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Continued from last week:—

H.L. Cornell on Medical Astrology

In my years of practice as a physician, I have, by the use of Astrology, been able to very quickly locate the seat of the disease, the cause of the trouble, the time when the patient began to feel uncomfortable, as based upon the birth data of the patient, and this without even touching or examining the patient [can your doctor, with his many tests, say as much? — *Dave*], and my intense desire to get this knowledge and wisdom before students and Healers in a classified form, is the reason for this Encyclopaedia, as such knowledge is today in a rather scattered and unclassified condition and not available for the student unless he spends years going through a large library of books on Astrology.

When once you have discovered the cause of the disease, and understand its philosophy and the relation of the patient to the

great Scheme of Nature, the matter of Treatment I leave to you, and according to the System and Methods you may be using.

Read the Books, "Astro-Medicine" by Dr. Duz [needs resetting — *Dave*]; "Daath's Medical Astrology" [will reprint in 2012], "Elements of Astrology," by Dr. Broughton; "[The Textbook of Astrology](#)," by Dr. Pearce. These books are especially strong along the lines of Medical Astrology. Also read the book, "[The Prenatal Epoch](#)," by Mr. E.H. Bailey, which deals with the Prenatal causes of disease, Congenital Defects, the time of Conception, etc. Medical Astrology is one of the very important branches of Astrology, and should be carefully and scientifically studied by every student. —

[Encyclopaedia of Medical Astrology](#).

ONCE I clear projects from my desk, I want to spend 2012 making a comprehensive organization of [Medical Astrology](#). Astrology makes medicine unbelievably simple and clear-cut. The chart shows you the problem and, having that, it also gives the solution, which you then administer, as Cornell says, according to your prior training. Astrological medicine is nothing more, nor less, than living in harmony with the

Earth itself. — *Dave*



Magical Powers. The existence of such powers is, of course, ridiculed or ignored by modern scientists, who have made no practical investigation of these matters, and, on the other hand, their nature and use have probably been exaggerated by the more credulous students of the occult, who are apt to ascribe "black magical" practices to their antagonists on a rather lavish scale. It is commonly affirmed that Mars afflicted by Neptune denotes this tendency, in the past or the present, and this might particularly be the case when such afflictions involve the 8th or 12th houses or the corresponding signs. Ceremonial magic is always ascribed to the 6th house, and is probably also to some extent under the Jovian houses, as all ritual has some connection with Jupiter.

Magic, so far as it is the conscious direction of the desires by the will to effect a material purpose, is probably chiefly connected with Uranus and Scorpio. [Aleister Crowley](#) was born under 3 Leo, October 10, 1875, at Leamington. The sequence Venus-Mars-Moon-Pluto is interesting here.

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STAR OF THE WEEK



SABIK eta Ophiuchi 18°08'

Notes: A pale yellow star situated on the left knee of Ophiuchus. From Sabik, Preceding One

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Saturn and Venus. It causes wastefulness, lost energy, perverted morals, and success in evil deeds.

With Sun: Sincere, honourable, scientific, religious and philosophical interests, unorthodox or heretical, moral courage, bad for gain.

With Moon: Secret enmity and jealousy, trouble through relatives, successful but not wealthy, success in breeding stock.

With Mercury: Injury from open enemies, little help from friends, failure in business, fairly good for gain but legal losses, scandal through relatives of marriage partner.

With Venus: Musical and artistic ability . . . — *From Fixed Stars*, by Vivian Robson

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Your Chart Lives On

TO understand the continuance of the soul as it alternates between the physical and spiritual let us take the house of death itself, the Eighth, as our point of departure (a better term than we realize) just as we take the First as our point of arrival. The Eighth is called the house of transition which means changing, not ending. It is the only house that can change anything and it means to pass from one condition or form to another. Mars rules both the First House of arrival on earth by birth and the Eighth of departure from earth by death-transition.

The end-of-the-matter of death is ruled by the Eleventh House since it is four houses after the 8th. We all know the Eleventh House represents the things we cannot see or touch, such as our hopes and wishes, friendships and other unbonded relationships, memberships and enlistments; anything impalpable (not perceptible to the touch) and particularly the intangible form remaining after the release from the body by death. Granting that the spirit will not remain in the Eleventh House since the circle must be completed, before the spirit is once again a living human being of the First House it must wait a TIME in the Twelfth for a period of karmic retirement to see wherein it failed before.

