Part 2 CIRCLE: Simple/Profound view 0 1



DEFN:

a geometrical shape (for example a circle) was not considered as an infinite set of points; rather, it was considered as an entity on which a point may be located or on which it moves. Thus a <u>circle</u> in the <u>Euclidean plane</u> was defined as the *locus* of a point that is at a given distance of a fixed point, the center of the circle

A Locus of points (circumference) Equidistant (radii) From a given point (center) –focus for locus

<u>Center</u>: All of us are identical at the center. All views of reality have Reality in common. Anthony: burning focus for Ideas.

Radius: Each human being is a unique ray of the divine and has their own perspective.

<u>**Circumference</u>**: All together the whole circle of friends the circle of humans the circle of planets the circle of atoms circle of traditions, views--as a whole and is holy</u>

Draw a circle.

Explore what it means for the actual drawn circle to be a circle, the idea of the circle and even the idea or ideal circle itself being a pointer to infinity.

How many radii can you draw in your circle? How many radii ARE in a circle? (think about how many points on a circle.)

Is the circle you drew a "real" circle? Is there a real circle? What is a circle... really? How is it infinite? the idea of the circle



#CIRCLE IS NATURAL SYMBOL

O The eye is the first circle; the horizon which it forms is the second; and throughout nature this primary figure is repeated without end. It is the highest emblem in the cipher of the world.

Every action admits of being outdone. Our life is an apprenticeship to the truth, that around every circle another can be drawn; that there is no end in nature, but every end is a beginning; that there is always another dawn risen on mid-noon, and under every deep a lower deep opens. --- *RW Emerson "Circles"*



#Sun and Horizon: whole horizon is the circle in which awareness is aware [See file SUN ZOOM] heart, earth, solar, universe, atom;

Qi-Gong gathering

Eye gazing. look around- look into the eyes of a person you love. Eye to eye

OJudith Blackstone ; Mukti;

O Center, point:

God is a circle whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere. *augustin* PB: *The God in the Sun is the "I" in me.* Sun Example: sun symbolizes awareness and the Good

You are something the whole universe is doing. Watts

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#"The God in the Sun is the "I" in me"--this put tersely is the essence of man's relationship to divinity. A whole book may be needed to explain it, a whole lifetime to get direct experience of its truth as insight. 25.1.2

#The physical Sun which we see ... is merely an outer cover of a glorious reality which pervades and energizes the whole solar system. ...this



Reality is in essence and fundamentally the same as the Reality which is hidden in the heart of every human.

The Spiritual Light which is hidden within the Sun is the most excellent light. It is shining through the hearts of all living creatures in the form of consciousness. The Spiritual Light which is shining within the physical Sun also shines within the heart of every jiva. The light which is shining in the heart of all jivas in the form of consciousness is also shining through the universe in the form of the Heavenly Man and making it a living organism. [Yajnavalka Samhita]

#Overself ... is both space and the point in space. It is infinite Spirit and yet it is also the holy presence in everyone's heart. 22.3.384

#There is no real ego but only a quick succession of thoughts which constitutes the "I" process. There is no separate entity forming the personal consciousness but only a series of impressions, ideas, images revolving round a common centre. The latter is completely empty; the feeling of something being there derives from a totally different plane--that of the Overself. 8.2.31

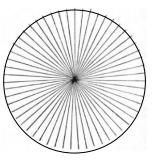
[AD: Columbus March 1984]

when you meditate and penetrate and realize yourself in the heart, if you go one more step beyond that, then you aren't anyplace. You can't locate yourself. That's your center. That's your true center. But if you think that you are this body, and you say my center is here, then that's not it. One's real center is a state where there is no reference to any center. That's what you really are like. How could the mind have a center anyplace?

...Take away that center, take away that referent to itself all the time, and you get this feeling of an impersonal being that you are, this egoless being that you are. Let that referent come back in and you'll see that everything gets centered again in this dualistic way. But as long as you're referring to yourself as the center, you're going to have the opposite, the non-center. As long as you refer to this as the ``I am" or the ``me", there's the ``not-me" out there. I'm sure he has other quotes like that, which would clarify what he means by center.

