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Last Week's Newsletter Got Bounced

tion list for last week's newsletter, nearly 400 people, never got the Monday morning announcement. The reason was that **Senderbase**, a self-appointed spam-cop, had listed AstroAmerica.com, along with an unknown number of other websites that all share the same network address, (69.94.21.110), as spamers. It happens from time to time that we get listed by one or another of several dozen self-appointed spam cops and emails bounce back as a result, but last Monday was by far the most severe.

The reason seems to be that my host,

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BOUT ten percent of the distribu- OLM.net, is becoming increasingly sloppy with their work. New websites are piled in with old websites (I've been with them 12 years), and as new websites often abuse emails, the result is that everybody gets listed as spamers. Since I'm paying for hosting, I feel I have a right to use the system, which includes emails, but it is clear that OLM is getting tired of my complaints. Last week in frustration I suggested they segregate new accounts from old, but as I have not heard further I am not hopeful.

> I know of three possible solutions. A Virtual Private Server (VPS) would solve the "party line" problems, but I am not competent to run it, which means there would be worse problems down the road. On Facebook there was a suggestion to use a separate service for emails, but the suggested company wanted \$50 a month for it. Five years ago I might have gone for that, but there is no money now. The final solution is to find someone else to host Astro-America.com. From the struggle I had to find OLM years ago, I do not relish searching on my own. I welcome comments and suggestions from all of you, as there needs to be a solution of some sort. And if you did not get the usual note last week, my apologies. Now you know why. — Dave

FROM C.E.O. CARTER'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA

Marriage, Aversion to. Gadbury tells us that the particular significators of marriage (i.e. lord of the 7th or planets therein, and planets to which the appropriate luminary first applies) or Venus, with the Moon and the lord of the ascendant in sterile signs, combust, cadent, and retrograde, show an aversion to marriage. But consider in each case the underlying reason.

Materialism in the real sense is usually due to Saturnian action linked with the 9th house, Sagittarius or Jupiter, also often to the presence of many planets in earthy signs. When the Saturnian action is prominent, but ill-placed, there is often melancholy, fatalism, or an attitude of despair or indifference. Where Venus, Taurus or Libra are prominent, in a weak map, there may be self-indulgence and gross materialism, and the same may even result, in such a map, from the Sun-Leo or Jupiter-Sagittarian influences. Mars may produce a brutal materialism; Mercury an intellectual one. But in all cases the 9th house will be involved. — Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology

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Notes: A sapphire star situated on the head of Ophiuchus. From Ras

al Hawwa, the Head of the Serpent Charmer

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Saturn and Venus. It gives misfortune through women, perverted tastes and mental depravity.

With Sun: Reserved, thoughtful, studious, suspicious, solitary, reputation for athletics, little wealth, careless of public opinion.

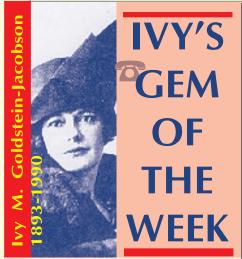
With Moon: Public prominence in religious matters, favourable for gain.

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With Mercury: Unpopular attitude and criticism through religion, philosophy or science; difficulties in marriage and quarrels fostered by others, trouble through opposite sex, not very good for gain. With Venus: Quick minded, well educated, cautious, secretive, suspicious, unfavourable for gain. - from **Fixed Stars**, by Robson

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For a Missing Possession

O find the distance between the querent and his lost possession that is shown to be away from the home, we take the rulers of the 1st and 2nd and note the difference in their degree, whether in aspect or not, for the BASIC distance. If the Moon is in a Cardinal Sign, take twice the difference: in a Common Sign, take half the difference: in a Fixed Sign, take one-fourth of that difference: this gives the real distance and in miles.

On p. 160, the ruler of the 1st is Mercury in 2 degrees and the ruler of the 2nd happens to be the Moon in 16 degrees, the difference being 14 for their basic distance. The Moon is Cardinal, denoting twice 14 for the real distance, or 28 miles away, to find the car.