It is logical to suppose that until rebirth has released the soul from its intangible spirit form, giving it a physical body once more and a new chart, the soul retains the previous chart. This is what we propose in this chapter. — **All Over the Earth Astrologically**, 1963



I'VE had several requests for my thoughts on the **Occupy Wall Street** protests, which have been underway since September 17, 2011, at 12:01 pm in lower Manhattan ([chart on pg. 4](#)). I put it off as I did not think the chart would read clearly. To my dismay, the chart is very clear.

Yes, there is a T-square, a tight one, in cardinal signs. If this is where you start in a chart, you will not have the proper context and so will, most likely, attribute the T-square to the protesters and then wonder why your analysis fizzles out.

The first task is to establish what kind of chart this is. For natal charts, we look at the Sun, the Moon, the Ascendant, and finally the Ruler of the Ascendant. We look at their signs, we look at their houses, we look at their rulers and we find the thread that connects them all to the person in front of us. Along the way we pick out relevant aspects, as well as aspect patterns, such as T-squares.

Occupy Wall Street is not a chart for an individual. It is the chart of a movement. This movement has a goal, or more precisely, a *target*, since it is defined as a protest. Which is adversarial, which makes it a form of warfare, or contest, or, in sporting matters, a game.

For charts of conflict:

The Ascendant and its ruler are given to the home team, in this case, the protesters.

The Descendant and its ruler are given to the challengers, in this case, Wall Street.

It is then a simple matter to judge which party is stronger. This is the traditional rule. You will find it in any good book on horary, such as those by **Anthony Louis** (my personal favorite), **William Lilly**, **Derek Appleby**, etc. **John Frawley** has written an entire book on just this narrow subject, the brilliant **Sports Astrology**. I tell you this now so that you will know where I am going. My methods will not quite be horary, but rather, will be similar to those of **Jean Baptiste Morin**. Why do I not cite Morin himself? Because, to my wonder, Morin, a good French Catholic, saw horary as an **infidel Islamic plot** (Book 26) and so would have nothing to do with it.

Having established the *nature* of the chart, the next job is to establish its *validity*.

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Secrets From A Stargazer's Notebook

DEBBI KEMPTON-SMITH

Food

Leo or the Sun with the Sixth House: Let them take you out. Let them cook their gourmet dishes for you. These golden hearts love to show off, so don't accept their dinner invitations if you know they're broke. They spend a fortune on goodies. Here are your natural gourmets, and they'll start with sherry and finish with brandy and cigars if they can. Flaming dishes like Cherries Jubilee or Christmas Pudding sway them into a reverent frame of mind. They don't care what they eat as long as it's *extraordinary*—these folks suffer an identity crisis unless you fuss. Dining out, they will inform the waiter if something is wrong with the meal; like true royalty they do not make the servants feel small in the telling. If you're cooking them dinner, croon over them, stick them at the head of the table, and pop a paper parasol in their beer. Bow low before them as you present their beans on toast.

Capricorn or Saturn with the Sixth House:

More than other eaters, these guys have to be good to themselves at mealtimes because they put their hearts and souls into their work, and it's work that extracts every drop of blood. Vitamins should be the habit and not the whim. They like grim, no-nonsense cafeterias with low prices and *hot food*. Dairy products give them comfort and sustenance now that Mummy and Daddy aren't there to feed them, and they can gulp down three lemon yogurts before the meal begins.

They're funny about food. If you arrive unexpectedly, they'll count out what noodles they have and share them with you, no matter how poor they are. Of course, there is another side to their natures; one Capricorn got caught sneaking the only Granola bar into the closet and eating it in there when she thought no one was looking. Don't stick them with Cote de Veau a la Sauce Lyonnaise—even the millionaires would rather dig boil-in-the-bag broccoli and a hamburger with french fries.

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★ 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 68:

Domestic Matters

(4th house) Continued:—

GEMINI. Jupiter, eldest or foremost in family. Mars, domestic sorrows. Sun, cleverest or foremost in family, several brothers and sisters, help from relatives. Venus, many relatives through marriage. Moon, frequent changes of residence, numerous brethren, often has step (or adopted) mother or relatives, resembles mother physically or mentally.

