
Aquarius

An Astrological Peek

Pyreus



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21st January – 19th February

Element **Air** ~ Quality **Fixed**

Charge **Positive** ~ Planet **Saturn/Uranus** ~ Day **Sunday**

Aquarius, the noble *Water Bearer* who pours the sacred flows of the subconscious sea, is the eleventh sign of the Zodiac and is ruled by **Saturn**, the legendary planet and archetype of *Occult Law and Knowledge*. Saturn's *inhibitory* nature teaches *structure and stability*, an understanding of limits in all areas of the path in Life.

Uranus has a primary influence within the house of Aquarius, and together with Saturn provides a *uniform balance* to the aura of *independence*, bringing an *eclectic* and *unorthodox* shine to the path of the Beholder.

Individuals born into the Aquarian mansion are *intelligent, inventive* and enjoy creating *originality* within their everyday lives. Being unpredictable comes as a shining asset, adding *mystery and adventure* onto the sacred path of contemplation.

Aquarians enjoy a wide range of studies in any given subject and approach any developments with **intense passion** and **creativity**.

In good times they are *friendly, kind, humane* and value all relationships with a *faithful* and constant stream of affection. Due to their thoughtful flows into consciousness, they are willing to experience *new encounters*, and usually are originators of *authentic conclusions* and habits. As the pouring waters have no concept of time, Aquarians usually *arrive late* anywhere in their soothing journeys.

When Life turns upside down, the people of Aqua can get *erratic, restless, stubborn* and *offhand*. The more that events and decisions of the day are analysed, the worse that the analyses become, which takes Aquarians away from peaceful rest and peace within the **Self**.

Aquarians are *resistant to imposed changes*, instead allowing their own path to open up from within. When confronted with unreasonable authoritarian demands and dogmatic principles, there comes **rebellion** as they do not like being told what to do, although for speakers giving respect to Aquarians, time and love will be given.

The House of Aquarius governs *shins, ankles* and the *circulatory system* with cramps, allergies and sudden illness being primary physical maladies.

Colours of Aquarius are *silver, aqua, purple* and *electric pink and blue* with the birthstone being **amethyst**, the healing gemstone, which restores and maintains mental equilibrium. Flowers include the *gladioli, tiger lily, trillium* and *bird of paradise*.

Aquarius is often synonymous with **Ganymede**, a beautiful youth in Greek mythology with whom **Zeus** fell in love and, in the disguise of an eagle (**Aquila**), carried the youth to Olympus and appointed him "cup-bearer" to the Gods.

Aquarius has also been identified as the pourer of the waters that flooded the Earth in the ancient Greek version of the Great Flood myth. As such, the constellation **Eridanus** the river is identified as a river being poured by Aquarius.

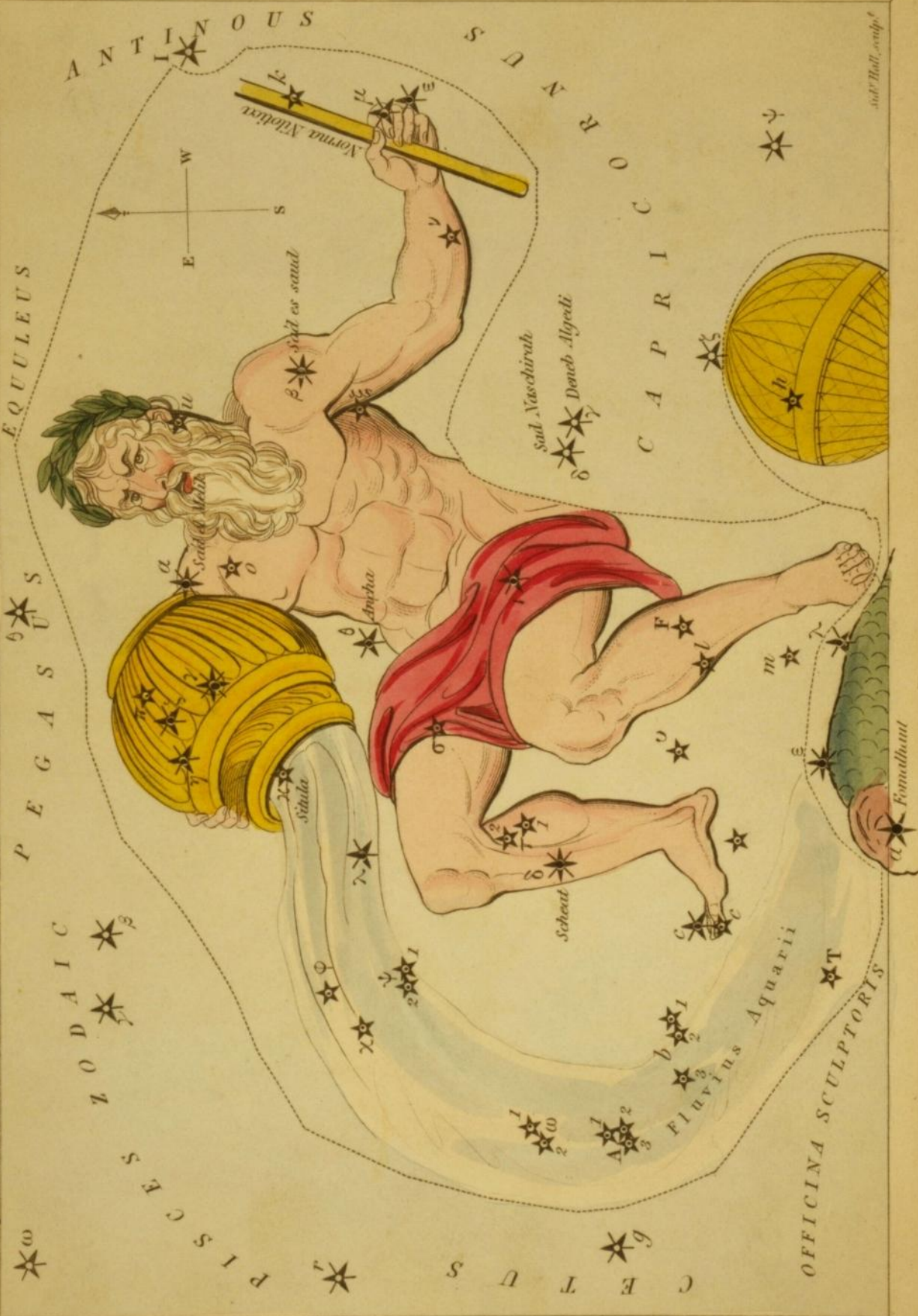
Aquarius together with the constellation **Pegasus** is the origin of the myth of the **Mares of Diomedes**, which forms one of *The Twelve Labours of Heracles*. Its association with pouring out rivers, and the nearby constellation of **Capricornus**, may be the source of the myth of the *Aegean stable*, which forms another of the labours.

In Babylonian star catalogues, Aquarius is identified as **GU.LA** "*The Great One*" and represents the god **Ea (Enki)**, who is commonly depicted holding an overflowing vase, pouring the waters of Life.

There is also a tradition of a female "**Great One**" who, holding the overflowing vase is depicted with a goatfish below her throne, nurturing the **winter Solstice**. Ea is the ruler of the southernmost quarter of the Sun's path, the "*Way of Ea*", corresponding to the period of 45 days on either side of winter Solstice. In the Greek tradition, the constellation became represented as simply a single vase from which a stream poured down to **Piscis Austrinus**. The Hindu name of the water pitcher is **kumbha**.



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