

What Is Aquarius-ness?²



To Infinity, and Beyond!³

I love to write for Aquarius because the sign Aquarius rules astrology. To be more specific, Aquarius rules everything to do with the heavens — the infinite universe, astronomy, astrology, aviation, rocket technology, space travel, and, of course, *Star Trek*. (“Live long and prosper!”)

But, hey — you are more than one sign. The fact that you’re an Aquarius is just one part of you (specifically, your ankles). Since I don’t know the rest of your chart (which is based on your time and location of birth), let’s look at your Sun in Aquarius, which you have if you were born between January 20 and February 18.⁴

The quickest way to get a handle on what Aquarius is all about is to study your ruling planet, which is Uranus. Incidentally, I use the British pronunciation of this planet, which puts the emphasis on the first syllable — URanus — as opposed to the North American pronunciation, which puts the emphasis on the second syllable — URANus. (And so would you, if you had to say it as often as I do.)

First, let’s clear up a common confusion about Aquarius the Water Bearer — Aquarius is an Air Sign, *not* a Water Sign! The water reference goes back to the time of the Babylonians. Remember Hammurabi and his gang? Very bright bunch, especially with mathematics. (On the other hand, there was very little competition back then. I mean, hey — you could wake up one morning and say, “Eureka! I just thought of the number seven!” And you were famous.)⁵

While it is true that the Water Bearer is an ancient symbol from the time of the Babylonians, there are different and conflicting theories as to its origin. I don’t think this is important. What *is* important is that you lose this water fixation. Begone! You are an Air Sign, and as such you use intellectual reasoning to make your decisions. You are a thinker. You are one of the most intelligent and brilliant signs of the zodiac! In fact, you are so far ahead of the pack, you might be intellectually lonely. (“Sigh. Nobody to talk to. Everyone’s so dumb.”)

2. No one is just one sign. That is impossible. Therefore, this is a discussion about the Aquarius archetype — the qualities of “Aquarius-ness.” Many other signs will have Aquarius qualities as well. Therefore, the discussion of one sign is not an exact description of that person, but rather it is a description of the qualities of that sign.

3. Buzz Lightyear is sooooooo Aquarian!

4. These dates, as with the dates in horoscope columns, are average dates. The true dates vary depending on the year. So if you’re born at the beginning or end of a sign (i.e., on the cusp), you need to check that particular year to know your sign. How? You need to get hold of a good astrologer — like me.

5. The Babylonians had bread but they did not have pi. Although they were very, very close. Their pi was more like a *tourtière*.