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## The Second Debate

**T**HE second presidential debate will be held on Tuesday, October 16, at 9 pm in Hempstead, NY. It will be in a town hall format and will be hosted by CNN's **Candy Crowley**.

The town hall format, where the "general public" ask softball questions, is more favorable to Obama than the format of the first and third debates. For that matter, it should be just as favorable to Romney, as these men commonly take questions from the public and are presumably well-prepared for the sort of things that actually turn up. Romney will again say whatever the crowd wants to hear and will again be accused of lying or shifting, but *note carefully* that professional liars, which Romney is not, are never caught out in this way. I lived with one for seven years. A pro is seamless. You will never see them sweat, though sweat they most certainly do.

The unknown factor is Candy Crowley, the moderator. She has previously interviewed Obama, but so far as I can tell, *has never met Romney*. Crowley was born on December 26, 1948, in Kalamazoo, MI. She has Sun, Jupiter, Mercury and Mars all in Capricorn, all trine to Saturn, the ruling planet, which is in Virgo. Which gives her a Mercury-Saturn mutual reception. Her Moon is in Scorpio, which makes for a powerful six planet trine-sextile configuration. The woman knows who she is, and, lacking oppositions, gets what she wants.

Crowley's earth-water chart will get on ludicrously well with Romney's water chart. Nevermind that I've always considered Mormonism to be a Capricorn religion. *Romney and Crowley have their Moons in the same sign*. Where Romney also has his Jupiter. The overall synastry is astonishing. These two have never met? You are about to watch them fall madly in love, *on live TV*.

**I** **PREDICT** the second debate is Romney's to lose. Obama will play to the crowd but will get short shrift from the other two, who will likely be smelling blood in the water. It is now clear that Barack Hussein Obama never actually seized the reins of power, and consequently has been, even more than his idol, Ronald Reagan, a figurehead president. Watch the second debate along with me. It may well be historic.

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## ASTRO A to Z MED

**Roughness of Manner** arises as a rule from an undesirable Martian vibration, although the same can be caused by Saturnian action. The Mercurial signs also sometimes lack polish if Venus is not prominently placed. Generally speaking, the benefics counteract this, and the Moon and Neptune are rarely rough.

**Rupture.** Malefic afflictions in or from Virgo give a great liability to this trouble, especially in the last few degrees of the sign.

**St. Vitus Dance.** Mercury is often in aspect with Mars in fixed signs, and the Moon and Mercury are frequently in mutual affliction. Venus is generally afflicted by Mars or Saturn, and Jupiter and Uranus, in my experience, are often in conjunction or bad aspect. Case no. 2 at the end of the book is, of course, exceptional, and is given for that reason. Most of the typical combinations are present but in the form of harmonious aspects instead of afflictions. But, both in illnesses and in psychological matters, there is no clear-cut distinction between "good" and "bad" aspects.

—from **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, by Charles Carter. **Buy.**



## STAR OF THE WEEK

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**ARCTURUS** alpha Bootis 24 ± 25

**Notes:** A golden-yellow star situated on the knee of Bootes. From Arkouros, the Bear Guard. Also called the Bear Watcher.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mars and Jupiter. It gives riches, honours, high renown, self-determination and prosperity by navigation and voyages.

**If rising:** Good fortune, with many cares and anxieties through own folly.

**If culminating:** High office under Government, great profit and reputation. If at the same time with Sun, Moon or Jupiter, ample fortune and great honour.

**With Sun:** Success through slow and patient plodding, friends among clergy, favourable for gain and for dealing with the public and lawyers.

**With Moon:** New friends, business success, good judgment, domestic harmony. If with Mars also, danger of death by suffocation. —from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson. **Buy.**

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## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

From

### My Notebook for the Moon

**T**HE Moon in angular houses (1st, 4th, 7th and 10th) signifies changes that bring publicity, presence in court, relinquishment of real estate, wide dispersal of the family, some domestic discord, changes in the home and in the place of employment, and sometimes a changes in previously-settled funeral arrangements, made for or by the person whose horoscope it is.

The Moon in succedent houses (2nd, 5th, 8th, and 11th) is more retiring by nature, and her changes do not come to public attention but do leave their mark forever on the private life. Sometimes the position in life changes because of the death of a relative. Circumstances undergo many ups and downs; friendships, lovers, even children change; usually the parents do not provide adequately for the native's future which is ruled by the 2nd House and subject to opposition, square or conjunction by the Moon when succedent.