Radii:

orient us... Point to... to Center potentially infinitely many radii... Infinite unique views All have the center in common-- converge to One reality, All together are a whole... holy... wholly. *See Taimni*



Many radii: 1 dimensional, but in physical have thickness. Move toward center, or expand the boundary of circle to Infinity



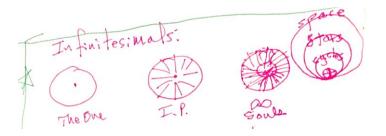
Each radius is distinct, unique, but all are symmetrically connecting the center and circumference. Distinct views: converge at center.

Each radius emerges from, or participates in, the "oneness" of/at the center. Each grows more and more distinct from the others at circumference, or closer toward center.

If we consider the radii as "ideal" lines, they have only one dimension, no thickness. This allows an infinite number of radii to emerge without merging into each other, like distinct rays of the Sun.

We may use this image for four potentially infinites

Logoi from the depths of Parabrahman. Divine Ideas in Universal Intelligence. Units of Life from the Divine Sun of Overself. Cosmos after cosmos



#Hafiz: "The Compass" I Heard God Laughing Ladinsky tr.

Look at the Perfect One At the Circle's Center: Who Spins and Whirls like a Golden Compass, Beyond all that is Rational, To show this dear world That Everything, *Everything* in Existence

Dust Motes can draw attention to themselves or they can reveal the light. When they reveal the light then they are fulfilling their sacred function.

Use the circle to remember you are sacredness everything everything is sacred. This is the true do you have a presence in shining of consciousness.

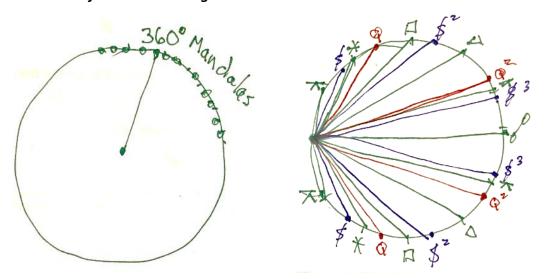
B. AD: WHO IS LOOKING

Does point to God.

C. AD: BEING AWARENESS MP4 AUDIO/VIDEO:

Each degree is a whole mandala. Each connects to 22 paths: when you move attention to another degree, then THAT is the center of the mandala... the focus.

Jewel Net of Indra-- Fa Tsang.



Wholeness:, \bigcirc is the *circumference*;

indicates the boundary of our life--the limits of a sacred space wherein our journey can unfold-- the protective limits of the sacred alchemical retort of the mind wherein experience can be understood--as well as the evolving understanding of life's meaning.

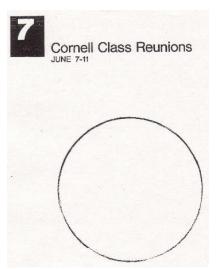
limits... and expands to infinity

It reminds us: that we are sacred, that all life is sacred : Krishna, Mary, Siva pictures.

Wholeness is holiness. your heavenly identity of wholeness

Meeting of point and Infinite Space

By integrating the center and circumference we encompass the completeness of our humanity.



Circle of Friends: wholeness and uniqueness.

Each of us is a mandala-- a unique form of the whole when thought of as a ray and circle. Each of us is a sacred consciousness appearing as the person... hologram.

Be the mandala. Feel the center and the radius and the circumference and the space within and the many spokes as the many moments. and beyond the space of the circle.

To any vision must be brought an eye adapted to what is to be seen, and having some likeness to it. Never did eye see the sun unless it had first become sun-like, and never can the Soul have vision of the First Beauty unless itself be beautiful. <u>Enneads</u> 1.6.8

The perception of Beauty and the awe and the stirring of passion towards it are for those already in some degree knowing and awakened: but the Good, as possessed long since and setting up a natural tendency, is inherently present to even those asleep and brings them no wonder when some day they see it, since it is no occasional reminiscence but is always with them. *Enneads* 5.5.11-12

Psychologically, all this may be summed up as follows: When Mind is active in knowing and distinguishing one thing from another, it is finite consciousness. When it assumes forms and qualities, it is the things themselves.

When it is centralized as an individual observer of these presented objects it is the "I". When it is centralized as the observer through the Overself of all the innumerable separate observers, it is World-Mind.

When it is passively at rest, it is itself, Mind. Wisdom of the Overself ch 12 para 13

DYNAMIC

DYNAMIC: Expand And Contract

Zooming: in and out.

