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**The Return**

**Newsletter for Aquarius Rising Astrological Consulting**

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**Beginning And Ending**

**Welcome** to the first issue of *The Return*, newsletter for Aquarius Rising Astrological Consulting. I'm Lark Bowerman and I'm very pleased that you care to join me and are willing to give me the chance to share a little of what I've learned with you about Evolutionary Astrology.

*The Return* is so named because Astrology views time in terms of a circle which continually completes itself, rather than as a line which begins and ends. Think of a wedding ring, symbol of true love; well, the truest love is that between soul and Source, of which, love between partners is one of the most brilliant reflections. Evolutionary Astrology sees the soul on it's journey coming from and returning to the Source. What I'd like to share with you is some of the deep sense of comfort that I've found in Astrology that comes from understanding life in this way. Although everything that has a beginning will also have an ending, from the ancient astrological point of view, that ending is a full flowering and also a preparation for the beginning of the next cycle.

My first project with this newsletter is to take a journey through the symbolism of the twelve Zodiac signs, one at a time, beginning with the sign of Pisces. Ironically, Pisces' position on the wheel of change, is considered to be the *ending* phase for all cycles — that full flowering, dissolution and also preparation for the beginning of the next cycle. That's where we are now in the circle of the year. So we can take note of what comes to fruit for us now, in terms of the yearly cycle, and how we're prepared to meet the new beginning of the astrological year next month in the sign of Aries, the Ram.

Cheers! And thank you for joining me!  
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**Jade Dragon Snow Mountain seen from Black Dragon Pool  
Li Jiang, China**

Photo, Kris Powerman

## **Pisces**



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***The symbol:*** Not the fishes, but the *home* of the fishes, the *ocean*, matrix of all life.

***\*Positive Archetypes:***

The Mystic, The Poet, The Dreamer, The Visionary, The Seer, The Surrendered One, The  
Compassionate One, The Intuitive

***Negative Archetypes:***

The Addict, The Lost Soul, The Dependant, The Helpless One, The Cold Fish,  
The Heartless One

***Pisces seeks the purest state of existence through awareness of consciousness itself.***

***“Science cannot solve the ultimate mystery of nature. And that is  
because we are part of the mystery that we are trying to solve.”***

— Max Planck, “Father” of quantum theory

So, in it's seasonal round, the Sun once again passes through the constellation of Pisces. Plants that died in the fall have now disintegrated, returning nutrients to the soil for new plants to grow. The days grow longer, inviting that growth and new plants begin to appear as if from nowhere. The seasons stand poised between winter and spring as if to remember something, maybe the pattern of life itself... Where does it come from? We can remember last year's Easter lily but this year's Easter lily is still a thought in the mind of the Creative Force — nothing more than a DNA blueprint. And where does the blueprint originate? Here the intellect reaches it's limits and consciousness continues the journey alone into the formlessness of Original Being, into the region of the divine "Word" before it "became flesh," into the Great Mystery itself.

Winds blow, days are lengthening, but the cold still lingers. One day it seems spring has arrived and the next it seems winter is back again. What should we wear? How soon will spring come? One day you feel the elation of the new spring, the next, the doldrums of "endless" winter blues.

Without thinking about it, we draw on thousands of memories our ancestors have had of spring returning. We know that spring *will* come. It's beyond what the weatherman tells us. We wouldn't believe it if he told us it *wouldn't* be back this year.

So we dream our dreams and make our plans for the summer and no one questions our sanity for that.

But what if spring and the summer arrived and we just kept on wearing our coats and boots *imagining* it to still be winter? What if we were held in the grip of some weird trauma, always fearing that the coldest days were still ahead? The dream and the imagination would definitely be out of synch with reality and people would certainly call us mad, "addicted" to an illusory warmth.

It's been said that the mind is a powerful servant but an oppressive, tyrannical boss. What is our relationship to it? Or more to the point, how well can we tune in to our deepest sense of knowing, beyond the construct of mere ego and into the roots of our being beyond time and form?