The Moon in cadent houses (3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th) makes changes not to the native's best interests and commits him to a disadvantage that he may not recognize until too late. Any publicity is not of his seeking. His education is lacking in some important "finish" and his religious beliefs or observances do not follow his family's; he is a changeling there in some way. He leaves his place of birth, changes address frequently, usually has less to do with family members than otherwise or remains in the background; and in later life he worries about changes in health or appearance. He will not land where he planned. — [Here and There in Astrology](#), 1961. [Buy](#)

# THE BOOMERANG

## Bill Nye

*The Science Guy*

**I**AM of the opinion that those who are rabidly anti-astrology, or anti-religion, including atheists, have a malign 9th house. A month ago I was asked if this applied to Bill Nye. As you will see, it does not. I was given the following data for Mr. Nye: November 27, 1955, Washington, DC, at midnight, which I took as 12:01 am EST. Note that births that take place at the stroke of midnight, or shortly thereafter, may have the previous day's date, stuck there by accident.

The midnight birth time, so far as I can tell, comes from a casual remark at [Cracked.com](#):

*William Sanford "Bill" "Billy" Nye was born on November 27th, 1955, at the stroke of midnight. Hardly removed from the womb, young William looked up at the night sky and noticed the moon in the night sky. He turned to his mother and said, "I now know why the tide rises and falls. . . ."*

I am using that time as I liked the chart that resulted. In terms of rectification, we note that on Bill's birthday, the Moon changed from Aries to Taurus and did so at 12:27 am EST. Moon in Aries makes one impulsive and rash. Moon in Taurus makes one peaceful and serene. Bill Nye is the rash sort, which is a vote in favor of an Aries Moon and a tight midnight birth.

Another way to get to Bill's lively personality is to put Mars or the Sun on the ascendant. Both will give him a Taurus Moon and both will make him rash.

Three or three-thirty AM puts Mars and Neptune in Bill's first house. He would be known by his very tight Mars-Neptune conjunction, which would make him, overall, erratic and given to strange impulses. Mars's rulership of the seventh house and its opposition to it means he would have a (largely unwilling) accomplice to his actions. That's not Bill. Nor does he show Libran beauty, in other words, he doesn't look like Bill Clinton, with Libra rising and Mars in the first.

Around 7 am the Sun, in Sagittarius, is on the ascendant. Sun in Sag, Sag rising, is a seeker. Someone on a quest. Sun rules the 9th, with Pluto in Leo, the Sun is at home with travel, religion, philosophy, publishing, the law, etc. Sun rising with Sag, there would be a solar physique, or a Jovial one. Bill in fact works with detail and facts, which are

third house. His physical appearance is strongly Mercurial. So that's not Bill.

So we go back to the midnight chart. Virgo rising, which is Mercury, which fits his appearance. Chart ruler Mercury in the third house, of common intelligence, that fits. In Sagittarius, there would be an eagerness for knowledge, but, Mercury debilitated in Sagittarius, a tendency to mistake small things for big things, in other words, a problem of scale. Which, for a TV performer, can be an asset. When you're in front of the public, you need big things and if you tend to magnify a bit, that can be okay. It helps to offset Virgo's well-known pickiness.

But this only makes Bill a newspaper reporter or radio announcer. So far, there is no science. For that, we look at the Moon.

Why the Moon? Well, because the Moon is where one's emotional life is centered. A happy Moon is a happy person. A stressed Moon is a person who is unhappy in precisely the way the Moon is stressed.

Look at Bill's midnight chart. The Moon is exactly opposed by his Mars-Neptune conjunction. Oppositions to the Moon are objective. It's what the world brings to you. What it throws at you. It's how you experience the world itself. Those who have oppositions to the Moon know the world is not a fuzzy place. It's not an area that you explore, wide-eyed and innocent. When you have an opposition to the Moon, the world comes and knocks at your door, each and every day of your life. And every time it does, it brings the same message, which is that of the planet(s) opposed, whatever they may be.

In Bill's case, the world brings him a tight Mars-Neptune conjunction. Mars applying to Neptune, both in the very last — the ultimate — degrees of Libra. For Bill Nye, the world is full of smoke and mirrors, of illusions and magic, of make-believe and more, and *all of it* beyond his control. It's been like that as far back as he can remember. So far as he knows, it's like that for everyone.