If Cancer appears on both the 1st and 2nd cusps, the Moon is considered co-ruler of the 1st and we find the difference between her degree and the degree on the 2nd for the basic distance, multiplying it by 2, ½ or ¼ as before, according to whether the Moon is in a Cardinal Sign, a Common Sign or a Fixed Sign.

The Direction by House and Sign

THE planet representing the querent or the person or thing inquired about is called the Significator; where you find that planet by House and Sign, there will you find the person or thing you are seeking, as follows:

Direction by House: 1st: EAST. 2nd: E.N.E. 3rd: N.N.E. 4th: NORTH. 5th: N.N.W. 6th: W.N.W. [etc.] — **Simplified Horary Astrology**, 1960

OCCUPY WALL STREET PART TWO

Time, and Time Again

AST week Thursday, December 8, a court in Boston declared Occupy to not qualify as free speech under the First Amendment. "Protesting" is free speech, but "occupying" is not, so said State Court Judge Frances McIntyre. Can you tell the difference? At sunrise on Saturday, Occupy Boston was promptly eliminated.

Ignore the happy talk, if you can still find any. The Occupy movement has been brutally suppressed by the police, who are clearly acting in concert with Homeland Security, which is under the direct supervision of the President himself. Truman told us long ago where the buck stopped, Nixon confirmed it, Bush removed the last doubts. Not only is the President The Decider, his office is, as a whole, charged with the Manufacture of Reality itself. Presidents give us their permission to react. Obama is no different.

Over the past week various people have suggested other "birth times" for Occupy, which started on September 17, 2011, 12:01 pm in lower Manhattan. From Anne O, repeating an observation from an astrologer on the scene, 10:01 am, the moment when Occupy physically sealed off the greater Wall Street area itself. Gary P suggested 3:00 pm, when the General Assembly first met. Gary also suggested July 13, 2011, as the start of Occupy. That was when the September 17 date was first proposed by Occupy's original promoters, the Canadian based Adbusters.

All of which produce interesting details. 10:01 am (pg. 4) shows underlying public support, which is considerable. A youthful, powerful, sexy 3 degrees of Scorpio rises. It owned and controlled by the same worn out, exhausted, nasty Mars, but that Mars is now in the very center of the 9th house, of religious beliefs, hopes and dreams (dreams are 9th, not 12th). Mars is still ruled by the Moon. but the Moon is now late in the 7th. A retrograde Jupiter stands between it and the descendant. And while Venus in Libra still rules all three, Venus is now not in the 11th, but rushing towards the 12th. Venus is not as strong, Jupiter is standing in the way, which means the Moon is weaker overall. Which makes Mars stronger as a result, but, alas, not a lot stronger.

As for the Wall Street crowd, 10:01 am gives them 3 of Taurus on the descendant. If the crowd's enthusiasm (3 Scorpio) was, in

fact, premature by two hours, then note that Wall Street itself, at the equally early degree of 3 Taurus, was "caught off guard" by the events. As was its ruler, Venus. Venus, at 3 Libra, was exactly inconjunct to the descendant and thought she was safe, that "nothing could happen" at such a time. She was to learn otherwise.

Venus ruling 12 and going in that direction, Wall Street immediately sought institutional (12th house) help. Where it found the government (Saturn in Libra in 12) ready and eager. Note that at 10:01 am Saturn rules the 4th house, which represents the physical space Occupy was occupying. Note that the "new" ruler of the 4th, Uranus, retrograde, was trying not to get into the 6th house. The 6th is the police, Aries on the cusp says the cops would be aggressive, but Mars ruling the 6th says the police were on the side of the protesters. Which in New York they initially were. Police suppression in New York was originally from white-shirted supervisors. Not the blue-uniformed rank and file who stood to one side, watching. Police hesitation is shown by Uranus in the same sign as the cusp, but located outside the house and going backwards. The police wanted nothing to do with arresting protesters.

war." The 10:01 am chart shows a popular uprising. Uranus in 6 opposite Venus and Saturn in 12. The need for police (6th) to repress the revolt was clear, but the police, in contact with events on the ground (10:01 am, loyal to the protesters) could not be relied upon. You will note that both Venus and Saturn are debilitated in Aries. Which means "they can't go there." Wall Street (Venus) and the government (Saturn) were both frightened, being opposite the explosive Uranus, in the sign of their mutual debility.