CANCER. Attached to home and mother. Neptune, close association with mother. Uranus, estrangement at home. Saturn, domestic trouble, sometimes early loss of parents. Mars, domestic struggles and trouble, danger to mother. Sun, attached to home and mother. Venus, fond of home. Moon, fond of home, often lives near water.

LEO. Uranus, loss or trouble through father. Jupiter, domestic success. Sun, fortunate for father. Venus, mysterious domestic arrangements at end of life. Moon, unfavorable for father.

VIRGO. Mars, many poor relations. Sun, unfortunate for father. Venus, anxiety over relatives. Jupiter, unfavorable for mother.

LIBRA. Saturn, serious domestic troubles late in life. Jupiter, fortunate domestic conditions at end of life. Mars, many deaths at home. Sun, strong affection for brethren. Moon, fortunate for mother.

SCORPIO. Often indicates a death in the family before or shortly after the native's birth. Saturn, inferior, poor, and jealous relatives. Sun, death of or separation from the father. Moon, unfavorable for mother and her relatives.

SAGITTARIUS. If rising, early death of or separation from the father. Saturn, trouble through father. Venus, fond of service at home. Moon, frequent changes of residence, may have step or adopted parent.

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

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DOG OF THE MONTH



The Sagittarius dog will often run away from home, so always check all the local pounds not just the one in your neighborhood, as distance means nothing to this loner. He will come back for

awhile and then be off again, so don't be too heartbroken. It has nothing to do with your treatment, they just like seeking new places to play. Extremely docile when brought home, he makes you feel protective towards him.

These dogs love games, so take them to the local park or beach & throw balls or sticks for them to catch & retrieve, and this will keep them around for a while. Certainly keeps you on your toes, which is healthy for you.

Needless to say this is the perfect companion for the outdoorsman. They are courageous & adaptable to any situation.

© Marian Futterman, 1976, **Your Dog and Astrology**, \$3.00. Yes, Marian, we still have copies. Some of the best sunsign writing I ever came across.



The New Newsletter

Most people, most astrologers, even, have no idea how rich, how varied, astrology really is. I'm lucky. For the last fifteen years, I've lived in what amounts to a world-class astrological library, which I've been passing off as **AstroAmerica**. Every week I will serve up a slice for your amusement.

'Til next week — **Dave**

December 7:

1696—3rd oldest highway in Connecticut
1787—Delaware ratifies Constitution.
1941—Japan attacks Pearl Harbor.



This can be done by various means, but the most simple is the best.

For Occupy Wall Street, we find Scorpio rising. The ruler of Scorpio is Mars. We find it in Cancer, late in the 8th house.

The 8th is, among other things, the House of Other People's Money. Other people's money is what Wall Street trades in, it is the very essence of their existence. The chart is therefore valid and can be judged. Preliminaries having been disposed of, we now have combat.

In horary, we read individual degrees. We start with the ascendant, where we find 27 degrees of Scorpio, a late, mature degree. We judge that while the movement will have time-tested experience, it will also be late, weak, feeble, elderly and worn out. That Scorpio is fixed as well as the most intense sign, we consider that age may have made it bitter and brittle, and that it may think that "everybody knows" what the problem is, so that they do not need to actually state it. In other words, our analysis has already explained why there is no list of demands.

The ruler of Scorpio is Mars. We find it at the very last degree of Cancer. At the very last degree, it has literally "run out of room" — and time, it is "painted into a corner," it has "nowhere to go," it is desperate, at the end of its rope, it has nothing to lose. That it is also at the very end of the 8th house shows that it has been here a long time, that it has had many adventures. With Cancer intercepted in the 8th, we realize the protesters were never in control (i.e., Cancer has no house cusp to claim as its own) and were played as suckers by Wall Street.

Considering this late 8th house Mars is the ruler of a protest chart, we may presume that it has, consequently, "gone down fighting" and as a result has already lost all its money. Thus the reason for the protest.

Where did the money go? To "follow the money," we need only follow the chain of dispossessors.

Cancer is ruled by the Moon. We find the Moon in Taurus in the 6th house. As we find Taurus on the 7th house cusp as well it is easy to presume we have a 7th house Moon and give it to the other side, Wall Street. Which gets us where we want to go, but obscures useful details.