Moon in aggressive Aries, and, more critically, the Moon ruled by a debilitated Mars, there was, and is, something about the world that demanded his personal attention. Something immediately personal about it, some sort of annoying, braying "you can't touch

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

**Part 116:**  
**Primary Directions**

Primary directions are formed by the rotation of the earth alone, and ignore the progression of the planets in their orbits. By the earth's rotation a planet is carried to an angle or to the place or aspect of another planet which is supposed to remain fixed and the time at which an event so symbolized will happen is represented by the "arc of direction" or the number of degrees of right or oblique ascension through which the moving body has to pass.

Primary directions are either *mundane* or *zodiacal*. The former are computed with reference to the mundane positions of the planets in the houses, and the latter are concerned with the zodiacal degrees occupied by the planets irrespective of their house positions. In the mundane system a direction is termed *direct* if the motion of the moving body is clockwise, and *converse* if it is anti-clockwise, while in the zodiacal system a direct direction is formed by the motion in the order of the signs (i.e. anti-clockwise) and a converse one by motion against the order of signs (i.e. clockwise). As before it is usual to write of the moving body first and to state after the aspect whether it is mundane or zodiacal and direct or converse.

It is not possible within the limits of a general text book to treat the subject of primary directions so fully as could be desired, but their great importance renders their inclusion necessary to any complete outline of astrological practice, and it will therefore be possible only to give the full rules, lengthy examples being necessarily omitted.

— *A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*, by Vivian Robson. Price \$25.95. **Buy.** For primaries, see also *Primary Directions, A Definitive Study*, by Sefharial.

*From Matheseos Libri VIII,*  
by Firmicus Maternus

**The Ascendant**

**T**HE ascendant in terms of Jupiter indicates all characteristics of virtue and wisdom. If Jupiter himself is found in his own terms, he will make the natives large in spirit, but fierce and cruel. If Saturn or Mars is found in those terms in a diurnal chart, they will be treacherous, and never keep their promises. They pretend to have wisdom, or think themselves wise; but they hold a low and squalid place in life. Jupiter by day in these terms somewhat alleviates this misfortune.

If Venus is in these terms, the native will be characterized by all kinds of good deeds, but will never have a successful marriage. They will be benevolent and reap the rewards of their good deeds in continual prosperity. Mercury in these terms will make men of good character, alien to all malice, with a clear intelligence, thinking deeply about everything. The Moon in these terms indicates all kinds of good fortune, especially good physical health which overrides afflictions and illnesses. The Sun in these terms indicates the same as the Moon.

Those who have the ascendant in the terms of Mars are always marked with a sharp mind. Saturn in these terms makes them similarly sharp, but given to frequent rages. Mars in this place by day drives them with depraved greed, to all manner of crime; they will be rash, involved in constant misfortune and forced to toil for a living. But in a nocturnal chart they will be brave, cruel, greedy, and irreligious, and inclined to destroy the property of others.

The Sun in these terms makes clever men who both lay traps and are caught in them. Venus, thus located, always indicates the passion of adulterers. They take pains with their own good looks and are said to be charming and to win much profit . . .

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*From the Preface to*  
**Primary Directions,**  
**a definitive study**

by Sefharial

**T**HE general scope of this work embraces all that is essential to the art of "directing" as practised by **Claudius Ptolemy** and Titus de Placidus, and more recently by Sir John Wharton, **Mr. John Gadbury**, Commander Morrison, R.N., and **Mr. A. J. Pearce**, all of whom pursued the same general principles of astronomical directing, and differed considerably in their application of the celestial arcs to the measure of time. These points are reviewed and critically examined in the following pages.

An attempt having been made to bring the Arabian system of a day for a year into accord with the astronomical system of a degree for a year, some suggestions have here been made as to their rapprochement, the feeling being that, where credit is claimed for one system over another by exponents of either, the probability is that there is truth in both and hence there must be a co-ordinating factor.

I have used a well-known and thoroughly authenticated horoscope for purposes of illustration [**John Ruskin**], and anybody following the rules here given in relation to that horoscope will have no difficulty in following them out in respect to any other horoscope. Particular care has been taken to define the principle underlying each operation, and to give a clean-cut rule of procedure. Unlike most authors, who proceed by befogging the mind of the student with technicalities and afterwards explaining them by means of an appendix, I have devoted the first chapters of my work to technical definitions which are essential to the proper understanding of the subject; and until these are clearly apprehended and understood, the student need go no further. — **Primary Directions, A Definitive Study**, by Sefharial. **Buy.**



me!" chant.

