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In a very casual way, Cardano very briefly mentioned the need to reinterpret traditional astrological notions, specifically the properties of the zodiacal signs and the astrological houses of the planets, in the Austral hemisphere. Cardano's words started a debate in which he seems to have been (surprisingly ?) in the side of those accepting the possibility of altering Ptolemaic astrology for the southern hemisphere, with Campanella and an Augustinian friar and astrologer in Peru, against an outraged Jean Baptiste Morin, with a Spanish physician-astrologer immigrated to Peru in the opposite side, defending the immutability of astrological influences. This presentation discusses these authors' responses to the possible alteration, mainly focusing on the South American astrologers who responded in situ to the "need for a new astrology".

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