

Focus on the Sun  
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### Venus Transit

Many eyes were turned toward the Sun yesterday to watch the planet Venus transit across its surface. This event will not be repeated for another 121.5 years. I have been pondering this heavenly sign, and some have written to ask me what I perceive in it. This morning as I was meditating upon this event I considered whether it might be a sign of the bride's fiery path that. This would certainly be in keeping with many other testimonies that have been set forth at this time, as well as those things the Spirit has been speaking to me for years. Christ stated:

#### Matthew 7:14

"For the gate is small and the way is afflicted that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

Christ's invitation was (and is) for men and women to take up THEIR CROSS and follow Him. Yahshua has made it very plain that there are trials, suffering and many tears on the road to life. Because the natural man abhors suffering there are very few who willingly embrace Christ's invitation to follow in His footsteps.

Who would willingly embrace a path of pain, sorrow and difficulty? The answer is "Those who love life." When Christ's words offended the multitudes of men and women who had gathered to Him and they departed, Yahshua asked His disciples if they wanted to leave as well. Peter's answer is profound.

#### John 6:68

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You alone have words of eternal life."

No doubt, Peter and the other apostles would have considered following another who promised an easy, joyous, and comfortable path to life, but all who promise such things are deceivers. We can either walk the hard road with Christ, or we can follow deceivers down a broad and easy path that leads to death.

Returning to this heavenly sign, the discerning of celestial messages is fraught with difficulty. A person can see anything they want to see in an event. It all depends on the person's belief system. People tend to interpret events according to the framework of beliefs they have adopted. No doubt, some steeped in the false prosperity message will perceive this sign to be a promise of material blessings, or even an impending rapture of the church.

It is well to keep in mind the other messages the Father has been speaking to His sons and daughters. He has been warning of troublous days to fall upon the earth. He has given repeated warnings of a great shaking and destruction coming to Christ's church (remember the Christchurch, NZ earthquakes). The earth must go through birthpangs as the time arrives for the church to bring forth mature sons in the image of Christ. These mature sons will overflow with springs of living water as the Spirit is revealed in them in greater measure.

John 7:38

He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 3:34

For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure.

I would share an interesting testimony that has been set in the heavens. For those unaccustomed to God speaking through the heavens, I encourage you to consider that Yahweh is the creator of all things. He set the stars in their courses to give forth a heavenly testimony. Most Christians are familiar with the star that announced the birth of Christ. The Magi said they saw the heavenly sign that proclaimed the birth of the king of the Jews. This was a true sign. There was nothing evil in it.

Many Christians have been indoctrinated to view heavenly signs as an occult and evil work of the Devil. Satan is not the creator of the heavens. He does not lead the stars in their courses. He merely distorts and profanes that which is holy. There is a false astrology that is Satanic in the messages it brings forth. This does not negate the true messages Yahweh has established in the heavens. To suggest that it does would be like throwing out the Bible because Satan has produced his own Satanic Bible.

Psalms 19:1-6

The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; It rejoices as a strong man to run his course. Its rising is from one end of the heavens, and its circuit to the other end of them; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Although various astrological bodies may represent different things according to the message Yahweh intends to convey, the passage above compares the Sun to "a bridegroom

coming out of his chamber.” It is not hard to perceive an application of this description to the Son of God. Just a few weeks ago we saw another spectacular sign in the Sun. There was a ring of fire solar eclipse.

<http://www.parablesblog.blogspot.com/2012/05/passing-through-ring-of-fire-time-of.html>



For a moment the face of the Sun was hidden. Then it emerged once more. Could this be signifying the Son of God emerging from His hidden chambers to come and get His bride? If so, this event will only occur after the bride has been made ready. She must first be purified.

Revelation 21:2-4

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

Notice the linking of the appearing of the bride and God wiping away every tear from the eye's of His people. We are told, "there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." A remnant portion will be chosen from among the body of Christ even as a remnant of Adam's body was removed to form his bride. This remnant will be a choice part. They will be made pure. They will be taken from among a sleeping body even as a portion of Adam's flesh and bones were removed when he was in a condition of "deep sleep."

