

Energetic Contrasts and Subtle Points of Comparison Between Aries and Aquarius

Important Foundational Relationships

Aries	In Comparison With	Aquarius
1. The Ram, the Lamb		1. The Water-Bearer
2. Esoteric Mantram: I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.		2. Esoteric Mantram: Water of life am I, poured forth for thirsty men.
3. Exoteric/Evolutionary Mantram: And the Word said: Let form again be sought.		3. Exoteric/Evolutionary Mantram: And the Word said: Let desire in form be ruler.
4. Quality of Light: The Light of Life Itself		4. Quality of Light: The Light that shines on Earth, across the sea.
5. Element: Fire Sign		5. Element: Air Sign
6. Cardinal Cross		6. Fixed Cross
7. Transmits R1 and R7 constellationally		7. Transmits R5 constellationally. Secondary and subtle transmissions of R3 and R1 are possible.
8. Secondarily, (assuredly, but not exclusively), Aries transmits R6, R4 and R7 through Mars, Mercury and Uranus—its three planetary rulers on three levels—exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical.		8. Secondarily, (assuredly, but not exclusively) Aquarius transmits R7, R2 and R4 (with R1, R6, and R7), through Uranus, Jupiter and the Moon, veiling Vulcan, Neptune and Uranus—all <i>these</i> are its planetary rulers on three levels—exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical. Hence the approximation to universality in this sign.
9. Color: carmine, scarlet red		9. Color: turquoise
10. Creative Hierarchy number II (unmanifested), characterized by “Unity thro’ Effort”		10. Creative Hierarchy number XII (manifested) and XII of the twelve. Elemental Lives; the Baskets of Nourishment; the Blinded Lives
11. Associated with the inaugural <i>first</i> , the blinding, surmounting <i>third</i> , the revelatory <i>fifth</i> and the resurrecting <i>seventh</i> initiations, but especially with the <i>third</i> (EA 388-389) and <i>seventh</i> (EA 304) initiations—transfiguration and resurrection. The exalted Sun in Aries can be understood as relating to each of these initiations.		11. Associated with refuse-flushing, fire-cleansing, fellowship-inducing <i>second</i> initiation; the ego-negating, light-pervading, soul-inspiring <i>third</i> initiation; the personality-renouncing, “life”-energizing <i>fourth</i> initiation; and, conceivably, with the abundant life of the beneficently organizing <i>fifth</i> degree.

