ Children obviously are a symbol of immaturity, which trait is repeated in the symbol of Lilith, important here because it is in the 1st house: “A fat boy mowing the lawn.”⁸

The M.C.’s degree symbol is “A boy with a censer.”⁹ What is a censer? A container in which incense is burned. That makes it symbolic of rituals, in which material objects are used as part of worship. But if we are to worship God in “spirit and in truth,”¹⁰ there can be no genuine worship of this kind if it is intermingled with material methods.

This chart contains a T-square. In such a configuration the point opposite the apex sheds light on answers, solutions. Here it is 12° Capricorn, “a

student of nature lecturing.”¹¹ A basic law of nature, of life itself, is that “to every thing there is a season.”¹² And before the Aquarian Age with its exalted spiritual vibrations make it possible, the present barriers of separation cannot be removed.¹³

This observation ties in with the symbol for Jupiter, planet closest to the Ascendant and in the 1st house, hence significant in conveying what the WCC’s initiative is all about: “Men cutting through ice.”¹⁴ Ice is created by nature, so “cutting through” obviously means going against it, like acting prematurely, failing to recognize, aspirations notwithstanding, Christendom’s unreadiness for unity at this time.

This diagnosis is reinforced by another look at the solar orb, which, as already mentioned, is afflicted by Saturn, the time-keeper. An afflicted planet can be “helped” by means of its closest assisting aspect, here a sextile from Uranus.¹⁵ Uranus is the New Age planet, in Gemini and its own decanate of Aquarius, opposing impulsive Lilith in the 1st house. Its Sabian symbol is “Bathing beauties.”¹⁶

How does this description relate to church unity? A bathing beauties is a perfectly developed human specimen, whose high stage of development is incompatible with immaturity. Bathing is symbolic of purification. The implied presence of water signifies the spiritual.¹⁷ Thus in the New Age, when enlightened beings shall worship in spirit and in truth—Aquarius is also the sign of Truth—then the barriers of the present shall vanish, for “when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.”¹⁸ □

—A Probationer

1. Moody Monthly, December 1986, p. 89.
2. Astrology of Personality, Dane Rudhyar, p. 367.
3. Horoscope, January 1987, p. 55.
4. Dane Rudhyar, opt cit.#, p. 344.
5. Any planet in a first degree is weakened since its solstice point falls in a degree of expiation in another sign. See Here and There in Astrology, Goldstein-Jacobson, p. 11.
6. The Sabian Symbols, Marc Edmund Jones, pp. 296, 325.
7. Marc Edmund Jones, op. cit., p. 195.
8. Marc Edmund Jones, op. cit., p. 239.
9. Marc Edmund Jones, op. cit., p. 324.
10. John 4:23.
11. Marc Edmund Jones, op. cit., p. 251.
12. Ecclesiastes 3:1; also John 7:30; 8:20; 13:1; Galatians 4:4.
13. Sun, Mercury, the M.C. and the Moon’s solstice point are all in Virgo, sign of separateness; there are no planets in the New

THE BUILDERS

All are architects of Fate,
Working in these walls of Time;
Some with massive deeds and great,
Some with ornaments of rhyme.

Nothing useless is, or low;
Each thing in its place is best;
And what seems but idle show
Strengthens and supports the rest.

For the structure that we raise,
Time is with materials filled;
Our todays and yesterdays
Are the blocks with which we build.

Truly shape and fashion these;
Leave no yawning gaps between;
Think not, because no man sees,
Such things will remain unseen.

In the elder days of Art,
Builders wrought with greatest care
Each minute an unseen part;
For the Gods see everywhere.

Let us do our work as well,
Both the unseen and the seen.
Make the house, where Gods may dwell,
Beautiful, entire, and clean.

Else our lives are incomplete,
Standing in these walls of Time,
Broken stairways, where the feet
Stumble as they seek to climb.

Build today, then, strong and sure,
With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and secure
Shall tomorrow find its place.

Thus alone can we attain
To those turrets where the eye
Sees the world as one vast plain,
And one boundless reach of sky.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Age sign Aquarius, which brings people together.

14. Jones, op. cit., p. 229.
15. Admittedly this sextile is weakened by being “overlapping” or “out-of-sign,” but this is compensated by Uranus’ solstice point making a very close sextile to the Sun.
16. Jones, op. cit., p. 238.
17. 2 Kings 5:10; John 7:37-39.
18. 1 Corinthians 13:10.