People of God, in all truthfulness, it is accurate to say that the church is in a condition of deep sleep at this time. Yahweh is removing a remnant. He will fashion this remnant into a suitable bride for His Son. The preparation of the bride will be difficult. There will be tears, mourning, crying and pain. Yet, when the bride is revealed in radiance and presented to her heavenly Bridegroom, there will be an end of the "first things." Then will come "joy unspeakable and fullness of glory."

Let me return to the interesting heavenly testimony I mentioned a moment ago. You have probably heard mention of the earth entering into "the age of Aquarius." There was a very

popular song that came out of the musical *Hair* back in 1967. It has been referred to as *The Age of Aquarius*, or *Let the Sunshine In*. There is actually much that is profound in the words of the song, though it is leavened with some New Age deception.

*When the moon is in the Seventh House  
And Jupiter aligns with Mars  
Then peace will guide the planets  
And love will steer the stars  
This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius  
Age of Aquarius  
Aquarius!  
Aquarius!*

*Harmony and understanding  
Sympathy and trust abounding  
No more falsehoods or derisions  
Golden living dreams of visions  
Mystic crystal revelation  
And the mind's true liberation  
Aquarius!  
Aquarius!*

*Let the sunshine, let the sunshine in, the sunshine in  
Let the sunshine, let the sunshine in, the sunshine in  
Let the sunshine, let the sunshine in, the sunshine in*

The Bible supports an understanding that the earth and its inhabitants are passing through certain ages that Yahweh has established by His own counsel and wisdom. These ages are revealed in the heavens. The Zodiac (Hebrew Mazzaroth) describes the path of the Sun through the heavens. As the Sun passes through various constellations (as viewed from the earth), we say the Sun is in Virgo, or Gemini, etc... This passage through each of the 12 constellations is repeated annually.

There is a much larger heavenly calendar, however. This is sometimes called a Great Year, or a Platonic Year. This calendar encompasses approximately 25,800 years. It is based upon the axial wobble of the Earth. The Earth's axis will trace a 360 degree arc in the heavens every 25,800 years. If a person were to stand at a fixed location on the earth at a fixed date (normally the date of the vernal equinox when there is equal night and day), and were to observe the location of the Sun against the backdrop of the constellations, they would witness the Sun move one degree every 71 years. Since each constellation occupies roughly 30 degrees, the Sun will be in a particular constellation approximately 2,000 years. In 25,800 years it will have passed through a full 360 degrees in the heavens, passing through all 12 constellations.

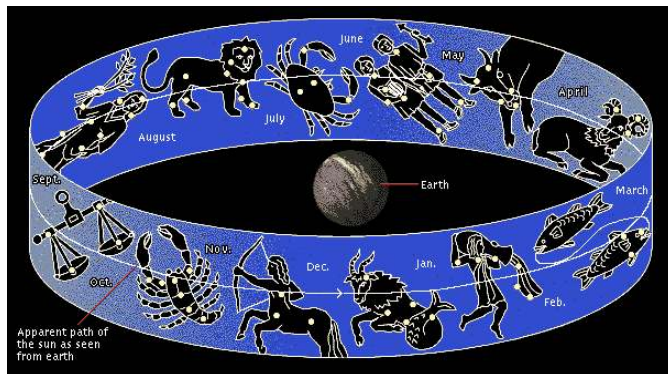
When the Sun is in the constellation Pisces (as it is now), we would say that we are in the age of Pisces. The age that follows Pisces is Aquarius. The age that preceded Pisces was Aries, the Ram.

Now, a phenomenal thing about this is that each one of these ages has precisely corresponded with a very significant work Yahweh has been doing among man. Abraham was born somewhere around the beginning of the Age of Aries. Moses came along 400 years later, and he too was in the Age of Aries. What is interesting about this is that this age was very much focused on animal sacrifices. No animal is more associated with this sacrifice than a male sheep, which is a Ram. During the age when the Law of Moses with its attendant sacrifices was in force, the Earth was experiencing the Age of Aries.



