THE DAWNING OF THE AGE...

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WHEN THE MOON IS IN THE SEVENTH HOUSE...THEN PEACE WILL GUIDE THE PLANETS (article written on February 12, 2021, a day after the new moon in Aquarius)

With this week's gathering of 6 planets in the sign of Aquarius I thought it would be fitting to look more closely at some of the higher ideals and social issues that have been quietly placed on the back burner for now as media continues to bombard us with updates on pandemic, national lockdowns and the uncertainty surrounding the vaccine supplies. So what remains active in the background escapes our attention at least for now and quite possibly for the remainder of 2021.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with astrology, it is fairly common for Mercury and Venus to stay relatively close to the Sun in their cosmic travels so 3 "objects" or planets remaining in one Zodiac sign for about a month is not unusual. If we add the Moon to this pack during the days surrounding the new moon phase, we now have 4 objects for about two and a half days. What makes this event rare and special this month is the presence of Jupiter and Saturn in the sign of Aquarius, making it a total of 6 objects in that part of the skies. Since Mercury is now caught in one of its 3 annual retrograde motions, it will remain in Aquarius until mid-March, long after the Sun and Venus leave it behind and move forward into Pisces. We have witnessed similar groupings of several planets in a single sign in the past. The one that caught a lot of attention was a similar gathering of 7 planets in Capricorn back in January 1994. Of course, this current grouping taking place in Aquarius makes it a much bigger deal for some. If you choose to read on, I will try to explain below why this may be so.

The ideas and ideals of freedom, democracy, liberation, harmony, love and peace have been tossed around freely and frequently for a good chunk of time now, probably more so in the 60s and even in 70s and perhaps increasingly so, once we started an ongoing debate about the beginning of the Age of Aquarius. Some folks believe that it's coming soon to a city or a town near you. Some claim that it has already started, and we are now living in its first few years or perhaps even in a second decade of this new great age. A number of people make an understandable, although mostly intellectual, connection between the "information age" and the Aquarian age assuming that the Internet, social media, YouTube, emails and so on are all a birthmark of this new era and a reflection of an idea of a giant "global village" – our globe, the continents, the world of hundreds of nations and cultures rapidly shrinking down in size. Communications across the oceans are now happening at the speed of light and the whole world is engaged in this huge virtual link. Different cultures, traditions, languages, social conditioning, religion, local politics and so on are quickly dissolving and losing their significance while millions of people around the globe all become plugged into this giant network for pretty much the same purposes and with the same intention of information gathering or online media consumption.

So we have this massive free-flow of information with mostly unrestricted access, limited perhaps only by our available time and our appetite for digital knowledge. So far, so good. We can finally find out and learn pretty much about anything and everything including not only what's going on in our immediate neighbourhood or corner of the world but also right across the continents and in many remote areas of the world. There is no way that anyone can successfully hide or sweep under the carpet some dark secrets or inconvenient truths anymore as everything is out in the open and nothing is hidden from the public view like in the past, with news censorship and many mysteries and secrets being carefully and quietly covered up for political or financial reasons. Right or wrong? Can you absolutely trust everything that you read online without checking and verifying the source? How do we know if we are being served the whole truth and nothing but? Do we now put more trust in what some stranger posts online instead of trusting our family, our friends or our neighbours? Sure, our spoken or written messages and statements carry a lot of invisible power. Perhaps the force behind human communications is something that has been grossly underrated and overlooked by many, not only for financial gains but also for political reasons. So average citizens and common folks around the world finally have this virtual platform where they can voice their opinions, express their dissatisfaction and disappointments with many aspects of our modern living. They are also free to call on others for support, collect countless "likes" and supportive comments. Sounds like an Aquarian dream of great social power, team spirit and like-minded people banding together to work out a solution that will be universally accepted by many or at least by a majority of those involved? Perhaps. But underlying this scenario is an assumption that the powers that be, the governing institution, the movers and shakers or this world were somehow caught napping behind the wheel as they say, or were way too late out of the starting blocks and got left behind while the rest of us raced on and beat them to the finish line, if there is actually a finish line that can be defined or found.

A major part of our current troubles and challenges stems from something that happened in our distant past and I don't mean the middle ages or the times of the ancient Romans or Egyptians. Eons ago, our long-forgotten ancestors gradually began placing more attention and more value in the external world which surrounds us and which is accessible to us through our senses, over the inner world of our feelings and emotions. In other words, the difference between what feels right versus what may appear right or what we may perceive as being right through our senses which as we know can be easily tricked to send a whole bunch of fake signals to our brain, fooling us into believing that what we see or hear is the truth. This gift of trusting our gut feeling and intuition was our true friend and our trustworthy inner guidance system which we enjoyed for as long as we remained closely connected with nature and we honoured and followed its laws and its cycles. If we had stayed rooted in the environment which has supported us and sustained our existence over the centuries, we would have far fewer problems and threatening issues than we have today. We probably wouldn't have had as many modern conveniences, access to certain foods all year around, affordable worldwide travel, central heating, electrical power and a handful of other equally "indispensable" aspects of our life in highly developed countries. Perhaps we wouldn't have missed not having them as we would have had fewer desires and less interests in chasing the buck and making a living as we would have likely spent most of our daytime hours enjoying being alive and being in the company of our kin or our tribe with commonly shared goals and ideas. Perhaps we would have gotten tired of this blissful life at some point given the fickle human nature, with our common tendencies to become too quickly bored when our basic needs are satisfied. No doubt, we would have eventually ventured outside of our surrounding grounds, looking for more fun and adventure. But even at that point we would have retained a lot of common sense as well as a sense of self-preservation and our innate ability to be able to smell BS from a far distance without having to resort to Web search engines or consulting Dr. Google on daily basis.

So how does the Aquarian Age fit into this picture? We seem to really enjoy talking about it, reading about it and finding the signs in the skies that seem to confirm this. But what about our minds and our hearts? What are they filled with now other than frustrations, fears, concerns, worries and a constant need to keep our heads above the water level long enough so we don't drown in this modern-day flooding of the globe? Yes, many of us are struggling to survive or simply having too many pressing concerns to join the happy dance. We have become so intertwined and so interdependent on the highly complex workings of our modern economic system that we are now caught in the wake of this system's turmoil and the side effects of it crumbling down. We haven't found new ways to support ourselves yet so we continue to hang onto the lifeboats hoping that we will be saved in the end. We may eventually wake up some day and learn that we are not alone in this and that there are countless others around us struggling with similar issues and challenges. This is when the power of the collective may begin to wake up inside of us. But we are definitely not there yet and if the fear of getting infected and of dying will gradually fade out in the second half of 2021 we will have a worldwide drunken party for at least a month and then we will happily return to what we like to call "the norm". Except that, living out and contributing to this "norm" over the last 6-7 decades got us to where we are today. Allowing us to follow down that path again could just as easily spin out of control a few years down the road with quite possibly much heavier losses, human tragedies and natural disasters that we now assume can only exist in science-fiction novels and movies.