

# H<sub>2</sub>O and its Re-Cognition as Water ~ Ritual / Cultural Water



Duality of Water & Fire



Christ washing Apostles feet



Baptism in Peachtree Creek



Apsara / Nymphs

Substance of "water" or "fire" varies with culture. While separate ideas and entities they have the ability to be used interchangeably in metaphoric uses.

Water is always Dual in nature.

Water envelops what exists before space was. Water was there before the creation.

Ancient Egyptian origin myth holds that in the beginning, the universe was filled with the primeval waters of chaos, which was the god Nun. The god, Re-Atum, appeared from the Water as the land of Egypt appears every year out of the flood waters of the Nile.

Many things can be waters & differ by culture. Like salty ocean water differs from blood which differs from thirst quenching waters.

Jungle Cultures believe that Heaven and Earth are simply different manifestations of water.

Brazilian Indians along the Venezuelan border believed that the dead turned to water and return to earth as women who are perceived as dew.

Water & Fire have shifting borders.

Vedic mythology believe in Soma => the fire that envelops all beings, flows and ebbs around the sun, the fire that can be drunk.

The Intoxicating power of Distilled Alcohol comes from the Spirit of the water.

The expressions of the imagination by generating associations of form and matter. Fire & Passion "Inflame men's desires" vs. "Liquefy Men's Innards".

Mnemosyne refers to a titan known as the "Mother of the Muses." Lived during the time of Uranus and Gaia, well before the age of the Olympian gods. Nymphs and Muses would guide travelers and immortals to Mnemosyne's well in order to remember what was.

Mnemosyne's water is that before the gods... " a cosmic element-Water that washes-became the source of remembrance, the wellspring of culture, and acquired the features of a woman.

Astrology incorporates the four elements: Air, Earth, Fire & Water (the Triplicities). Fire ~ Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius; Earth ~ Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn; Air ~ Gemini, Libra, Aquarius; Water ~ Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces.

Astrology star constellations named after mythical & natural characters.

Enter the written language, the written word which "fixes things" to be what they are as they are written... yet at the same time it causes the reduction of oral growth and variation narrowing the great stream of remembrance.

Through the written language cleansing becomes more than just washing of the skin. Purification became an obsession. Ritual waters of memory to become cleansed of man's guilt.

Ritual waters of abolition, purification, baptism, cleansing of body, mind, and spirit.

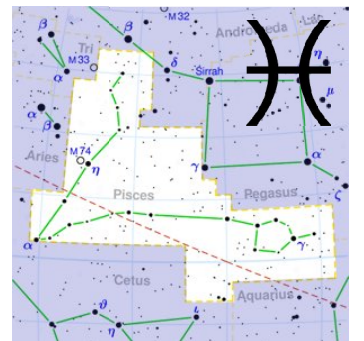
The stuff in the pipes is not water but H<sub>2</sub>O; a stuff created by the industrial society.

The "Cleaned" water of a city to be used to create a lake providing cooling, sparkle, pleasure, etc. is still the stuff from pipes. It is not the pure pristine water of nature, imagination, & dreams.

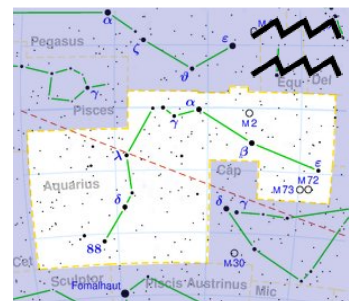
There are moral and psychological consequences of public display of "toilet flush" with the pretense of the aesthetic symbol of waters in urban space.



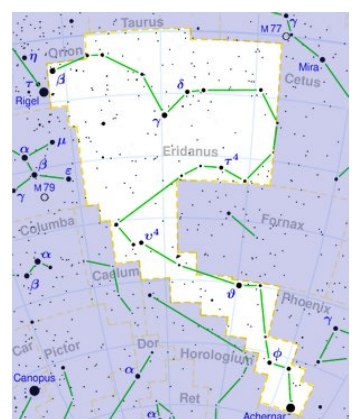
Poseidon



Pisces ~ the Fish



Aquarius ~ the water-bearer



Eridanus ~ the river

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