<p>12. Correlated to the synthesizing <i>crown center</i> and the <i>ajna center</i>—considered as the center of personality direction. Also influencing the impulsive <i>solar plexus</i> and the propagative center of sexuality—the <i>sacral center</i>, in relation to which, the opposites are brought together. The fertility of the Ram suggests the sacral association. Some connection with the based of the spine center is also possible, as Mars and Mercury (Aries’ first two rulers) rule kundalini “latent” and “in intelligent activity” respectively. Its hierarchical ruler, Uranus, transmits the seventh ray and is, thus, numerically <i>related</i> to this <i>seventh</i> (lowest) center.</p>		<p>12. Aquarius can be reasonably associated with the entire abundantly-radiating, synthetic <i>crown center</i>, and the united radiation of the chakra centers as a whole. When the <i>ajna center</i> responds to the universal mind, the envisioning of the archetypally-destined future appears. Aquarius transmits the third ray, and thus relates to the <i>throat center</i> (through ruling Saturn, Uranus and Vulcan as well). Aquarius is esoterically ruled by Jupiter, the planet controlling the group-inclusive <i>heart center</i>. The evolving Aquarian is subject to many emotional highs and lows, thus connecting Aquarius to the <i>solar plexus center</i>. (EA 141-142) Also, through Uranus, with the form-creating <i>sacral center</i> which generates “waters of life” in a more material sense. As well, seventh-ray Uranus is numerically related to the seventh or basal center, bringing Aquarius into the relation.</p>
<p>13. The zodiacal signs influence the Monad of every human being (EA 411, 637, TCF 1191); the influence from Aries impels the Monad forth upon its aeonial pilgrimage. The sense of <i>pure selfhood</i> which characterizes monadic awareness is enhanced by Aries. Further, Aries endows the Monad with its inherent <i>omnipotence</i> relative to the human energy system.</p>		<p>13. The zodiacal signs influence the monad of every human being (EA 411, 637, TCF 1191); the influence from Aquarius governs the large monadic groups or ‘monadic <i>ashrams</i>’, which aggregations exist upon the monadic plane. The <i>universal awareness</i> of the monad is inspired and enhanced by the Aquarian energy. The monad is a ‘center of synthesis’ and a ‘center <i>within</i> synthesis’. The Aquarian energy stimulates the <i>universality</i> and <i>synthetic awareness</i> of the monad.</p>
<p>14. Within the Triad—associated principally with <i>atma</i>, the spiritual will as it reflects divine will and law. Aries is also associated with the birth of ideas in <i>buddhi</i> (or at least their <i>reception</i> from the buddhic realm) and also with their abstract formulation within the sphere of higher <i>manas</i>.</p>		<p>14. Within the spiritual triad—Aquarius is related principally to <i>higher manas</i> and to <i>atma</i> as both of them reflect, to differing degrees, the Universal Mind (EA 241, 322, 495). Aquarius transmits the third ray constellationally (EA 138), and has rulers or sub-rulers which do the same. Aquarius “expresses the universal consciousness of the Great Bear” linking it to <i>atma</i>, in yet another way. The energy of Aquarius, as well, stimulates and blends with <i>buddhi</i>, principally by inducing loving group-cohesion. The Tibetan speaks of “universal love of the truly developed Aquarian.” (EA 136) This is an expression of <i>buddhi</i>.</p>

<p>15. In relation to the Solar Angel, and the soul-consciousness (and causal body) through which it expresses—Aries governs the persistent will-to-incarnate “Let form again be sought”, and the first impulses (emanating from the plane of mind) towards descent onto the physical plane. “<i>Aries</i>—is connected with soul intention, the vibratory activity of which (under impulse from the Monad) initiates the successive involutory periods which produce appearance upon the physical plane.” (EA 302)</p>		<p>15. In relation to the Solar Angel, and the soul-consciousness (and causal body) through which it expresses—Aquarius represents the dowering of the personality with all super-human, transcendental gifts which the Solar Angel may safely bestow. Aquarius represents the patient <i>service</i> of the Solar Angel to its long-developing personality, and the consequent elevation of the human soul from the human to the super-human state of the fifth kingdom—the Kingdom of Souls. Aquarius rules the generous distribution of beneficent Solar-Angelic radiation to (and <i>through</i>) its personality</p>
<p>16. Within the Personality—Aries can be identified with the <i>ruling</i> and <i>assertive</i> qualities of the mental nature; with the <i>impulses</i> and <i>passions</i> of the astral nature; with the forceful but <i>irregular vigor</i> of the etheric nature; and, generally, with the <i>muscular strength</i> of the dense physical nature. Aries is especially related to the lower mental vehicle. (EA 92) (The vehicular focus and its degree of prominence, depends upon the stage of evolutionary development.)</p>		<p>16. Within the Personality—Aquarius can be identified with the <i>power to vitalize, unify</i> and <i>synthesize</i> thought, which eventually develops within the lower mental nature; with the <i>cleansing, drying</i>, and eventual <i>distributive radiation</i> of the love-responsive astral nature; with the <i>electric vitalization</i> of the etheric nature; and, in general, with the <i>nervous animation</i> of the dense physical form. Aquarius “is eventually connected with the physical permanent atom.” (EA 302) (The vehicular focus and its degree of prominence, depends upon the stage of evolutionary development.)</p>
<p>17. Stage within a Preliminary Fourfold Meditative Process: Conception</p>		<p>17. Stage of Meditative Consciousness: Pervasion</p>
<p>18. The Crisis of Orientation characterized by the quality of Reversal. (EA 472)</p>		<p>18. No particular crisis is associated with Aquarius, but as it rules in part the fourth initiation, we might imagine a ‘Crisis of Transition from Consciousness to <i>Life</i>’</p>