We can symbolize **REALITY as a point**, everything is radiating from it. This point is merely the point-er to the Void.

As radiating, the relation of the center and circumference gives rise to the image of concentric circles, and imparts a

sense of the emanation of forms in more and more manifest states from the unific center. We can symbolize **REALITY as a point,** everything is radiating from it. This point is merely the pointer to the Void.

It will be seen that it is not the radial lines which can impose a limitation on a centre because they leave the centre free to expand ad infinitum. It is the circumference which imposes limitation on the centre. This circumference can be considered to become larger and larger as the radial line representing the individuality of the Monad approaches the ideal limit of zero thickness. (<u>Taimni</u>: MGU)

We may also reverse the dynamism by showing concentric circles as condensing or contracting out of the undivided infinite mind. We can sybolize **REALITY as infinite space**, and everything is a contraction from the infinite: an infinitesimalization.

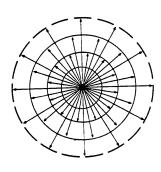
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When we reverse the direction, there is a sense of the deepening movement to grasp our core or essence. By integrating the center and circumference we encompass the completeness of our humanity.

It reminds us: that we are sacred, that all life is sacred (pictures) Wholeness is holiness. your heavenly identity of wholeness

Meeting of point and Infinite Space

No limit to expandability or contractibility – larger to space, or in to point--center focus, and open spacious awareness

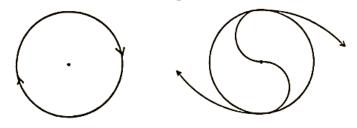




RADIATING AND ROTATING Cycles and Spirals

Circle dynamism: radiating, circulating and distilling process. **endless cycles** repeating back on itself. Circle becomes infinity sign. ∞

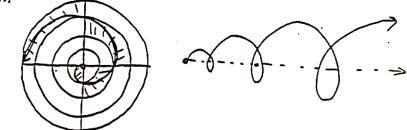
The whole circle is also dynamic when thought of as rotating. Its rotation about the still center indicates the endless cycles of becoming, involved in which we lose cite of the still center of our being. The center of the Mandala represents Shiva.



Circulating: Cycles

As both radiating and rotating, there is a sense of a spiral movement, a torquing and evolution in which there is both a relation of the outer to the center, and of a cyclical revolution. If we allow a third axis of movement, then the circulation, radiation, and procession produces a 3 dimensional spiral. This spiral or three dimensional movement indicates ever expanding evolution.





Luminous hubs of chakras

The symbolism of a wheel and spokes is found in the Brihadaranyaka Upanisad, and repeated in the Tantras. "That soul of mine which is like a luminous hub of consciousness, streaming out in all directions to illumine the world at its boundary." (*The Theory and Practice of Mandala by Guiseppe Tucci*). The subtle constitution of the human mind is pictured as a series of wheels with hubs, and the light of the mind streaming out to experience/project the world. From the Shaivite tradition of vibration (spanda):

"Observe the movement or Spanda of this Wheel in the course of each act of cognition, as it moves from the center or "Heart" of pure consciousness out to the periphery, where it becomes manifest as sense objects."

[MEAD: spokes! These are the rays of the Vedas. They connect the Formless and the Form: or consciousness and contents].

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<u>CIRCLE AND ZOOMING</u> Ever expanding in and out Map

Cosmic zooms 7's Powers of Ten

Then Dot and the Line: a romance. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_QhIVYIcmE</u>

Flatland -- The Fourth Dimension

Infinity and the Mind.

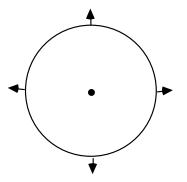
Examples of levels of symbol: circle is set of all points equidistant.

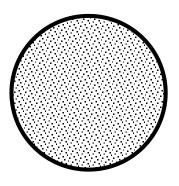
Inside-outside map them. You are all this cosmic body

MULTIVALENT: Soul and World-Idea

We may use the center to represent the Overself and the boundary to represent the World-Mind transforming it.

We may take the circle as the Overself: World-Mind is included within it as its essence, and rays of experience.





What you put out is what you get back.

What you put out \rightarrow

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Never ending cycles of your life and expanding and contracting.

Lopon and Merry go Round





Happiness runs in a circular motion. Thought is just a little wave upon the sea. Everybody is a part of everything, anyway. You can be happy if you let yourself BE. --Donovan