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ASTROAMERICA PRESENTS

Astro JEOPARDY

FAMOUS

"Dark enchantments at the Gazebo's Twelve-unit Motel"

"...it follows with mathematical certainty that astrology is not a science but a sham, a quackery and a fraud."

"We need not feel ashamed of flirting with the zodiac."

"The subject leads an intense, emotional life colored by variable moods & impulsive behavior."

"You can stop wondering why we're so incompetent & you're so neurotic."

SPORTS ASTROLOGY

"An iron gauntlet, a sword, and a scourge lying together upon the stump of a tree."

"Unimpressed by hero-worship, or even by confessions of love, the native is prepared to drop everything at once..."

QUOTES

"I was sitting at the mouth of my cave, boiling a few roots..."

"Longitude for Eris."

MAYNARD CALENDARS

"If the eclipse is visible at the birth place and it is within one degree of conjunct or opposed a PROGRESSED planet..."

"Kepler's notes on the Dream"

"The Sagittarius dog will often run away from home, so always check all the local pounds..."

"The Moon is favorably aspected, this being absolutely essential..."

Life, death & life of Wolfgang Mozart

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Final JEOPARDY

The Aquarian Age

Part 5: The Aquarian Debilitated Sun

Strictly speaking, while Aquarian energies arrived in 1913, they did not have independent force until about 1965. Why these energies were stymied for five decades makes for an interesting story, one involving both Hollywood & The New Age, which I will get to at some point. This month's topic is the curious role of the Sun in the Aquarian Age, both as a physical object, and as an astrological factor.

Sun as ruling individuals: Observing the rise of Fascism under Mussolini, and Communism under Stalin, Charles Carter observed in the 1920's that individuals no longer had individual value in Aquarius. Charlie Chaplin parodied this in his film, **Modern Times**. In this the Charlies - and many others - were correct. They could have gone much further.

Specifically, men are ruled by the Sun (women are ruled by the Moon, of course). In Aquarius, the debilitated Sun makes men weak. When they lead, they do so not because of their own force (see Napoleon), but through a mass (Aquarian) movement of some sort. To date, the majority of these movements have been rather unpleasant: Communism, Fascism, the Nazis, the Khmer Rouge, the American Neo-Cons. Or, for that matter, Stalinism, Gaullism, Reaganism, Thatcherism, Peronism, Maoism, etc. There is a symbiotic relationship between these movements & their leaders: When the leader retires or dies, their movements fade. Few outlast their founders by more than twenty years. The exception are the Communists. Founded in Pisces, they are by far the best established of the lot. *Continued, page 2*

Ordinary men, in America, at least, are now taken as polite fools. The typical male is smelly, overweight, drinks beer, eats heavily processed foods, wears old T shirts, is addicted to sports on TV & is a racist, right-wing reactionary. This is, of course, a parody, which is precisely my point.

Women need men to survive, but cannot live with these dysfunctional males, of which they have long complained. They have therefore found it necessary to band together for their own good. Thus Women's Liberation. The first women's lib movement started with female factory workers in America during World War I. Women who suddenly found themselves doing men's work demanded a man's rights in return. By contrast, while female suffrage was a prominent feature of the last days of Pisces (i.e., the late 19th century), I can find no trace of "women's lib" in early suffragette literature. Nor will you find "women's lib" during the American Civil War.

WWI women's lib faded after the war when the men came home. It was replaced by the flappers & good times of the 1920's. Flappers, aka the unisex look, is the result of Mercury, the eternal child, which is exalted in Aquarius. In the 1920's, women flattened their breasts & wore shapeless outfits, thus neutralizing their sex. They looked like little boys. Unisex has been with us ever since.

Women's lib reappeared in WWII, and for the same reasons. And for the same reasons to fade again after the war: Men returned. Real men. Men worth having. But manliness was not to last. Mercury's creeping unisex made women of men just as it made men of women. Common fancy now says that inside every man is a woman, and inside every woman is a man: This is the effect of Mercury, the androgynous planet, in Aquarius. Combined with the final fading of Pisces in the mid-1960's, the first permanent Women's Liberation got underway with the founding of the National Organization for Women (NOW) in 1966, during the critical transition years of the late 1960's.

By 1980, popular culture had begun to define women as "goddesses." Note carefully that not only did men, liberated or not, not claim a similar title ("gods") but that liberated goddesses refused to bestow that title upon them.