Wider Relationships: Cosmic and Systemic

Aries	In Comparison With	Aquarius
<p>1. Expressive, principally, of the <i>first</i> or <i>will</i> aspect of divinity. “Aries is the focal point of the expression of the first aspect of divinity, the will aspect.” (EA 194) Some <i>third</i> aspect may enter in relation to activity and, depending upon whether the seventh ray is interpreted in terms of the <i>first</i> or <i>third</i> rays.</p>		<p>1. Expressive, principally, of the <i>third</i> divine aspect “...the third ray expresses itself powerfully through this sign” (EA 138) —strongly connected, however, with both the <i>first</i> and <i>second</i> aspects. “At this time and in a peculiar manner, the initiate-consciousness sees the Hierarchy as primarily energised by life, and by the energy of Aquarius, carrying a hitherto unknown aspect of the life energy of deity.” (R&I 229) Aquarius rules Hierarchy. “...our Hierarchy [is] (an expression of the second aspect of divinity)...” (EA197)</p>

<p>2. Cosmically, preeminently associated with the Great Bear: “Aries is, as might be expected, closely connected with the Great Bear, but peculiarly so with one of the stars called The Pointers;...” (EA 195) “The Great Bear—Aries—Pluto—Shamballa.” (EA 416) “Aries—Libra—The Sun (which are an expression of the Great Bear) bring about that focussing of energy in the life of the disciple which makes it possible for him to function consciously and with intention upon the Path of Initiation.” (EA 466) “Aries, the initiator of impulses (either the impulse to incarnate or the impulse to return to the originating source) is closely in touch with one of the stars in the Great Bear to which we give the name ‘Pointer’ in common parlance. This Pointer is a ‘major star of direction’ because through it (in this world cycle) flows the will to unify and to bring about synthesis.” (EA 482)</p>		<p>2. Strong cosmic association with the Pole Star, Alcyone, also an invisible constellation, and the Great Bear: “The influence which emanates from the Pole Star and which is such a potent factor in our solar system reaches our planet via the sign Aquarius.” (TCF 1263) “Aquarius, Alcyone and Humanity constitute a most interesting triangle of force. Alcyone is one of the seven Pleiades and is called the ‘star of the Individual’ and sometimes the ‘star of intelligence’.” (EA 200) “The source of energy to which they respond may be regarded as the Pole Star. It should nevertheless be pointed out that this star serves only as a blind for a constellation which lies behind,—a constellation which exists only in etheric matter. It is consequently ignored by astronomers, though its influence is exceedingly potent within our system.” (TCF 1262) Also, “Aquarius—expresses the universal consciousness of the Great Bear.” (EA 349)</p>
<p>3. Three Constellations Connected with Aries: a) Cassiopeia—the Enthroned Queen; b) Cetus—the Sea Monster; c) Perseus—the One Who Subdues (cf. LOH 35-36)</p>		<p>3. Three Constellations Connected with Aquarius: a) Pisces Australes—the Southern Fish; b) Pegasus—the Winged Horse; c) Cygnus—the Swan (LOH 189-190)</p>

Relationships Between Three Levels of Planetary Rulers and Planets in Exaltation, Fall and Detriment

<p>1. Uranus is the hierarchical ruler of Aries.</p>	<p>In Comparison With</p>	<p>1. Uranus is the exoteric ruler of Aquarius.</p>
<p>2. Uranus is the hierarchical ruler of Aries.</p>		<p>2. The Moon, the hierarchical ruler of Aquarius, veils Uranus—in relation to the mental plane.</p>
<p>3. The Sun is exalted in Aries.</p>		<p>3. The Sun is in detriment in Aquarius.</p>

