

15-A **New Age Religions**
Lecture Notes

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THE DASH

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I read of a man who stood to speak
at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth
and spoke of the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
that she spent alive on earth...
and now only those who loved her
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own;
the cars....the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...
are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left.
You could be at "dash midrange."

If we could just slow down enough
to consider what's true and real,
and always try to understand
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
and show appreciation more,
and love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,
and more often wear a smile...
remembering that this special dash
might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy's being read,
with your life's actions to rehash...
would you be proud of the things they say
about how you spent your dash?

1. **The New Age Handout**

2. If you have heard of the song, "Aquarius" by, "The 5th Dimension" **from the musical Hair**, then you have heard the basic statement and outward goals of the New Age Movement. The New Age refers to the coming "Age of Aquarius". The lyrics of the song are:

**When the moon is in the 7th house
And Jupiter aligns with Mars,
Then peace will guide the planets,
And love will fill your heart;
This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius.**

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