This is the true understanding of Pisces. It explains why scientific experiments viewing subatomic particles in an electron microscope showed that objectivity is, quite likely, the ultimate illusion. Depending on who viewed the particles and how they felt about them, the particles behaved differently, giving the experiment a different result.

A part of us longs to escape the mind's relentless objectivity, to get past that chatterbox in our heads endlessly delivering "the latest." We long for the serenity of a calm mind, placid like the glassy surface of a mountain lake. But the problem is, the mind really *is* a great servant. Without it we could achieve nothing in this physical world. What's the compromise here? What trick do we need to learn, like paying our taxes but still keeping all our money?

We learn to observe. We learn to detach ourselves from the mind. We learn to draw reassurance from the deepest awareness at the core of our being. We learn to observe our own lives as well from that point, as a drama unfolding, as a magnificent story being told. We understand what that great spiritual master, William Shakespeare meant when he said, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women, merely players." We're able to handle the ups and downs of life from this perspective. And from this perspective we can understand that the world is a reflection of our inner life and thoughts.

Nothing happens by accident. Everything that happens, happens so that we can learn and grow.

Anyone born during this month, is according to thousands of years of observation by our ancestors, someone who has entered this world to learn this as one of their primary lessons in life, to absorb it into their *basic identity*. If you were born during this or any other month when the **Moon** was in this sign, Pisces is the energy that nourishes you *emotionally*. If you were born when this sign was dawning on the horizon, your characteristic way of *interacting with others* will be one through which you'll learn the lessons of Pisces. (For a brief recap of the meaning behind the symbolism of the **Sun**, **Moon** and **Ascendant** or **Rising** sign, please listen to the sound recording on my home page.) And whether or not you have your Sun, Moon or Ascendant in this sign, we all have Pisces somewhere in our charts and in our lives – it just isn't your strongest life theme, something else is.

So let me recap everything that I've said so far about the sign of Pisces: Pisces seeks union with the great mystery underlying all things through developing the skill of observing the mind at work creating the drama we call our lives and the world. From this point of view we can experience the imperturbable calm that is the essence of life and consciousness itself. Failing to achieve this, we get lost in the melodrama of the ego, believing ourselves to be nothing more than a physical body and a limited identity. To soothe our pain and satisfy our longing for the infinite, we try to escape into grand illusions of who we might be or into other addictions (to food, the internet, drugs, alcohol, religion, sex, relationships, work, you name it...) to make up for what we believe that we are not.

I've given you the extremes here — the best and the worst of Pisces. Truth is, most Piscean folks will, like the rest of us, have good times and bad. It's not a stark black or white picture as it plays out in day to day reality most of the time.

The Piscean experience is *anything* that draws or points us back to awareness of the Source... the fragrance of a dew-washed rose on a summer's morning, a walk beside still waters, or in the moonlight, sitting in the sanctuary of the church of your choice, or beside the fireplace in your own living room, the death of a loved one, bankruptcy, rejection for a sought after position, the end of a relationship... The lesson is to learn to enter this state of awareness *intentionally*, remembering, of course that the mind must leave its shoes at the door in deference to the soul. Many religions and philosophies recommend the stillness of midnight or the predawn hours for prayer or meditation. Dawn and dusk are turning points observed in Shamanism.

But, to end with a lovely thought — hold in your mind for a moment, the image of the lotus, mystical Eastern symbol of the soul. It's roots are in the muck at the bottom of the pond but rather than this being a problem for it, it is actually *nourished* from this to bloom faultlessly pure and fragrant on the surface of the water — “in the world,” yes, but somehow, never “of it.”



Pink Lotus, Botanical Gardens, Xi'an, China

Photo: Kris Bowerman

***We are the mirror as well as the face in it.***  
– Rumi

Well-known People with Piscean Sun signs:

Sybil Leek  
Adelle Davis  
Michelle Shocked  
Fats Domino

Albert Einstein  
Mircea Eliade  
Ornette Coleman  
Alan Greenspan

Lili Kraus  
Eva Mendes  
Chastity Bono  
Chou En Lai

Alexander Graham Bell  
Alice Hoffman  
Desi Arnaz  
Edgar Cayce

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