Subtle Relationships Between Ray, Zodiacal and Planetary Energies

<p>Aries</p>	<p>In Comparison With</p>	<p>Aquarius</p>
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<p>1. Aries transmits the <i>first</i> ray constellationally. Aries is also the <i>first</i> sign of the zodiac on both the reversed and clockwise wheels, and on the wheel which numbers the signs by polarity (Aries-Libra, Taurus-Scorpio, etc.) All this reinforces the association of Aries with the <i>first</i> ray.</p>	<p>In Comparison With</p>	<p>1. Aquarius, itself, may have implicate <i>first</i> ray associations. “Aquarius—expresses the universal consciousness of the Great Bear” (EA 349) The Great Bear (as a whole) transmits the <i>first</i> ray. (cf. TCF 146). Aquarius, is the tenth sign on the reversed wheel, numbering by polarities (Aries-Libra, Taurus-Scorpio, etc.) and thus has numerical resonance with the <i>first</i> ray. Uranus, the exoteric ruler, transmits the <i>first</i> ray monadically. (EPI 421) Saturn, a possible alternative ruler in Aquarius, transmits the <i>first</i> ray probably in its personality, but perhaps its soul. (EA 450) Moon-veiled Vulcan and Uranus both transmit the <i>first</i> ray—the first planet, as the soul ray, the second, probably, as the monadic ray.</p>
<p>2. Aries transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray constellationally.</p>		<p>2. Uranus transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray. Saturn has strong <i>seventh</i> ray associations. Jupiter (esoteric ruler) transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray.</p>
<p>3. Counting from Pisces clockwise, Aries becomes the <i>twelfth</i> sign, and is thus, by numerological addition, numerically resonant with the number <i>three</i> and with the <i>third</i> ray. “Let form again be sought.” Aries plunges into the material world at the outset of every new cycle.</p>		<p>3. “The <i>third</i> ray expresses itself powerfully through” Aquarius constellationally. (EA 138). Aquarius is also the third sign of the zodiac on the clock-wise wheel (numbering from Aries), therefore having numerical affinity with the <i>third</i> ray. Uranus transmits the <i>third</i> ray (probably through its personality) as does Saturn (considered an alternative ruler in this sign) through its monad, and probably, also, its soul. The Moon-veiled Uranus also transmits the <i>third</i> ray.</p>
<p>4. Mars, the exoteric ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray.</p>		<p>4. Neptune (a Moon-veiled hierarchical ruler) transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray. Enthusiastic Jupiter has a probable connection to the <i>sixth</i> ray.</p>
<p>5. Mars also transmits the <i>first</i> ray, because its “School” trains “those whose work is along the lines of the destroyer.” (TCF 1179). It is the <i>first</i> ray which is the Ray of the Destroyer.</p>		<p>5. See #1 above.</p>
<p>6. Mars manifests as the astral body of a great <i>third</i> ray Entity and, hence, is aligned with the transmission of the <i>third</i> ray. The physical body of Mars must be more the third than seventh ray. (EPII 99)</p>		<p>6. See #3 above.</p>

<p>7. Mars is closely associated with the <i>fifth</i> ray, because it governs the five senses and rules science. (EA 215)</p>		<p>7. Aquarius transmits the <i>fifth</i> ray constellationally. Uranus, the exoteric ruler, (and <i>a</i> veiled hierarchial rulers) can stand for “exoteric science” (EP 149) and, hence, has <i>fifth</i> ray associations. Saturn, a possible alternative ruler for Aquarius, is associated with the concrete mind and, hence, with the <i>fifth</i> principle. Vulcan, (<i>a</i> veiled hierarchical ruler) relates to the concretion and physical precipitation, as does the <i>fifth</i> ray.</p>
<p>8. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>fourth</i> ray.</p>		<p>8. The Moon (hierarchical ruler) is the veiling transmitter of the <i>fourth</i> ray. Moon-veiled Vulcan is closely related to the <i>fourth</i> ray, the <i>fourth</i> kingdom, and the <i>fourth</i> initiation. Neptune (<i>a</i> Moon-veiled hierarchical ruler) is associated with the fourth ray through its relationship to buddhi, and to the <i>fourth</i>, or buddhic, plane.</p>
<p>9. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, has a strong affinity with <i>third</i> ray, just as has the Moon. (cf. EA 280). Mars, the exoteric ruler of Aries, participates in the expression of a great <i>third</i> ray Entity</p>		<p>9. See #3 above.</p>
<p>10. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, possibly transmits the <i>fifth</i> ray monadically (as Lord of Manas). Further, Mercury rules the <i>fifth</i> race and is connected with the <i>fifth</i> scheme and the <i>fifth</i> round. “The fifth race is born under Mercury. (the Aryan race. A.A.B.) (SD II. 32., EA 663)</p>		<p>10. See #7 above.</p>
<p>11. Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray, probably as its soul ray.</p>		<p>11. See #2 above.</p>
<p>12. Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, the <i>first</i> sign, transmits the <i>first</i> ray “esoterically”, i.e., monadically. (EPI 421)</p>		<p>12. See #1 above.</p>
<p>13. . Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, is closely connected to the <i>third</i> ray which it probably transmits as the personality ray. (cf. EA 200, 238)</p>		<p>13. See #3 above.</p>
<p>14. Uranus stands for “exoteric science” which is on the <i>fifth</i> ray (EA 149)</p>		<p>14. See #4 above.</p>