*Astrology is literal*, you can take it as far as you like. These two signs, Aries and Libra, are *cardinal*. They get up and *do things*. So, to Bill, the world is never static. It is constantly doing things, and as Libra is the Sign of the Other, and as Mars rules the Moon, the problems Bill has with the world are, in the end, the unexpected result of things which *he himself* has set into motion. In other words, if he only knew better, if only he had done the right thing instead of whatever he actually did, he wouldn't be in this mess. Life as a boomerang. If only, if only.

This opposition exists throughout the day, but, crucially, after 12:27 am, as an *out-of-sign aspect*. From Taurus to Libra. If Bill's Moon was in Taurus, it would be ruled, not by Mars dead opposite, but by Venus, in Sagittarius. Venus in Sagittarius has hope, it wants to try new things, it wants to *trust*. Venus ruling both the Moon (now in Taurus) as well as Mars, Venus would try for a harmonious resolution. It would use diplomacy, it would express itself in *art*. With color.

And the world would not be such a challenge to begin with. Taurus to Libra would not be *immediate* (out of sign), nor would it be *personal* (Mars ruling the Moon). Like as not Bill would have been in his teens before he discovered the world was a weird and crazy place. Bill would have a quiet, peaceful, Taurean space, all to himself. Yes, there are strange things out there, but no, Bill does not have to mess with them. Unless he wants to, and then, driven by inner demons, he would paint a picture, write a poem or compose a song, as the formula would then be Moon-Taurus-Venus-Libra.

**W**ITH Bill's Moon presumably in Aries, we have a very tight time frame, which means we have real houses to work with. We find the Moon in the 8th house, which makes it psychic. Hyper-sensitive. We find Mars ruling the 8th house, which tells us that spooks appear out of nowhere, without warning. Yes, the 8th house has other meanings as well, but Bill is not the money type, nor is he driven by relationships.

So far as Mars-Neptune in the second, the money house, Mars debilitated in Libra, conjunct Neptune, largely cancels out any real ability with, or interest in, money.

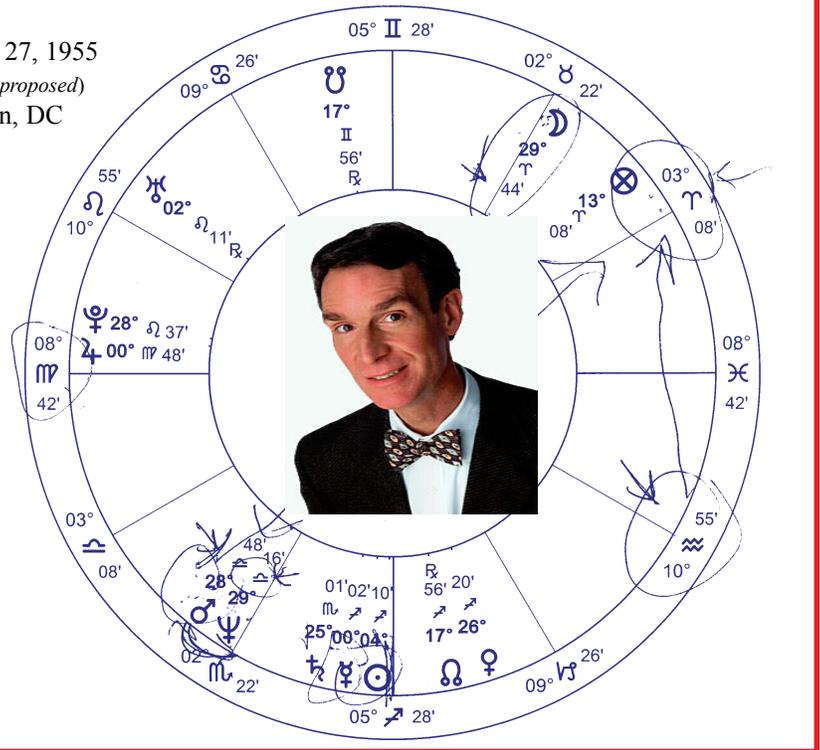
So how does Bill Nye deal with his very strange world? We find the answer in his ascendant. As the ascendant is how others see us, what became the solution for Bill's problem was suggested to him at a very early age. Virgo rising, people saw him as analytical and exact, which are Virgo traits. This

## Bill Nye

November 27, 1955

12:01 am (proposed)

Washington, DC



was backed up by Mercury, the ruler, in the third house, which made him bright. It was reinforced by Mercury in Sagittarius, which, although debilitated, made him eager. At a very early age, Bill Nye was steered into science. He has never looked back.