The story of Occupy then becomes the story of how a people's revolt (10:01 am) was subsequently co-opted by the group's promoters, Adbusters (12:01 pm). Searching on-line, I can only find that Adbusters was founded at some point in 1989, allegedly because of rage at a vending machine. Note that the Berlin Wall effectively "fell" at 10:30 pm on November 9, 1989. If Adbusters was a reaction to that (as it likely was), then Adbusters was formed between that date, and

(continued, pg. 4)

★STUDENT'S CORNER★

This is a serialization of Vivian Robson's masterpiece, A Student's Text-Book of Astrology. It is now in print.

Part 69:

Home and Family

(4th house) concluded:—

CAPRICORN. Neptune, trouble through family or father. Uranus, early family discord, loss of or separation from father. Mars, early death of brethren, survives relatives but does not gain from them. Venus, little or no domestic happiness. Moon, death of or separation from parent, may be illegitimate or badly brought up.

AQUARIUS. Mars, early death of brethren. Sun, unfavorable for father. Moon, unfavorable for mother.

PISCES. Saturn, trouble through or danger to father. Jupiter, help from relatives. Mars, danger to female relatives, harm from family. Sun unfavorable for father, native foremost in family. Venus, honour amongst relatives. Moon, numerous brethren, native's birth may bring trouble to the mother.

Sun. In the 4th good heredity.

Moon. In 4th, many changes of residence, especially late in life; often indicates adoption or early separation from home. If afflicted especially in 4th or 8th, mother makes a bad recovery from childbirth.

MERCURY. In 4th many changes of residence, worry over domestic matters.

VENUS. In 4th, fortunate and happy home life. In 3rd, help from relatives.

MARS. In 4th, domestic quarrels, especially late in life, trouble with parents, danger of fires at home. If angular or succeedent and afflicting Moon or Venus, accidents and disease to mother. If afflicting oriental Moon, danger of injuries to or sudden death of mother, if Moon is occidental she may die of miscarriage, childbirth, inflammation, or wounds. If afflicting Venus, death of mother from fever or sudden illness.

JUPITER. In 4th, happy homelife.

SATURN. In 4th, unsatisfactory environment, if afflicted poverty. In 3rd, sorrow through relatives, few brethren. Afflicting oriental Moon, death of mother from disease, cold and fevers, if Moon is occidental, womb afflictions or consumption. If slow, retrograde and cadent, and afflicting Moon, accidents and disease to mother, but if both be swift and angular she will have a short and afflicted life. Uranus. In 4th, domestic trouble, estrangement or death of parent, peculiar disharmony. In 3rd, peculiar relatives.

NEPTUNE. In 4th, peculiar domestic conditions, residence in unfavourable psychic conditions, domestic secrets. In 10th, danger to parents. In 3rd, peculiar relatives.

— A Student's Text-Book of Astrology, by Vivian Robson.

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From Book III, Chapter 8:—

TWINS

TITH respect to the probability of the birth of twins, or a greater number at once, the same places must be observed, as those mentioned in the preceding chapter; that is to say, the places of both luminaries and the ascendant.