<p>15. Uranus stands in a line of transmission along the second ray from Sirius and Pisces. Further, Uranus participates, probably as the mental body, in the expression of a great <i>second</i> ray Entity. (EPII 99)</p>		<p>15. Aquarius is the <i>eleventh</i> sign on the reversed wheel. Since eleven sums to <i>two</i>, Aquarius has numerical affinity with the <i>second</i> ray. Jupiter, the esoteric ruler of Aquarius, transmits the <i>second</i> ray. Neptune, a Moon-veiled hierarchical ruler, transmits the second ray monadically. Vulcan (<i>a</i> Moon-veiled hierarchical ruler) is associated with the “heart of the Sun” (EA 393), and Uranus (exoteric ruler) is placed in a line of second ray transmission from Sirius, and participates in the three lower vehicles (probably as the mental body) of a great <i>second</i> ray Entity (EPII 99)</p>
<p>16. The Sun, exalted in Aries, is the veiling transmitter of the <i>second</i> ray, and, as a star, transmits the <i>second</i> ray in its own right (through its personality and its soul). Its <i>primary</i> or <i>major</i> monadic ray may also be the second.</p>		<p>16. See #15 immediately above.</p>
<p>17. Vulcan often substitutes for the Sun, and the Sun is exalted in Aries. Vulcan is related to the “heart of the sun”, and hence, in some mysterious way, to the <i>second</i> ray. (EA 393)</p>		<p>17. See #15 above.</p>

General Qualitative Comparisons, Contrasts and Pragmatic Descriptors

Aries	In Comparison With	Aquarius
1. Shamballa		1. Hierarchy
2. Oligarchy		2. Democracy
3. The Dictator		3. The “Man for all Seasons”—Genius, Polymath, Perfected Human Being
4. “Aries: Beginning—Creation—Evolution” (EA 247)		4. “Aquarius: Objective—Inclusion—Service” (EA 247)
5. Initiating the New Age: “Aries is the source, the beginning and the initiator of the New Age and its coming civilisations, of the appearance of the kingdom of God on earth and also of the individual initiate into the Mysteries.” (EA 548)		5. The sign of the New Age; manifesting the New Age: the distributor of the benefits of the New Age: “Aquarius is the present Determiner of the future. That which is now initiated in Aries will become manifested in Aquarius,…” (EA 548)
6. The sign of Origination and of <i>final</i> consummation—Resurrection, the seventh initiation		6. The sign (for most initiates) of Consummation “A rare few consummate the experience of life upon the three Crosses in the sign Pisces, and so become world saviours. They know then, and only then, the highest aspect of the first ray as it expresses itself through the activity of Death. The bulk, however, of the world initiates climax their experience in Aquarius and become liberated world servers.” (EA 141)
7. Aries: “Beginning—Creation—Evolution” (EA 247)		7. Aquarius: “Objective—Inclusion—Service” (EA 247)