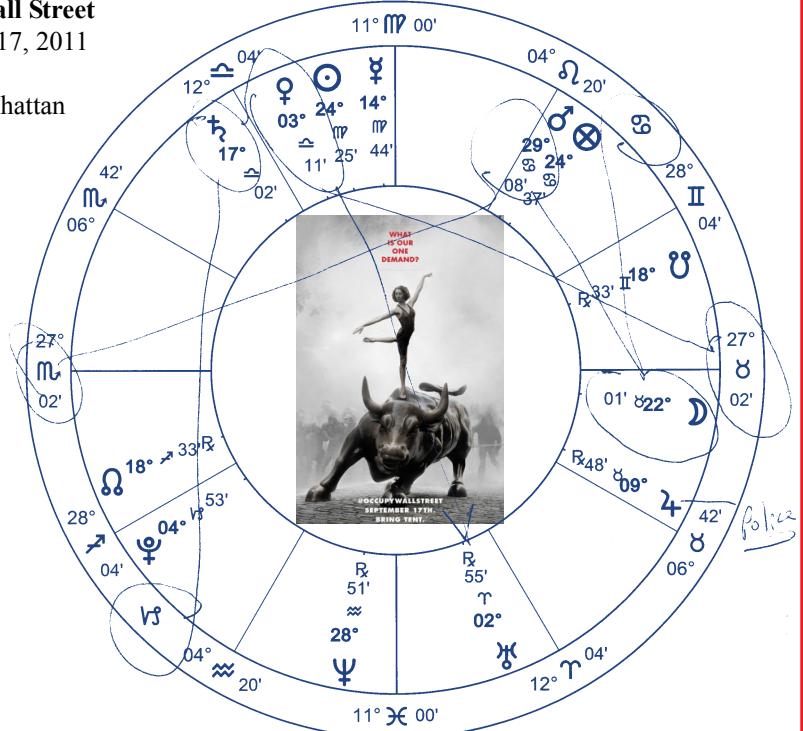
I have established there is no orb on the back side of an angle. Instead of placing the Moon in the 7th, we note her to be in Wall Street's 12th house, the house of secrets and plots. (The 6th house is the 12th from the 7th: Chart turning.) Wall Street keeps its true feelings carefully hidden. As the sign in

Occupy Wall Street

September 17, 2011

12:01 pm

Lower Manhattan



question is Taurus, and as Taurus relates to money, we could say that Wall Street keeps its own proper money carefully hidden. Which we know to be true. When Hollywood has a big year, all of Los Angeles celebrates. With few exceptions, Wall Street always has a good year, but it never seems to make any difference to New York. Where do those lavish Xmas bonuses go? Note also that the Moon is exalted in Taurus. We will see more of this in a moment.

Both the Moon and the descendant are ruled by Venus. We find Venus in Libra, which it rules, and while it looks to be in the 10th, of publicity, it wants to be in the 11th, of friends, and whatever you think of a planet "wanting to be in that house," note that Venus herself rules the 11th house cusp. The friends we find there are hers and hers alone.

With Venus we have arrived at Wall Street itself. We find Venus at a mere 3 degrees, and while this is youthful and inexperienced, since Venus rules the sign, its instincts will generally be right and it will learn quickly. This is in sharp contrast to the Mars of the protesters, which we found to be old, worn out, and a mere tenant living in someone else's house (sign). Venus in its own sign is its own mistress, she, unlike Mars, not only answers to no one, but expects Mars, by way of her friend the Moon, to answer to her.

Do you begin to understand, already, what a hard, hard job the protesters have set for themselves? I regret it gets worse.

In a mundane chart, which this also is,

the 6th house is given to the army. In this case, the militarized police of New York, Los Angeles, Denver, Boston, Oakland, etc.

We find Taurus on the cusp of the 6th. Taurus is ruled by Venus, which means the police are under her command. Jupiter in the 6th in Taurus, Venus has a lot of police at her disposal, and they, money-lovers all, are well paid.

Jupiter rules Sagittarius. In Sagittarius we find the second house cusp. Which represents the money and resources of the protesters. We note the police (Taurus, 6th) have repeatedly destroyed protestor property (2nd, Sagittarius). In New York, and I believe elsewhere, there was a story that the property of the protesters had been "removed" and could be "claimed," but the inconjunction between the signs of Sagittarius and Taurus meant this story, even if well-meaning, was not true, and that the property had been taken to the dump. Beyond reach. Like a Sagittarian arrow shot far, far away.

