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BOOKS READ FROM OR REFERENCED:

- Marie-Louise von Franz, *Number and Time: Reflections Leading Toward a Unification of Depth Psychology and Physics*
- C.G. Jung, CW 8, *The Structure and Dynamics of the Psyche*, "On the Nature of the Psyche"
- Alan Leo, *Esoteric Astrology*
- Lama Anagarika Govinda, *Foundations of Tibetan Mysticism*

DIAGRAMS embedded in these notes:

- FIGURE 1978 0607-1-AB. Vesica with 144 Degrees and Nidana.
- FIGURE 1978 0607-2-AB. Wheel of Samsara and Nidana.
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- FIGURE 1978 0607-6-AB. Vesica with Skandhas; Vesica with Conscious and Unconscious.
- FIGURE 1978 0607-7-AB. Vesica with Skandhas, Conscious, and Unconscious.

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NOTES:

- **RETYPE HANDWRITTEN NOTES (hence V08).** From Alan Notes 02 1977 to 06 1979.PDF.
- All spelling, capitalization and punctuation corrected, abbreviations and astrological glyphs (except degree) spelled out.

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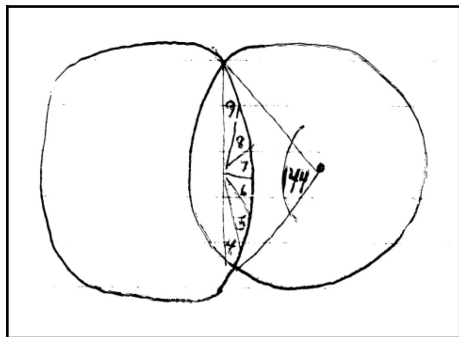
Number and Time: Fu Ch'ih [Note: Marie-Louise von Franz, *Number and Time: Reflections Leading Toward a Unification of Depth Psychology and Physics*.]

Structure and Dynamics, paragraphs 439-40, p. 229ff [Note: C.G. Jung, CW 8, *The Structure and Dynamics of the Psyche*, "On the Nature of the Psyche".]

underlying non-perceptual continuum which is the basis of manifestation = alaya = 10th House, Capricorn

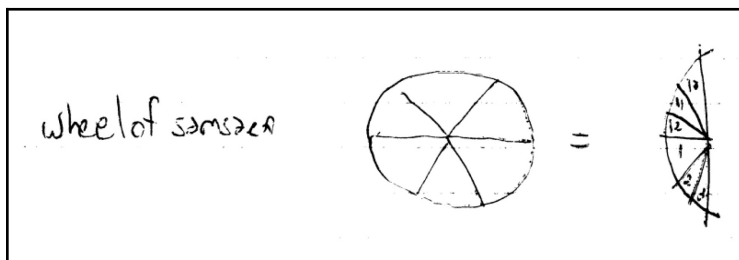
144 degrees angle of vesica = half of nidana

Esoteric Astrology, p. 1 [Note: Alan Leo, *Esoteric Astrology*.] -- each god = $2\frac{1}{2}^\circ \times 144 = 360^\circ$



[FIGURE 1978 0607-1-AB. Vesica with 144 Degrees and Nidana. Facsimile scan from AB class notes.]

4-9 grasps intelligible and produces our empirical consciousness, 10-3 = wheel of samsara.



[FIGURE 1978 0607-2-AB. Wheel of Samsara and Nidana. Facsimile scan from AB class notes.]

Each house appears in its opposite as samsaric wheel.

Example:

Cancer -- nama rupa appears as your existence, Capricorn.

Leo -- manas and senses locates you in a particular loka, Aquarius.

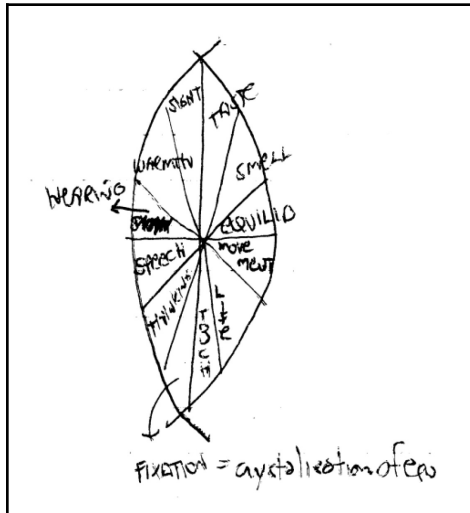
Virgo -- 5 karma indriyas (contact) contact the intelligible and becomes the externally perceived world = death (bhuta = has been, always changing) = Pisces.

Libra -- vedana or pure sensation is interpreted by us as ignorance = Aries.