8. In Aries: “Initiating impulse. Life.” (EA 221)		8. “In Aquarius: “Group impulse. Service.” (EA 221)
9. From the “subjective quaternary of the reincarnating soul”, Aries represents “soul intention”: “ <i>Aries</i> —is connected with soul intention, the vibratory activity of which (under impulse from the Monad) initiates the successive involutory periods which produce appearance upon the physical plane.” (EA 302)		9. From the “subjective quaternary of the reincarnating soul”, Aquarius represents the “physical permanent atom”: “ <i>Aquarius</i> —is eventually connected with the physical permanent atom which is, as you know, upon the etheric level. It is this individual web which is the medium of relationship to the whole. The universal consciousness of Aquarius becomes expressive just in so far as the individual etheric body is in conscious relation with the etheric body of humanity, the solar system and—of course—the planet.” (EA 302)
10. The life of the Monad		10. The composite radiation of all vehicles in the five worlds of super-human evolution.
11. Absoluteness—undifferentiated Oneness		11. “Unity in diversity”
12. Life, itself		12. “Life more abundant”
13. Aries upon the Ordinary Wheel: “Movement outward into incarnation. The Will to manifest.” (EA 151) (ESE) First Aspect latent.		13. Aquarius upon the Ordinary Wheel: “Consecration to the service of the lower self. Selfishness” (EA 151) (ESE) Third Aspect latent.
14. Aries upon the Reversed Wheel: “Appearance of the will to cooperate with the Plan. The death of Self-will.” (EA 151) (ASE) First Aspect expressed.		14. Aquarius upon the Reversed Wheel: “Consecration to the service of the Whole. The death or negation of all personality selfishness.” (EA 151) (ASE) Third Aspect expressed.
15. “...vague beginnings in Aries, the faint emergence of the latent embodied idea..” (EA 101-102), develop into...		15. “...the world server” (EA 102)
16. Aries—for the Undeveloped Man: “Blind, undirected experience. Instinctual reaction.” (EA 332)		16. Aquarius—for the Undeveloped Man: “All things to all men. The burden of the self.” (EA 333)
17. Aries—for the Advanced Man: “Directed personality effort. Desire.” (EA 332)		17. Aquarius—for the Advanced Man: “Dedication to the soul. The burden of humanity. (EA 333)
18. Aries—for the Disciple/Initiate: “Recognition and work with the Plan. Will.” (EA 332)		18. Aquarius—for the Disciple/Initiate: “The Server of all men. The burden of the world.” (EA 333)
19. Yearly Opportunity in Relation to Aries: When the Sun is in Aries, an individual may cultivate response to the will of the soul and, even, to the influence of the monad. He should undertake initiatives under the direction of the spiritual factors within his nature.		19. Yearly Opportunity in Relation to Aquarius: When the Sun is in Aquarius, an individual should focus upon improving the quality and scope of his group service. Further, he may cultivate group conscious attitudes while improving his ability to contribute to group-life and group-purpose.

<p>20. The Life of the Christ from an Aretian Perspective: "Aries.—This sign, which is the sign of beginnings, provided the impulse and energy which enabled Him to inaugurate the Christian era; it initiated, through Him, the 'age of Love' which is only now beginning to take form, and its potency is now so great that it has brought about (paradoxically) the present world cleavage." (EA 567)</p>		<p>20. The Life of the Christ from an Aquarian Perspective: "The expression of this influence has been beautifully given to us in the story of the Last Supper. Christ sent His disciples into the city to find the man 'bearing a pitcher of water' upon his shoulder. This is the symbol of the sign Aquarius—the sign in which the universality of the water of life will become a factor in human consciousness; then we shall indeed all sit down eventually to the communion of bread and wine. He referred indirectly to the same idea when He spoke of Himself as the 'water of life,' assuaging the thirst of humanity." (EA 566)</p>
21. Independence		21. Group inter-dependency
22. Authoritarianism; dictatorship		22. Anti-authoritarianism; tolerating no dictators. "In America (Aquarius) every man is king!"
23. Extremely individualistic		23. Essentially, group-conscious
24. Individualism as a point of friction within groups		24. Universal brotherhood and harmony
25. Great individual efforts		25. The benefits of a division of labor within the group
26. Solo efforts		26. Synergy
27. Respect for the individual pattern		27. Seeking to standardize all; leveling (MSE)
28. Subjective—lacking objectivity upon the self, and seeing only its own point of view		28. Capable of identifying with many different types of human beings
29. Marching to one's own drummer; going one's own way		29. "All things to all men" (EA 333)
30. Focussed energy (MSE, ASE); "directed personality effort" (EA 332)		30. The scattering of forces; debilitating extroversion (ESE, MSE) "The average man in Aquarius puts all his wares into the window, and often in the room behind the window there is little to be found." (EA 146)
31. Strong sense of selfhood (MSE, ASE)		31. Superficial sense of selfhood
32. The Self as <i>center</i> —(the Sun is exalted)		32. Loss of center through 'groupiness'
33. Jealous and possessive		33. More naturally tolerant and broad-minded
34. Crowding-in; overly eager		34. Aloofness; observational
35. Crudeness, roughness, rudeness—insensitivity to the subtle (ESE, MSE)		35. Sensitivity to apparently invisible subjective energies (MSE, ASE)