But studies did not come easily. Bill's third house is owned by Mars (the same Mars that gives him such problems), and Mars is debilitated in Libra, which means it wants a study partner. Which, conjunct Neptune, it never got. In the third house we find Saturn in Scorpio, which means education is not fun, but serious (Saturn) and secretive (Scorpio).

I imagine Nye is of two minds about education in general. On the one hand, education, meaning science, is serious and important, on the other, it is an exciting adventure. Both are on display. When Nye is demonstrating accepted scientific doctrine, he is fun and happy. When he must deal with PseudoScience, such as astrology, superstition, creationism, denial of "science" in general, he is unexpectedly stern and gruff.

We like Bill better when he's happy, but, truth to tell, the popular science shows I've seen, going back to the 1950's, trivialize science, making it suitable only for children. Children who eventually grew up, became scientists, and really believed the world was the simple black and white thing that Mr. Wizard had shown them, all those years before.

**T**HE proof of Bill's midnight birth can be seen in how he took a wife and what happened as a result.

We start with an overall survey. Bill has his Sun in fire, his Moon in fire, his chart ruler (Mercury) in fire, Venus in fire and Mars in air. In water Bill has only Saturn; in earth, only Jupiter. We therefore judge Bill Nye to be not fertile. He may produce sperm like any other guy, but they are not eager to get out and go to work.

If the midnight chart is correct, Bill has no planets in his 7th. Marriage and partnership are of only casual interest to him. We would therefore judge that marriage would be late, if there was a marriage at all, and that children would be few, if there were any.

And in fact Nye was 51 years old when he married for the first time, on February 3, 2006, to professional oboist **Blair Tindall**. The couple had been engaged for five months previously, which was long enough for Tindall to find a house and "fix it up" for the two of them to live in. But instead Nye's marriage promptly collapsed. Bill left after only seven weeks. Blair is **distraught**.

Why did this happen? Look at the chart: Romance, girlfriends, unmarried sex generally, are 5th house affairs. Nye has Capricorn on the cusp of the 5th. Capricorn means Bill got a slow start with sex. I would think he would be stiff and formal and boring in the bedroom, but with ruling planet Saturn in Scorpio, backed up by Mars in Libra, and no planets actually in the 5th, I would guess that while sex was infrequent, Bill was the kinky sort.

Marriage vows transfer sex to the 8th.

Everyone who has been here can tell you, marriage changes sex, which might just be the best argument for not having sex before you're married, so you won't know what it was that changed. So far as Bill's 8th house was concerned, marriage was a booby-trap. Marriage was a bomb waiting to go off.

Bill's 8th house, with Aries on the cusp, is ruled by Mars. Eighth house married sex immediately brought his Mars-Neptune conjunction, opposed by the Moon in the 8th, smack into his face. All the old nightmares, everything he had fought to bring under control, to make rational, all boomeranged. Bill did not "leave" his marriage. He fled for his very life.

There were hints. Bill should have heeded them. In addition to Saturn, Mars also has rights in Capricorn and therefore the 5th. While Mars in fact rules Saturn in Scorpio, Saturn has strong ownership rights to Libra, where we find Bill's Mars. Therefore there should have been a distinctly weird undertone to Nye's engagement. Like as not Bill had sensed similar problems in previous relationships, which might be why he was 51 before he did the deed and tied the knot. I doubt he will make that mistake again.

**T**HE wedding chart is hilarious. No, I don't have the time and I don't care, as we don't need it. In the wedding chart, Bill's Moon-Neptune opposition has become a Sun-Neptune conjunction, which is an aspect of befuddlement. Wedding Mars is exactly conjunct his Moon and exactly opposed to Bill's Mars-Neptune. Venus was square to itself, Jupiter was in Nye's first house, where, debilitated, it gave him a false sense of being more important than he actually was.

With a Moon in Cancer, Venus in Pisces, Mars in Taurus, this is rip-roaring fertile chart and presumably relates to his bride, Blair Tindall, except that, with a two-decade long career as a professional musician (which puts her in her 40's—her birth data is not available, smart woman) and no prior marriage, she is presumably as fertile as Bill.