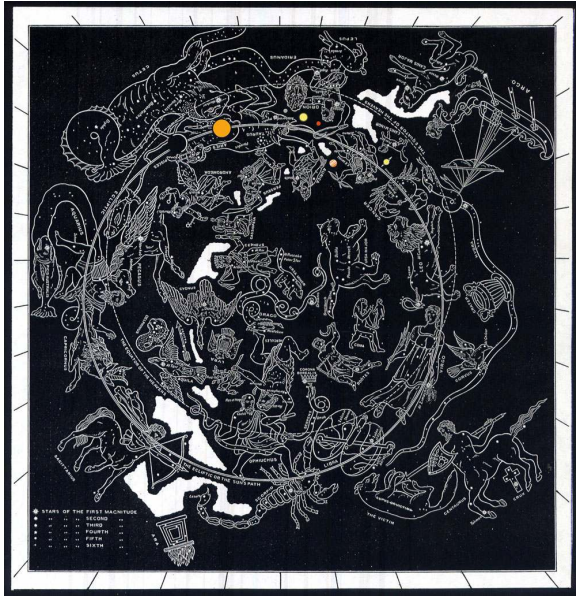
Constellation Aries

If you were to perform an Internet search to determine when one astrological age ends and another begins, you would find that there is no consensus. There are as many opinions as there are websites discussing the matter. The reason for this is that there is no line of demarcation in the heavens that clearly separates one constellation from another. The constellations overlap. While each constellation is given 30 degrees along the ecliptic of the Sun, we find that the constellations encroach upon one another. They are not laid out with orderly precision.



Zodiac Ecliptic

The diagram above actually looks much more orderly and precise than what is observed if one looks at the heavens. Following is a rendering that reveals that things are somewhat less precise.



## Mazzaroth/Zodiac

Some have taken the full tally of 25,800 years and divided it by 12 and have concluded that each age has a duration of 2,150 years. Most have not tried to be this mathematically precise, however, admitting that the various ages are of varying lengths, some shorter and some longer. People often set the dates for the beginning of an age upon some event in human history, while others try to peg it to some astronomical event.

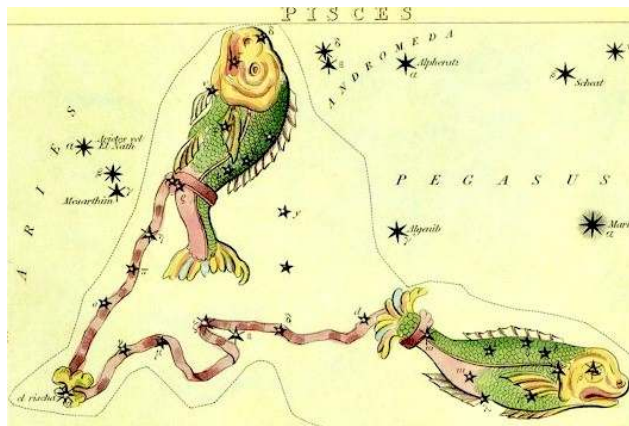
One thing I have observed is that Christ was born toward the end of the Age of Aries. This is very fitting since He came to Earth as the sacrificial offering. Compared to a male lamb, Yahshua fits the imagery of Aries. The age of Aries ended and the age of Pisces (the fish) began toward the end of Christ's earthly ministry as the church was being born. Although an exact date requires some speculation, I would suggest that the Passover date on which Christ was crucified brought to a close the Age of Aries. With Christ's crucifixion Yahweh began a new work. He did away with sacrifice. Yahweh had provided a substitutionary sacrifice for mankind in a perfect parallel to Abraham being given a ram whose horns were caught in a thicket as a substitute for Isaac.



Abraham/Isaac/Ram in Thicket



These two events, God giving Abraham a ram and the Lamb of God being slain for the sins of the world, serve well to mark the beginning and end of the Age of Aries. Aries gave way to the Age of Pisces (Latin for Fish).



### Constellation Pisces

The church age is peculiarly marked by the image of the fish. The predominant occupation of the original 12 disciples of Christ was that of a fisherman.

#### Matthew 4:18-22

Now as Yahshua was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

At the third, and final appearance of Christ on earth before His ascension into heaven, He met the disciples at the shore of Galilee. Christ had a fire of coals prepared, and fish were laid upon them. At His instruction, the disciples, who had caught nothing all night, let down their nets on the right side of the boat and encompassed a great amount of fish, 153 in all. Their nets did not break, and as they hauled the catch up to the shore Christ told them to bring Him some of the fish which were also laid upon the coals for them to eat.

During the church age the business of the disciples of Christ has been that of being fishers of men. Now, at the end of the age (Age of Pisces) Yahshua must take some fish (men and women) and lay them upon the coals. Fire is a purifying agent. This brings us back to the sign of Venus' transit. Venus crossed the surface of the fiery Sun. This is for her cleansing and preparation that her Bridegroom might return for her.