Similarities and Points of Cooperation Between the Influences of the Aries and Aquarius

- A. Both Aries and Aquarius are associated with the new and progressive, and both are strongly ruled by progressive Uranus—Aries hierarchically, Aquarius exoterically. The eyes of those born in and under these signs are pointed towards the future and they share a highly inventive spirit. Aries gives the initiative to penetrate into the new and Aquarius so often a vision of the new possibilities.
- B. Although Aries is more passionate, usually, both are signs of high idealism. Perhaps this is so because Neptune is veiled by the Moon as one of the hierarchical rulers of Aquarius and the *sixth* ray is transmitted via Mars, the exoteric ruler of Aries.
- C. Both signs also share the scientific spirit conveyed via Uranus. Both Aries and Aquarius are highly mental signs though in the early days Aquarians tend to be perhaps more intuitive. Certainly Aries is associated with the lower mental body and with the atomic sheath, the *first* of the five superhuman sheaths, and Aquarius is associated with the higher mind and also perhaps with the buddhic sphere.
- D. Both signs carry a fair measure of the first ray via Uranus, however first ray transmission is constellationally indirect in the case of Aquarius and direct in the case of Aries. Yet the connection between Aquarius and the Great Bear, that powerful purveyor or cosmic ray *one* energy, cannot be denied. Aquarius is also associated with a hidden constellation connected to Polaris, which star represents the directing power of the monad for our planet and hence the *first* ray. This is accentuated by the fact that our planet has a *first* ray monad. It will most likely be demonstrated in time that more than the fifth ray is transmitted via Aquarius and that the electrifying power of the first ray is also to be seen transmitted through this sign.
- E. Both signs are signs of immense creativity. Aries represents the creativity of the individual spontaneously receiving new ideas from the mind of God and Aquarius represents the creativity of harmonized groups of individuals.
- F. Both signs have an unusual connection with electric fire, as is evidenced by the rulership of Uranus. Aries is connected with the monad which is the representation within the human system of pure electric fire and Aquarius is associated with the transmission of all manner of energies. Energies, no matter what their type and grade, are essentially a variety of electricity. The natives of both these signs often prove to have an electrifying effect on those they contact.
- G. Not only is Aquarius associated with the Great Bear mythologically but Aries is likewise, as witnessed from the triangle Great Bear, Aries and Libra.
- H. These two signs are peculiarly responsible for inaugurating the New Age so the similarities are many. While the influence of Mars is not prominent in Aquarius, idealism is and while the influence of Mercury is also not found in Aquarius, as it is the esoteric ruler of Aries, still Aquarius is a highly mental and scientific sign, and Mercury is well placed in this sign.
- I. From one point of view both are power signs related to the release of electrical energy within any system (human, greater or smaller). Both are also potent signs of synthesis. Aries rules the absolute union of subject and object and Aquarius rules the principal of universalization through the binding power of solar fire and, later, of electric fire. Of Aquarius it can be said "We are *One*"; of Aries it can be said, "We are of the same *Essence*."