Jupiter also rules the 4th, Pisces. The 4th represents land, specifically, the parks the protesters camp in. In a night chart Mars is said to be co-ruler of all three water signs, which, if this was a night chart, would give the protesters standing in the various parks. Instead, Jupiter — the police — have attacked and dispossessed the protesters in the dead of night.

Take a moment and grab a breath. I started with the protesters, ruled by the ascendant, Scorpio, and its ruler, Mars. Which

immediately led me to Wall Street, where I found the Moon, and then Venus, and now Jupiter, and I am, alas!, hardly done with Wall Street.

Drag yourself back to the 11th house. In it you will find Saturn in Libra. With exactly two exceptions, Venus hates Saturn. Well, what's to love about Saturn? He is sour, unfriendly, negative, nasty.

Except when Saturn is in Libra and Venus is with it in Libra, or when Saturn is in Libra and Venus is in Saturn's sign of Capricorn. In these two cases, the two are lovers, joined at the hip.

With Saturn in the 11th, ruled by Venus, Venus has few friends. But, Saturn representing the government, and Saturn in Libra specifically representing the courts and law, the friends Venus has are the ones that count. Important friends. Powerful friends. Note these should be the friends of Mars, not Venus, since Mars is the ruler of the chart as a whole, and the 11th house is the 11th house *from the ascendant*. Venus — Wall Street — has powerfully usurped Mars.

Venus's proper friends would be in the 11th house from the 7th, which is the 5th. Where we find Aries, ruled by Mars. We find the house itself to be empty, which means that Venus has no friends of her own. Only the ones she has stolen from Mars, the rightful owner of the true 11th.

Outside the 5th house, late in the 4th, we find Uranus. Well, Uranus, the planet of the quirky, "wants to be in the 5th," right? Well, no. Uranus is retrograde. It would rather not go there, it does not want to be "Venus' friend." With no rights to the 4th house cusp and not wanting to be in the 5th, Uranus is in limbo. In fact Venus has no proper friends (11th from the 7th, i.e., the 5th). With its ownership of Taurus and its indirect ownership of Cancer in the 8th, Venus — Wall Street — has bought its friends, as it seems that money is all it knows.

This confusion of 5th and 11th also accounts for the persistent talk of sexual assaults at OWS. Which, knowing a little bit about crowds, I doubt have occurred. (There have been no creditable reports.) Since the 11th of the chart is the 5th for Wall Street, Venus-Saturn-Libra make for kinky Wall Street sex. Which is widely believed to be true, even if it's not in the news. Like all good nags, Wall Street is projecting its habits — which it knows well — onto Occupy.

In this chart we see the simple bloody genius of astrology: It is often perfectly literal. A retrograde planet does not want to go forward, for example. Be literal. You will of-

ten find it to be true.

And here the first corner of the T-square has now been puzzled out. Venus and Uranus are exactly opposite, an aspect of battle, if not the violence we have seen. They hate each other. Venus is Wall Street. That Uranus is retrograde is why the protesters have not themselves been violent. Backwards motion inhibits Uranus.

Look now at the second house. In it we find Capricorn, intercepted. This is the money and resources of the protesters. We have already seen that the protesters' "obvious" resources (the 2nd cusp itself) to be ruled by Jupiter of the 6th house, represented by the police. Now we see that the protesters' fundamental resources to be owned by Saturn in Libra. Which we have identified as the government, and which we have shown to be "in bed" (perhaps literally) with Wall Street, represented by Venus in Libra, ruler of Saturn. Both planets quite content with each other. What do the protesters have? Nothing!

I CONFESS I cannot remember when I have seen a chart this grim. And I am still not finished.

Astrologers typically read what they want to read and for this reason, if for no other, astrologers are taken as flakes and frauds. It would be easy enough to read this as a natal chart and say, well, Sun-Mercury-Venus in the 10th, the protesters will win, success is ours! Over at my [Facebook](#) page, where I developed this delineation over the past week, Laura posted a comment that a Republican pollster was allegedly "frightened" of the protesters. Which I have heard elsewhere.

Please snap out of this daydream and come into focus. Wall Street is "fearful" the way an abusive husband is "fearful."

Wall Street is the father who molests his daughters. Is he fearful? Is he a craven little coward? Who cares! The abusive husband, the molesting father, is ruining lives and must be stopped. Excuses change nothing. Wall Street (Venus in Libra) and the government (Saturn in Libra) are working hand in glove (the mayor of Oakland has said as much) and are like cats, playing with a mouse (the protesters).