We are now at the end of the church age, the Age of Pisces. We are at the threshold of entering into the Age of Aquarius, the Age of the water pourer. Aquarius is pictured as a man holding a great pitcher from which water is flowing forth. The fish in the constellation Pisces are actually swimming in the stream pouring forth from this great vase.



## Aquarius

This signifies a time coming when the people of God who have for a time been given a deposit of the Spirit, walking in a limited anointing, will be given the Spirit without measure. These will walk in the powers of the age to come (the Age of Aquarius.) Observe in the following Scripture how the anointing of heaven, the powers of the age to come, is later compared to water being poured upon the Earth.

### Hebrews 6:4-8

For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame. For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

During the Age of Pisces the earth (man's flesh) has known only smatterings of rain. There have been temporal revivals, and isolated occasions when men and women have walked in the power of the Spirit. In the coming age, the Age of Aquarius the water pourer, these showers will become a river. The people of God will walk in a power they have not known. They will do those greater works that Christ has prophesied. We stand at that time of transition between the ages

Let me set forth a hypothesis that I believe has some merit. Even as the Age of Aries, the age of animal sacrifice, began and ended with a sacrificial offering, so too will there be parallel events to mark the beginning and end of the Age of Pisces.

The Age of Pisces could not fully begin until after Aries had reached its conclusion. This occurred when the Passover Lamb was crucified on Calvary. Shortly thereafter Christ



appeared at the Sea of Galilee and had the encounter with His disciples who were fishing. This event corresponds to Abraham being given the ram in the thicket in place of Isaac. It marks the beginning of the Age of Pisces, of the disciples of Christ serving as His ministers upon the earth. This event of catching the 153 large fish foreshadowed that greater event that would culminate at the end of the age. What was depicted that day at Galilee has been being played out during the past 2,000 years. Christ has been hauling up men from the sea of humanity and He has been subjecting them to many fiery trials.

Philippians 1:29

For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake...

I Peter 4:12-13

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

Just as the last age ended with the great and climactic sacrifice of Christ on the cross, so too will this age end with the fulfillment of that which was foreshadowed on the shores of Galilee 2,000 years ago. Christ must call forth a chosen number from mankind. These are the righteous pulled up on the right side of the boat. These will observe that there are some who have gone before them in enduring many fiery ordeals even as Christ already had some fish laid upon the coals. Christ then bid His disciples to bring other fish that these too might be laid upon the coals. The closing act of the church age will see the people of God going through a fiery cleansing.

This past week in Nigeria there was a fiery plane crash. There were 153 people aboard and they all perished.

[http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-202\\_162-57446242/plane-crashes-in-nigeria-all-153-a-board-dead/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-202_162-57446242/plane-crashes-in-nigeria-all-153-a-board-dead/)

There was a great conflagration afterwards that hindered recovery efforts. Those who walk with Christ victoriously through the closing days of this age must count their lives as not being precious to themselves. Christ said a man could not be His disciple unless he hated his own life (Luke 14:26). Elsewhere we read:

I John 3:16

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Revelation 12:11

“And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.”

In a recent post I shared the Scripture:

Revelation 13:9-10

If anyone has an ear, let him hear. If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

I believe the New Living Translation renders this passage more accurately.

Revelation 13:9-10

Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand. Anyone who is destined for prison will be taken to prison. Anyone destined to die by the sword will die by the sword.

It will not just be those who have killed with the sword who will die by the sword anymore than it will be just those who have imprisoned others who will be cast into prison. There have been many martyrs for Christ throughout the church age who never slew another person.

The closing days of this age will be most difficult. Yahshua has testified:

Mark 13:19-20

“For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will. Unless the Lord had shortened those days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days.”

We have a great hope, however. Having passed through the fire, the overcoming sons of God (male and female) will be endued with the glory and power of the age to come. The apostle Paul suffered more than most Christians will ever likely face, yet he gave the following testimony.

Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

II Corinthians 4:17-5:3

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked.

Let us not fear man who can kill the body. Rather, let us live in hope of that eternal blessing that will be the portion of all who share in the sufferings of Christ.

May you be blessed with peace and understanding in these days.