When two, or all three, of the said places may be situated in bicorporeal signs, births of this kind will occur, in consequence of the combination which then arises; especially, provided all the planets, which control those places, should also be similarly circumstanced: or although only some of them be posited in bicorporeal signs, while the rest may be placed by two or more together. Because even more than twins will be born, in a case wherein all the ruling places may be in bicorporeal signs, most of the planets being, at the same time, posited in the same way, and configurated with them. The number of children, however, to be produced at the birth, is to be inferred from the planet which exercises the right of determining the number: and the sex or sexes are to be predicted by means of the planets in configuration with the Sun, Moon and ascendant.

And, should the position of the heavens be arranged so that the angle of the midheaven, and not that of the ascendant, may be connected with the luminaries, there will, in that case, be produced, almost always, twins; and sometimes even more.

To speak, however, more particularly, three males will be born, as in the nativity of the Anactores, when Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars may be configurated with the places before appointed, in bicorporeal signs; and three females, as in the nativity of the Graces, when Venus and the Moon, with Mercury femininely constituted, may be configurated in like manner. When Saturn, Jupiter and Venus may be configurated, two males and one female will be born, as in the nativity of the Dioscuri . . . — Tetrabiblos, by Claudius Ptolemy

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Is
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0°-10° Cancer rising

The Cancer decanate

he first decanate is ruled by the Moon. This gives a dreamy, receptive, yet tenacious disposition, much influenced by family ties and limitations. The character is change-

able, reserved, sensitive and imbued with considerable tenacity of purpose. People born under this sign make excellent biographers, being able to look up past history and re-live the lives of famous people they are portraying. In order to do this efficiently, they retire into the fastness of homes and shut out, as much as possible, contemporary thought and activity. Great lovers of romance, the modern world appears to them both crude and ruthless; thus they live either in the past or through their own dreams in order to escape mundane facts. The late Sir J.M. Barrie was a typical Cancerian, both in appearance and character.

From DeVore's Encyclopedia

Face: As employed by Ptolemy, a planet in a House that is distant counter-clockwise from the Moon, or clockwise from the Sun by the same number of Houses as the Sign, is in its Face. This means that Mercury is in its Face when in a House preceding that of the Moon, or following that of the Sun; Venus when two houses preceding or following; Mars, three Houses; Jupiter, four Houses; or Saturn, five Houses—duplicating in Houses from the actual Sun and Moon positions, the scheme of Sign-Rulership from Cancer and Leo, around to Capricorn and Aquarius.



the end of the year. Like as not they have a 12th house Sun, as they have always been institutional, shadowy, and largely ineffectual. Carol Mull covered 12th house Suns decades ago in relation to corporation charts.

CCUPY failed when the government realized they did not have a popular uprising on their hands (10:01 am), but merely an ineffectual group of fools (12:01 pm). The government then acted accordingly, and with great strength. If that is true, then we might get more information by setting the chart for the first General Assembly, at 3:00 pm. Evidence suggests OWS to have been pre-planned, which means the general assembly was pre-planned and its inaugural session to presumably to have been scheduled in advance. Which means the 3:00 pm time will be more or less accurate.

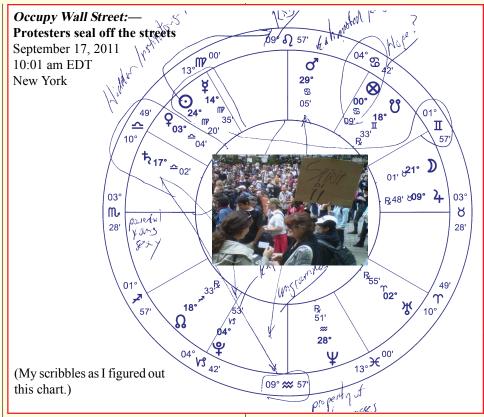
Three pm on the fated day has 5 Capricorn on the ascendant. Pluto is exactly conjunct. Capricorn is structure. Pluto wants to destroy that structure. As with the previous two charts, we are no longer surprised to find the chart ruler again in the 9th house. The chart ruler, the speaker of the assembly, is Saturn, which shows authority. This authority is (take your pick) a philosopher, a clergyman or a foreigner, as the 9th rules all three.