Wall Street and the government have enormous resources and will bring as much of them to bear as necessary to stamp out the protest. For that is their goal, their only goal. To date the struggle has lasted more than two months. It should be clear by now. The mice may be putting up an heroic struggle, but it is an entirely a one-sided and ineffective one.

If there are intercepted signs in the 2nd

and 8th, the money houses, and if we interpret the intercepted signs as "savings" and the cusps themselves as "checking accounts," (astrology is literal!) then we have already seen what has happened to the protester's own money.

Now we look at the 8th house cusp. Gemini. A late degree on the cusp, Wall Street has already scooped up about as much loose cash as there is to be scooped. The sign being Gemini, Wall Street is a lying, thieving swindler. We find the ruler, Mercury, to be in Virgo. Since Mercury rules Virgo, its swindling cannot be stopped, and, as Mercury is in the 10th and rules it as well, its deceptions are in full public view. Both Gemini and Virgo being mutable, and with a mutable planet, Mercury, in Virgo itself, Mercury will do anything, go anywhere, to keep on swindling and thieving. Gemini's immorality annoys Virgo, but Virgo will put up with it if the results are neat and tidy. All the i's dotted and t's crossed. Virgo is the fine print in Gemini's contract that takes all your money.

We find the Sun, the life of the chart, to be in the 10th, in Virgo. Owned by Mercury, the Sun gives his blessing to all of Mercury's many money-making schemes. While Wall Street's motivations (Moon in Taurus in Wall Street's 12th house) are well-hidden, nothing else is. Everything else is plain as day. No one can say later that they "didn't know."

WE have arrived at the nodes. While they are technically in the 1st and 7th, their signs place them properly in the money houses, 2 and 8. The protesters get the north node, in Sagittarius. From what I read on-line ([Fire-doglake](#)), as fast as the cops destroy protester property, donations from all over replace it. This is the nature of the north node, to pour in uncontrollably.

Wall Street gets the south node. Those Taurean cops (big, massive bulls they are, too) are expensive. Cities are strapped for funds and already we can hear that [too much money](#) has been spent. Given that the south node (a drain, sucking things down) is Gemini, we may presume that light-fingered legerdemain to be manipulating accounts.

So now look at the T-square. Venus-Uranus opposed, squared by Pluto. All in cardinal signs. We have already seen that Venus, representing Wall Street, is opposed to and in conflict with Uranus, which is an unwilling (retrograde) stand-in for the protesters. What are they fighting about? (The fight is defined as the apex of the T-square.) They are fighting over Pluto, which, in the second

house, represents the protester's (nonexistent) savings. Note that Saturn is the ruler of Capricorn, and that Mars is exalted there. While Saturn is not part of the T-square, his presence in Libra strengthens Venus' claim over the protester's property, just as the rights that Mars has in Capricorn strengthens the reluctant Uranus. Who will win?

ONE surprise in studying this chart was to learn that both traditional as well as modern rulers were "speaking." We find this with the third house, the media. With Aquarius on the cusp, the media has given a one-sided account, that of Saturn-Venus Wall Street.

The "New Age" ruler of Aquarius is Uranus. We find it exactly opposite Venus, in other words, directly opposed to Wall Street. So we find the "new" media — the internet — to be behind the protesters and against Wall Street. We also find the new media to be, in general, opposed to the "old" media, as Uranus is widely opposed to Saturn. In the third house of media we find Neptune, retrograde. Neptune retrograde, the media, captured by the government and Wall Street, has been telling lies. (If it was direct, Neptune would be inspiring.) Judging by the late degree, Neptune has been telling lies for a long time.

By "long time," I do not mean "ever since Neptune went into Aquarius," as I am considering its house placement, *not* its sign placement. I mean that the media, represented by a retrograde Neptune late in Aquarius, has been lying for a very long time. Neptune merely identifies the problem. Neptune itself is not the problem. The media is. Like the big "X" on a treasure map. The "X" on a piece of paper is not where the treasure is. The "X" merely signals a location and enables you to find what you seek.

Pluto as "New Age" ruler of Scorpio, in the 2nd house of the protesters' savings, shows that we must have some new solution for money itself. Which I think we are, by now, all painfully aware.