It is an unfortunate fact that male sexual energies are strong, but that, individually, many males are lazy, and always have been. When, out of frustration with men both weak and lazy, women organized themselves, they became unavailable or unknowable to a great many men.

When women no longer easily submit to men, males traditionally look to themselves to satisfy their sexual needs. The male response was not long in coming: Stonewall, the de facto declaration of gay independence, which occurred in New York on June 28, 1969.

With even more males suddenly unavail-

able to them, a certain part of the women's movement took to lesbianism. We may consider these women to be like their male counterparts: Drawn to sex and needing the comforts a companion can provide, but not fussy about the gender that gives it to them, if the opposite gender is unavailable.

Yes, yes, yes. I know that gays are "born that way" and are genetically incapable of change, based on the latest "scientific evidence." This absurd argument is easily demolished on its own grounds, but that is beyond the scope of these notes. The analysis of astrological ages pinpoints those ages in which homosexuality flourishes, as well as the specific reasons it does.

The Aries Age, for example, ruled by Mars with the Sun exalted, produced the Exaggerated Male, the "Super Male," e.g., the Spartans as well as the Greek gods of myth. What about Aries women? Venus debilitated in Aries meant that girls just weren't all that pretty (go look at Greek sculpture). The result was pervasive homosexuality among both Greek & Egyptian males, as may be noted in Ptolemy's **Tetrabiblos**. Women, nice as they were, just weren't up to the Heroic Male standard of the Age. They could not compete. This ended in Pisces, as one would expect, in part as its ruler, Jupiter, is in charge of Law, as well as Venus's exaltation in the sign, which made women wonderfully voluptuous & desirable. It also put them on a pedestal, which women didn't seem to mind, until adoring male worship faded after 1913, while the pedestal, enshrined in law & custom, remained. Since the 1960's, clearly the stronger sex, women have used that pedestal for their own benefit.

As a result, we may say that gayness is a factor of the Age, and that some Ages are "gayer" than others. For various reasons, Aquarius is probably the most gay of them all, but you are free to look at the various Ages & signs, their rulers, their exalted planets, those in debilitation or in fall, and make your own analysis. Does this mean that "gays are born that way?" No, but it does explain why they're here & that they're queer and that we should welcome them as best we can. Saturn, ruler of Aquarius, in its fall in Aries, adds many details, but the results quickly become moralistic. Morals are Piscean, not Aquarian.

Sun as physical body: It is strange no one has observed changes in the physical Sun before. When, at the end of World War II, men threw their hats into the air in celebration, they never wore formal headgear again. By 1945, the Sun was no longer strong enough for men's heads to require physical protection from it. I am specifically referring to male head chakras, but I will leave the details aside. As Aquarius is opposite Leo, the sign of kings & crowns and pomp and formality, it is logical that Aquarians would repudiate both formality and

crowns. In favor of the cheap & gaudy.

Subsequently, male headgear has made a partial return with baseball caps, but these are never worn formally, and they are usually inscribed with some sort of logo, which is the work of the planet Mercury.

On the other hand, in misplaced yearning for a Sun that would never quite arrive, sun-worship, i.e., sunbathing, started at the end of the Piscean era. This grew in popularity in the first decades of Aquarius, seemingly without ill effects.

By the early 1990's, this was no longer true. Those who had spent a mere decade in the sun now found their skin to have become tough & leathery, and to have aged far beyond their actual years. Additionally, skin cancer, from exposure to the Sun, has become common. Both of these are new developments. The popular suntan lotion, Coppertone, dates from 1944. Surprising as it now seems, people once used such products to darken their natural tans. Now instead of tanning, we talk of SPF factors. We can't get them high enough. The 1980's had to manage with SPF's of 10. Now we have them at 50. We no longer tan at all. We are, in fact, advised to remain indoors.

The Ozone Layer is designed to absorb the Sun's ultraviolet light, which is harmful to life on this planet. Since the 1980's, this layer has been observed to be disappearing. This is said to be due to man-made pollution, but the conclusion to everything I have written here, is this:

In the Aquarian Age, the Sun is a malefic.

It will remain a malefic until the Age of Capricorn, which will arrive around 4000 AD. At that time the Sun will again become a noble body, real men will make a reappearance, and a debilitated Moon will take its place. My investigations lead me to suspect that Aquarius is not a golden age. My fear is that Capricorn will be worse.