These General Assemblies were immediately suppressed. Use of amplification was prohibited, forcing a nuclear-powered Pluto, ruled by a powerful Saturn booming from the ivory towers of the 9th (both of these planets malefics), to a slow, unamplified "call and response" method of deliberation.

If the ascendant is the speaker, the seventh is to whom he is speaking. Here we find Cancer, with Mars at the very last degree. Mars is wrapped up inside himself at the best of times (a man with a sword isn't taking direction from anybody!), and at 29 degrees (back to the wall) is certainly in no mood to listen.

Which makes the 10th house the subject under discussion. At 29 Libra, the subject, whatever it is, is stale. Venus ruling from the 9th, which is the 12th from the MC, tells us the subject is hidden. The final outcome is the 4th house. At 29 Aries, with Mars exactly square, the affair ends badly as well as abruptly.

HICH brings me to the chart for this country, the United States of America, July 4, 1776, Philadelphia (page 6). The original chart, an artificial construction, was first published by Ebenezer Sibley in 1787. It consisted of the



angles and houses from the previous summer solstice, as seen in London, combined with planetary positions as of noon, Philadelphia, on July 4, 1776.

Thinking about this, two things are clear. One, Sibley, like many ancient astrologers, did not have the actual time of the event and so used a workaround. When you study ancient texts, watch out for this. A lot of old techniques would never have been invented had they been in possession of accurately timed charts.

A revolutionary declaration is, logically, a subset of the prevailing solar cycle, which makes the most recent phase of that cycle, the solstice, a valid starting point. The second point is that Sibley most likely saw the American revolution as a temporary arrangement. Not a permanent condition. A more permanent chart would have been used the angles from the spring equinox. Which, then as now, is the proper start to the year.

In the **Book of World Horoscopes**, where I extract this information, Campion notes that Sibley published his chart only eleven years after the Declaration, only five years after the war ended, and, revealingly, two years before Washington became the first president. Which "was therefore calculated while the events of 1776 were very much a part of contemporary politics." (pg. 414, 1999 edition)

The importance of this seems to have

been lost on Nicholas. Which is that five years after the war ended, the thirteen colonies still had no effective government. The likelihood was that the states would sink into petty warfare and if one or another state did not end up the victor over the rest of them, the colonies would eventually be reabsorbed by one European power or another. I would like very much to see Sibley's original delineation. I am also curious if he set another chart upon learning of the Constitution and the inauguration of Washington as the first president. If you're curious, Campion gives that as April 30, 1789, 12:40 pm, New York.

HE Declaration of Independence was forced by the king of France, the luckless Louis XVI. The rebels had gone to Versailles to ask for help. The French were sympathetic, having lost a lot of real estate to the British a decade before (Quebec), but rightly insisted the colonists make a formal declaration of their intentions. It would seem, from the rather murky accounts of July 4, that they did so reluctantly. We might further speculate they did so as a group so that the governors of the individual states could deny the document later, if needed.

The resulting astrological chart, whatever time you set it for, seems to have never actually been read. Some degree of Sagittarius or maybe Gemini (the ascendant) is known to be a significant degree, and that's about it. So let's read the rest, see what it tells us:

At 4:50 or 5:10 pm, times which seem to have historical support, Sagittarius rises. This is enthusiastic and outgoing and energetic, but also mindless. The ruler, Jupiter in Cancer, is technically late in the seventh house, but as Gemini, not Cancer, is on the cusp of the seventh, it seems to me that we should put Jupiter, along with the Sun (which wavers between the two houses between the two times) and Venus, in the 8th, where it will join Mercury and the Part of Fortune.

This gives us a stellium of four planets and a strong 8th house chart. Stelliums are strong because the planets in them will rule, and therefore dominate, much of the rest of the chart. In this case:

Venus in Cancer and the 8th rules the MC (5:10 pm), the 11th house, and the 6th.