Neptune as "New Age" ruler of Pisces (the 4th house of the occupied parks), shows, in its retrograde condition, the filth and squalor and drugs the mayors claimed was a problem and which the media (Neptune in the third) trumpeted. You will note the protesters themselves repudiated this rulership, claiming instead that they lost a great deal (Jupiter) of valuable property (Taurus). You might consider this as you use these two sets of rulers. I know that in future I will.

I come now to larger affairs. The First Amendment notably says "the people" have

a right to assemble and petition the government. This is, in my opinion, a sloppily worded, meaningless phrase, and for two reasons.

One, there is no requirement the government consult or recognize such assemblies. And, in fact, no government in the US has, so far as I am aware, ever paid the least attention to peaceable assembly. It is commonly believed that "protests" ended the Vietnam war, but some of us think an ongoing conscript mutiny was the real driving force behind the US pullout. By the early 1970's, privates shooting their commanding officers was becoming a common event. As Mao said, power flows from the barrel of a [conscript] gun. Which the Pentagon was learning, to its horror.

The reason protests are futile is because we are — allegedly — a government run by the people. If you don't like what the government is doing, well, vote. Vote 'em out of office. Vote in someone else. Never mind that officeholders have every reason to manipulate elections into meaninglessness, and have in fact done so. But voting is how you get change and "it's not the government's problem" that election after election never seems to change anything very much.

In putting this phrase in the First Amendment, the Founding Fathers had forgotten they were no longer ruled by an absolute monarchy. In a monarchy, when angry citizens pour into the streets, **the monarch listens**, as that's the only means the people have to make their voices heard. The monarch is monarch for life. He has his very life at stake.

BY contrast, in elective forms of government, protests are ignored. By definition. We are your rulers today, our friends will be your rulers tomorrow, and their friends will rule the day after, so no matter what you do, you cannot get rid of us. Elections give the people the pretense of control. No government gives actual power.

Which Occupy Wall Street has made painfully clear. Protesters have been **beaten** and shot, pepper sprayed and tear gassed, arrested by the thousands, thrown into truly shocking and revolting prisons, their property seized and destroyed. In all of this, we have heard not one murmur of protest from any elected official. Not from any **mayor**, not from any governor, not from the President himself. By contrast, we have seen **him**, and his stooge **Secretary of State**, give vile, revolting lectures to other countries on the mistreatment of their protesters.

Instead we hear that unemployment benefits are to be cut, that payroll taxes are to be

raised (the earlier cut was only temporary), that the age for Medicare is to be raised, that Social Security is bankrupt, that we are shortly to be required to buy overpriced, worthless health insurance. For the last two years we have heard there might be a "field of dreams" infrastructure jobs project (if you build the roads, "they" will come), which has already been tried in Japan. Their now-excellent roads and rails are largely empty. But even this is mere talk.

It's not that Occupy Wall Street has lost. It's that they never had a chance.

Going forward, what comes next? Since charts "decay" (progress) over time, the OWS ascendant is three degrees away from decaying into Sagittarius. Chart ruler Mars is less than one degree away from entering Leo, and with it, the 9th house. Let's presume that decay is real and consider it.

Mars in Leo is a military man. The same decay that moves Mars into Leo also transfers it from the 8th, into the 9th house, just about when the ascendant becomes Sagittarius. While the 9th house can mean many things, its primary meaning, in America, is fundamentalist religion. Will we have a charismatic, born again Christian military leader in our future? **David Petraeus**, perhaps?

It's not simply that the two political parties have failed, but that they are unaware of the scale of their failure. We are desperate for leadership. Much as the Germans were in 1933, having been battered by WWI, battered by hyperinflation, battered by depression, one after another.

This past week the Senate passed legislation giving the military (not the police) the right to **declare American citizens**, living in America, to be "terrorists" and to arrest and imprison them, indefinitely, without any rights or process whatever. It will be signed by the President and will be law by year's end. This has been widely denounced as **the end of the Constitution**. Which it is.

The rationalization for the new law which I have heard is that middle aged females are paranoid about monsters under their beds. Which is evidence the nation is polarizing even further. The upcoming presidential campaign is getting down to serious business at last, with the first primaries next month. I regret I find all the creatures running for the office, including the sitting president, to be vile and loathsome.

Any way you look at it, things are about to get worse. Welcome to 2012, the fated year.