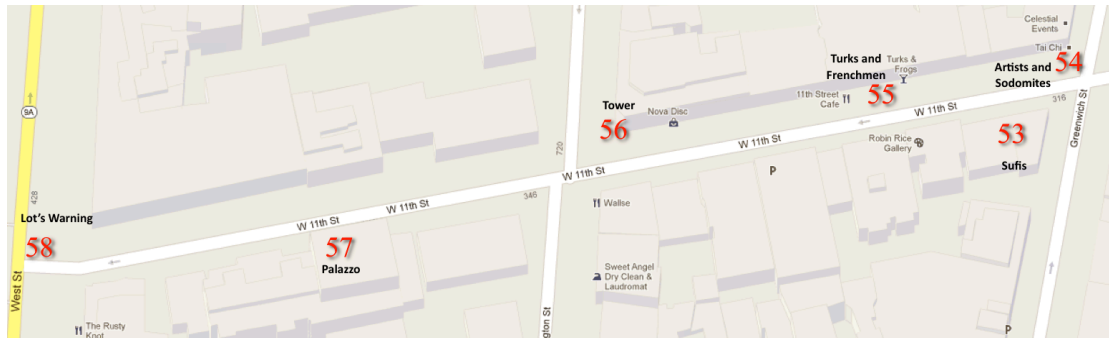


Sodom and Gomorrah (Hudson to West Streets)



Past Hudson Street sits Far West Village, or Sodom and Gomorrah – the final circle of Purgatory. Along this short expanse of street reside homosexuals, Sufis, artists, Turks and Frenchmen, five races known for their less than stalwart mores, that fly in the face of chaste, Puritan values. So the religious authorities would have it known, anyways.

Towards West Bank, a Grand Palazzo in the Venetian style rises ostentatiously where an *ancien* stable – a reminder of Christ Our Lord’s humble birthplace and station in life – used to be. The Pilgrim would do well to keep his eyes firmly on the path ahead, and not look up or back at this abominable edifice, for fear he would be turned into a pillar of salt, like Lot’s wife was in the Holy Book(s).

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53 – House of Sufism, a khaniqah belonging to the Nimatullahi Sufi Order.



54 – Gay City – a news journal for the city's gay community.



55 – An apartment tower on Washington Street.



56 – *Turks & Frogs* and *Orient Express*, delightful duo of wine bars cum French/Turkish restaurants.



57 – *Palazzo Chupi*, controversially built by the artist Julian Schnabel on the site of a former stable.



58 – YGA's warning, issued to Lot: *Sodomy is Evil*.