Jupiter in Cancer and the 8th rules the ascendant and, at 4:50 pm, the fourth, Pisces.

The Sun rules the 9th.

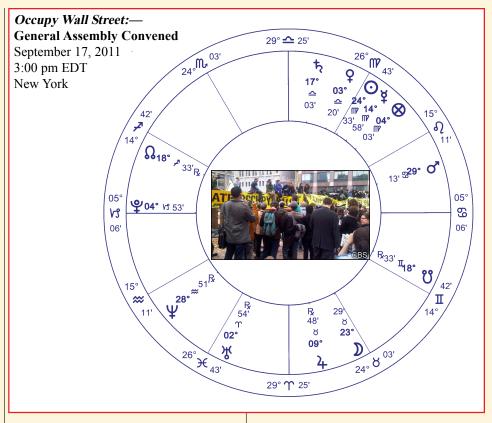
Mercury rules the descendant and the MC if the time is 4:50 pm.

As no planet is in its own sign (Jupiter is exalted), every planet not in the stellium is ultimately ruled by the stellium itself. The Moon is the ruler of Cancer. We find it in Aquarius in the 3rd. It is ruled by Saturn in Libra, which is ruled by Venus in Cancer.

O our 8th house stellium can reach out and claim the entire chart for itself. Directly with the ascendant, 4th house, 6th house, descendant, 8th house, 9th house, 10th house, and 11th house. Directly, the stellium rules the north node, the Part of Fortune, Neptune and Saturn. Indirectly (one stage removed) the stellium rules all the other planets (the Moon) and all the other cusps.

As we have seen, the 8th house is the house of Wall Street, the house of other people's money. With a stellium in the 8th, one which includes an exalted chart ruler, this is a chart of a nation which will tend to exploit itself as well as the rest of the world, for its own, personal benefit. (Cancer takes everything personally. In the 8th, it helps itself at your expense.)

You will note that Venus, a part of the stellium, directly rules the 6th house, which has Taurus on the cusp. Which in traditional astrology was the house of slaves. Taurus is money, which is to say there is money to be made from slaves. That Taurus is empty denotes the relative unimportance of slaves, as well as the unimportance of their successors, modern wage slaves. Which, in a single stroke, demolishes the fiction that America was founded to be free. Slaves and slavery were an accepted part of the arrangement. When we read the Declaration of Indepen-



dence we read much about The King did this, or The King did that and as a result we believe The King to have grievously oppressed his people. We ignore the fact that half the signers were slave owners (no, slave *breeders*), and we are conveniently ignorant of what that means.

In fact, by the mid 1770's, the abolition movement was well underway in London, led by the tireless **William Wilberforce**, a name little known in the US. In an effort to make the rich northern colonies make peace, England proposed abolishing slavery in the colonies. After all, the northern colonies already had by that time, so slavery was clearly on its way out, no?

Instead, the offer was rejected by Southerners, who then had a reason to join their northern cousins in revolt. Hence the reason why the Declaration did not list slavery as contravening the Rights of Man, because so far as America was concerned, slavery did not. England banned slavery in 1807, and as the English ruled the seas, they banned the Atlantic slave trade as well. The US government nominally went along with the trading ban, but in fact kept on with slave ships. Which the English navy seized, impressing their sailors into the Royal Navy for good measure. Which set up the War of 1812. They didn't teach you this in school?

Cut off from cheap resupply, hereditary slavery requires slaves to be sired by their owners, as hereditary slaves will not breed.

("Let slavery die with me" is every slave's motto. Slave mothers who cannot abort will strangle their newborn, with tears in their eyes as they do so.) In the 1776 chart, count five houses from the house of slaves, to find the children of slaves, and note the ruler (the de facto fathers), and its placement. I had not looked at this chart detail before but was not surprised to find it. I could say much more, but it will turn your stomach. Slavery in America was far more vile that the fairy tales we have been told.

