

A. Degree as a Unit Interval: 1/360 of circle.

Each degree is based on a mathematical division of the whole circle. And each degree is itself a circle or mandala: a point-sphere. As 1/360 of a circle, a degree is a geometrical division of the time/space of the zodiac into unit intervals. Astronomically it is a three dimensional angle, a wedge extending from the center of the earth out to cosmos.

In the appearing sky, the moon and sun discs have approximately the same size—the diameter of each is just about 1/720 of the circle. **So the width of the angle of one degree is the sun and moon discs together.**

We may imagine that the sun and moon focus the intelligence of the stars into the Earth plane as/through these degrees. (see the elaboration in 9/14/83 on Bodhi Mind and 360 degrees.)

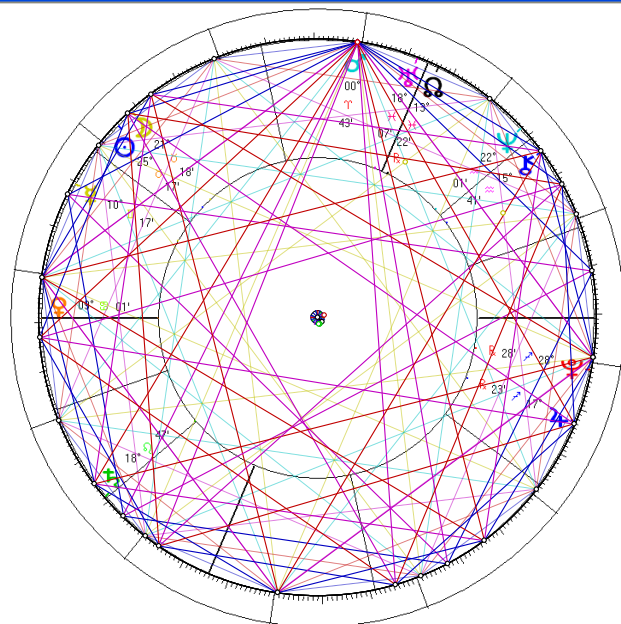
Mathematization of Ideas. Anthony showed how the divine ideas become articulated through precise cosmic principles of number and symmetry indicated in the dynamism of astrology through the 360 ideas, planetary aspects, orbs and so on. These ideas are expressed through the events indicated by the transiting aspects, and ultimately are assimilated as the soul's understanding. In our next section on "Meanings of Astrological components" we elaborate the principles of number.

360 is, of course, 12 signs x 30 degrees each. Jones makes much of the cycles: 6 forces of nature, 5 elements, etc, to find a pattern in the structure of 30 in each sign. But also other factors.

Degree as Antennae: each degree is a part of many series of symmetry patterns: The symmetry relations to other degrees are intrinsic to their relation to the whole circle. Here we see all the relational points to Mars 1° Aries on May 16 2007.

For example, every 1st degree of a sign has a particular connection with the other 1st degrees, and so on. This we can see geometrically at right.

Transits May 16 2007
Event Chart (1)
May 16 2007
8:39:24 am EDT -4:00
Hector, NY
42°N32°076"W52°39"
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node



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