

# Astrologer predicts Sagittarian effect will bring global peace in 1995

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Despite soothsayers that predict gloom and doom, 1995 will see the beginning of global peace, Hassan Jafer, well known astrologer who has appeared on numerous radio and TV shows and writes for this newspaper, explained.

"For the past decade, with Pluto in Scorpio, the world has seen the Gulf War and the end of apartheid and the cold war. These are manifestations of Scorpio but in 1995, Pluto will move out of Scorpio and into Sagittarius.

I have yet to see a single publication which fits the coming picture of Pluto in Sagittarius. They all seem to be harping on the Pluto in Scorpio effects

which will be passe by November, 1995. Wars, dictators, bloodshed, bombings and secret mind control societies will be gone!" Jafer sees the Sagittarian effect slowly taking hold in 1995.

Reforms in religion, education, justice, immigration and the environment on a global scale will be coming to the forefront.

Jafer who has accurately predicted the end of communism, the Gulf War and Palestinian self-rule foresees religious fundamentalism making the biggest gains around the world which will inevitably create major clashes in religious ideology within each religion resulting in an increase in religious persecution.

Another effect of religious fundamentalism will be the estab-

lishment of religious governments in Iraq and Algeria as well as the collapse of the Middle Eastern monarchies.

"The City of Jerusalem will be given international status and the role of the United Nations will be overhauled and redefined. After much dispute, peace will come to Bosnia by the end of 1995," predicted Jafer.

For Canada, in particular, Jafer foresees that Quebec will achieve some kind of autonomy but not separation.

"It's more the language thing," he explained. Jafer also predicts that Jean Chretien will have more successful overseas ventures that garnered Canada many multi-billion dollar contracts.

"His foreign policies will benefit Canada tremendously and

there will be many grants to those who wish to export. Foreign trade will increase dramatically throughout 1995 and there will be a boom in the import/export and travel industry as far as 2008." Jafer also foresees Chretien staying in office for one more term.

Another benefit for Canada may come about with the easing of the Cuban trade embargo. "Some of the trade restrictions will be lifted as early as January to April 1995."

He foresees that one of the first joint ventures with Cuba will be in telecommunications.

On a more personal level, Dale Osadchuk, spiritual counsellor and astrologer, sees the same planetary movements as a "cosmic dance."

"The new cycle created by

Pluto moving into Sagittarius is an opportunity to grow, expand and really experience renewal." Osadchuk explained that if you have been working towards breaking from past conditioning, tradition and structure, the

new cycle offers those opportunities to break free.

Regardless of whether one wishes to look inward or outward, the stars have spoken and the future looks pretty good.

## Check background of alternative health practitioners

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Caveat emptor. "Let the buyer beware." As more people are turning from traditional medicine towards alternative therapies, consumers are cautioned both by the Ontario Ministry of Health and accredited Naturopaths that many practitioners of alternative medicine do not necessarily have the expertise to diagnose or treat patients.

Dr. Gary Hardy of the Markham Homeopathy Centre said, "Even some traditional doctors can fail the patient," but he agreed that at least patients have recourse as doctors are regulated.

Elliot Gold, spokesperson for the Ontario Ministry of Health explained that prior to December 1993, most alternative medicine groups fell under some kind of legislation but after that date, the new government in office decided to standardize alternative health groups under the new Regulations Health Professions Act. This new act made all the prior legislations null and void.

Gold pointed out that from the 75 alternative health groups that applied for consideration, only 23 were accepted. Naturopaths, who are self-regulated by the Board of Directors for Drugless Therapy were also not accepted, however, for the past eight years, the Health Professions Regulations Advisory Council has been defining the scope of practice for Naturopaths. That job is almost finished and there is a separate act being written into the RHPA that will cover Naturopaths. "We expect this piece of legislation to pass in Parliament very soon," said Gold.

Naturopathic doctors must complete four years of training at one of the four recognized colleges in North America which have a pre-admission requirement of three years of pre-medical studies at a university. Upon graduating, students receive the title N.D. - Doctor of Naturopathy.

Naturopathy is a system of non-intrusive health care that uses natural methods such as herbs, nutrition and lifestyle counselling, manipulation and homeopathy to support and stimulate the body's inherent self-healing process.

Homeopathy is a 180 year old system of medicine that is based on the belief that a substance can cure the same problems it can cause by administering a diluted dose of that substance. Hardy stressed that a good homeopath will deliver only one medication for the totality of symptoms. "If your homeopath is giving you complex series of medications, you should start being suspicious."

At present, the Canadian Academy of Homeopathy offers a post-diploma program, however, there is nothing at an undergraduate level. If consumers have complaints with their Naturopath, there is a complaints mechanism with the Board of Directors for Drugless Therapy/Naturopathy and if they are still unsatisfied, they can appeal with the Health Professions Board. Gold stated that, "this is the one major distinction between the two groups."

Homeopaths, as well as acupuncturists, herbalists, Shiatsu massage therapists and practitioners of traditional Chinese medicine were among the health professions that were also not considered for regulation under the RHPA. Part of the criteria for regulation is

that an educational process be set up with a recognized standard body of knowledge. Other professions such as aromatherapists and reflexologists do not

have the power to diagnose or administer medication. Hardy commented that, "there are people out there who have little or no training or who perhaps took

their training through a correspondence course. It is important for the consumer to check where their doctor has trained, how long and his or her background."

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