Note that Uranus, the planet of freedom, is in the 6th at 5:10 pm, but in the 7th at 4:50. With the change of Virgo for Libra on the midheaven, I am coming to the conclusion that 4:50 pm is the more likely time.

HE Sagittarius rising chart exists to extract money from the world. It is interested in very little else. Those who oppose it will be struck down: Mars in the 7th. Americans have traditionally "found themselves" inside this chart, which is to say, in its 8th house and have consequently enjoyed themselves at the expense of others: The original inhabitants were pushed aside, African were forcibly brought to do the heavy work, and immigrants have traditionally been exploited ruthlessly. Chinese immigrants have horrible stories to tell, to say nothing of the present migrant worker mess. Until quite recently America consumed most of the world's resources and still consumes disproportionate amounts of oil and energy.

America has always lived at the expense of others. We are an 8th house nation.

The 8th house is the house of transformation, the house that takes things, such as money, from one place (your pocket) to another (its pocket), or, on a personal level, transforms you from virgin to sexually accomplished, or takes you from life, to death. These 8th house processes are innate. They cannot be stopped, they can only barely be understood.

Do you remember, years and years ago, what it was like to be a virgin? How you wondered, how you looked forward — or dreaded — the day and the place and the person that would change your life, once and forever? *The process of losing one's virginity is ruled by the 8th house.* Death, of course, is the primary 8th house function and a much more powerful and frightening example.

The 8th house, the house of transformation, is the essence of the United States of America, now and forever. Regardless of prudence or cost. Eventually a chart like this will turn on itself.

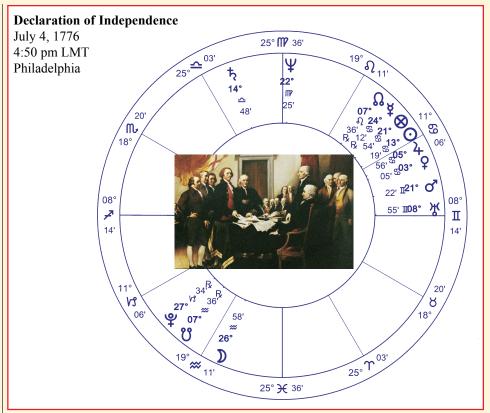
Now do you understand what America is? It's in the chart, for all to see.

Do you understand, now, finally, just how high the stakes are, what is on the table, and what Occupy was really being asked to ante up? What Wall Street and the government so deeply feared? Does the 1776 chart still work? Is it still powerful? Truthfully, no one knew, as it had not been tested in many years.

the ruler of the 6th, the house of slaves, is in the 8th. This empty 6th house means the slaves and workers of America, the 99%, have no voice. The 1% of the US, the financiers, the bankers, the slave owners, have a long and bloody history of repressing slave rebellions as well as labor unrest. The fate of Occupy Wall Street was preordained.

One could imagine a revolution, a new Constitution, new leaders, to sweep all before them, resulting in a "new birth of freedom," to use the old phrase. Is this possible?

The outcome of revolutions can be found, again and again, in the pages of Nicholas



Campion's masterful Book of World Horoscopes. Campion gives charts for every French Republic. Gives charts for every flavor of Russian revolution, as well as numerous post-Soviet charts. Study all of them, and I learn that **the underlying nature of a nation does not change**, from constitution to constitution. America is an 8th house land and always will be.

It could be that, just as Ptolemy divided the nations of the world among the twelve signs of the zodiac, that nations can also be divided among the twelve houses, and that America is the principal 8th house country in the world at this time.

Imagine that once upon a time, many millennia ago, America was part of the world, and imagine America was even then an 8th house place. And imagine that America misbehaved and as a result was cut off from the rest of the planet and the continent left to "rest" until perhaps its overwhelming intensity (shall we say) had abated a bit. What do we do, we who must somehow live here? I regret I have not a clue.