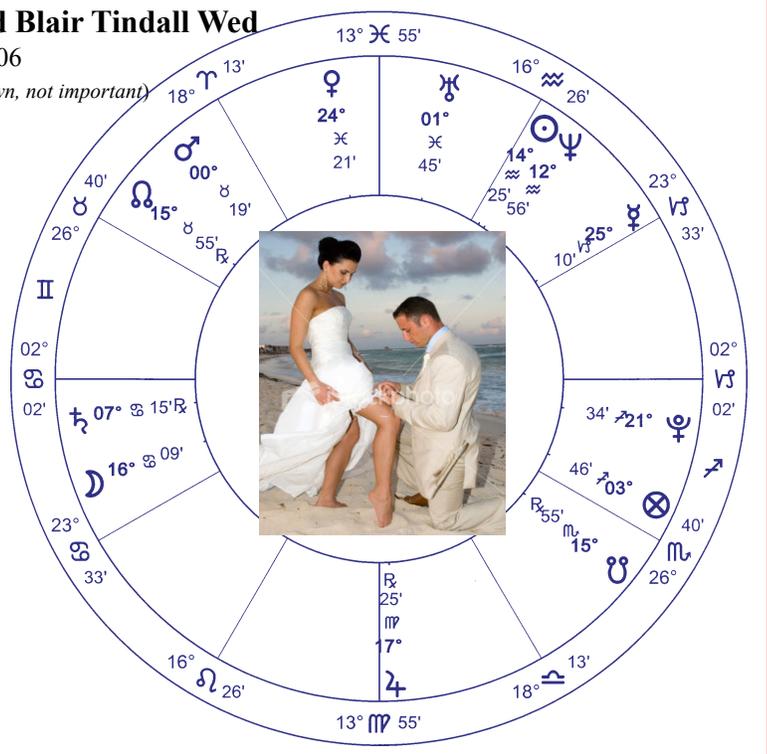
Bill Nye has recorded the usual inane diatribe against astrology, that the signs are not where astrologers say they are. No, Bill, they're not. They never were and they never will be. In ten thousand years they will be 180 degrees out-of-place, but your chart will still be your chart and it will still work the same as it does now. If we had a penny for every idiotic know-it-all debunking of astrology that's been invented over the centuries, astrologers would be the richest people on the planet. And there would still be astrology.

## Bill Nye and Blair Tindall Wed

February 3, 2006

2:00 pm (unknown, not important)

Los Angeles



## EXTRA

**I** STARTED with the simple idea that science was hostile to astrology, which I traced to its origins. I then discovered that science was backed up by the power of the printed word, which was the Encyclopedia. I then realized the Encyclopedia was the product of academics, and so finally arrived at the ivory tower of academia.

Which brought me to caste. Caste is the idea that humans can be divided into four large groups, which are:

- Priests
- Academics
- Merchants
- Warriors

In America these are known as:

- Fundamentalists
- Universities
- Finance
- The Pentagon

Each of these function as power groups, and, try as hard as you like, you can name no others. In a healthy society, these four groups are complimentary. In an unhealthy one, such as America in the 21st century, they are each out for their own. PS: At this time, academics have captured medicine, which was previously the property of priests. Much medicine still bears priestly marks: St. John's Wort, Blessed Thistle, etc. It is a fact: Medicine was better under priests than with academics.

When out of control, each caste bears its own sin:

- Priests condemn.

Academics become insular.

Merchants become greedy.

Warriors become proud.

As there are four castes and, as it happens, four elements, we can assign astrological rulerships:

Priests are ruled by water signs.

Academics have air signs.

Merchants are of the earth.

Warriors are of fire.

We then see that each of the castes are in fact tripartite, with cardinal, fixed, and mutable divisions. Dysfunction comes about when one of these comes to dominate the other two. Off the top of my head,

Scorpio is the sign that condemns (fixed).

Aquarius is insular (fixed).

Taurus is greedy (fixed).

Leo is proud (fixed).

Here's the bad news: The overall sign, the sign of the Age itself, is Aquarius, which is fixed. It is therefore logical to presume Aquarius will transfer its fixity to everything else, for the 2200 years it rules.

I am really trying to like the Aquarian Age, but there just does not seem to be a lot to like. For those of you who are waiting, eagerly, for the "real" age to begin, I would caution the Piscean Age, which began c.300 BC, did not fully mature until the mid-19th century, and was gone with the start of World War I. If the same is true of Aquarius, then we have another 2100 years to wait.

Another scientist next week. This will be fun!