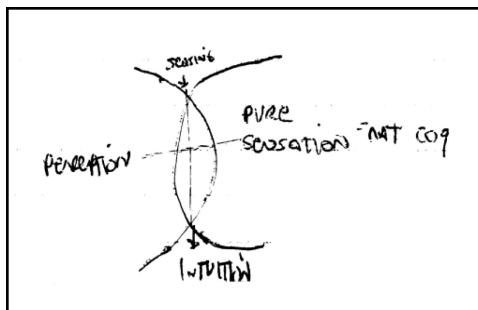
Taurus -- samskaras = your thinking are produced by thirst, Scorpio.

Western occultists

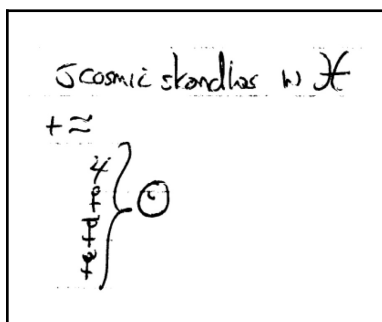
Hearing = ether is first element



[FIGURE 1978 0607-3-AB. Vesica of Senses. Facsimile scan from AB class notes.]



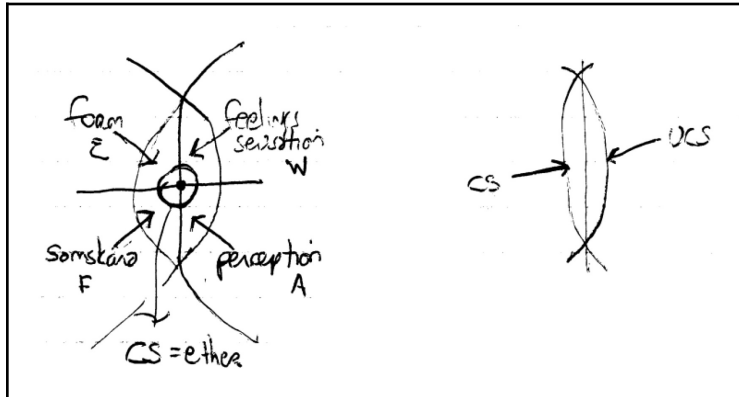
[FIGURE 1978 0607-4-AB. Vesica with Cross of Four Functions. Rat Cog = Rational Cogitation. Facsimile scan from AB class notes.]



[FIGURE 1978 0607-5-AB. Five Cosmic Skandhas in Pisces and Aquarius. Facsimile scan from AB class notes.]

Govinda -- skandhas can be resolved into pure consciousness. [Note: Lama Anagarika Govinda, *Foundations of Tibetan Mysticism*.]

AD [Anthony Damiani] -- Not true.



[FIGURE 1978 0607-6-AB. Vesica with Skandhas; Vesica with Conscious and Unconscious. F E W A = Fire Earth Water Air; CS = Consciousness, Conscious; UCS = Unconscious. Facsimile scan from AB class notes.]

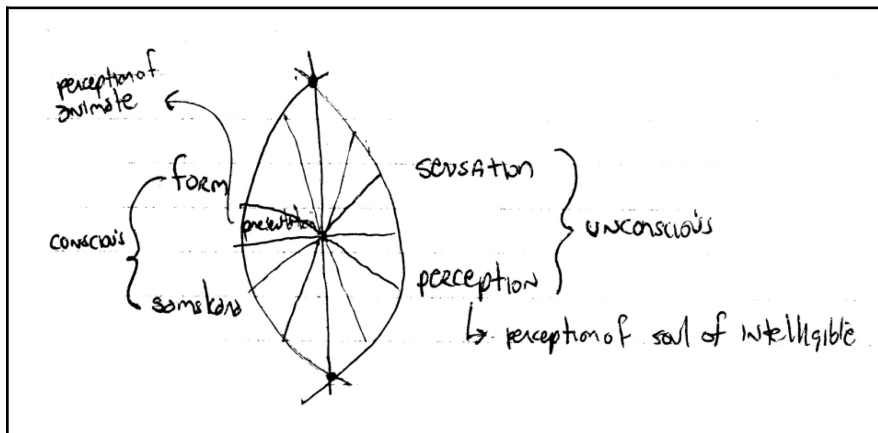
Buddhist Logicians -- In the act of distinguishing and distinguisher there is no duality (apprehending and apprehender); stand is between manas and alaya, senses are in Virgo as subtle.

Nyaya realists would maintain a separate subject, object, and relation; stand is in terms of 12th house, senses are in Pisces as physical.

[Buddhist Logicians and Nyayas] operate with different premises.

Sensation -- absolutely particular and unavailable to our conceptualization = alocana, bare givenness of object.

Perception --



[FIGURE 1978 0607-7-AB. Vesica with Skandhas, Conscious, and Unconscious. Facsimile scan from AB class notes.]

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