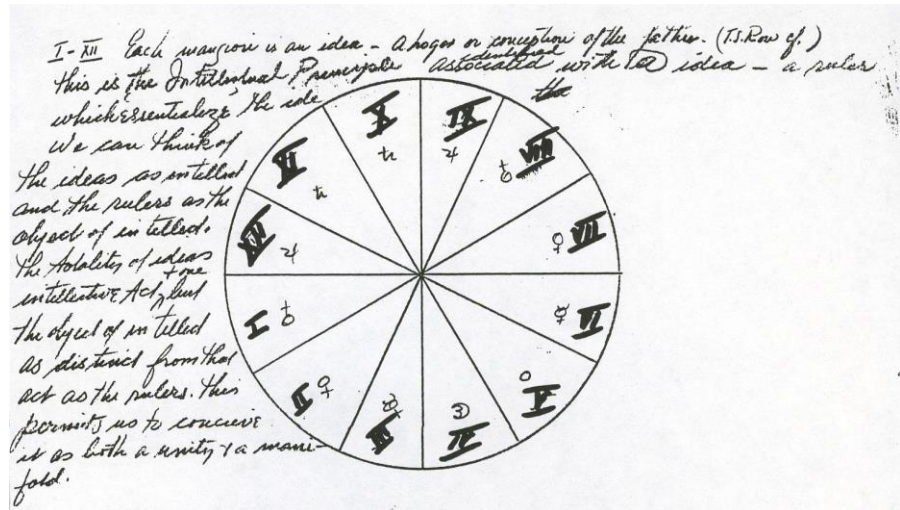


**From Astronoesis ch 2:**

Considering the whole chart, could we not say that the Wisdom-Insight which has assigned to each sign of traditional astrology its corresponding dignities is the same as that which is expressed by Plotinus when he says that when a thing is an intellect, it is also a being, the two are never apart? The Ideas



which are the Intellectual Principle's substance, and the intelligibles which are the Ideas' very activity, could be symbolized as the twelve signs around the wheel with their rulers. Both are grounded in the unitary consciousness, Turiya. We could then see that the totality of the signs and rulers are the collectively Intellectual-Principle, and that each sign is a particular facet of Divine Wisdom, a particular Intellectual-Principle or Idea. Each Idea has a certain power, for this is the mark of real being, a power primarily to be, which forms an inseparable unity in duality --the rulerships in their totality being the collective power of the Intellectual-Principle as a one-many of essentially self-gnostic Ideas.

The Divine Numbers I through XII are placed around the circumference of the circle to indicate the manner in which they coordinate the unmanifest intelligible substances (signs) with their predominant expressive activities (as symbolized by the Dignities). The Ideas and the first two rings represent the Intellectual Principle, the third ring is soul and the fourth is body.

Each successive application of number determines the Intellectual-Principle as an Idea (zodiacal sign), associated with one of the four infinite grades of substantial Intelligence (the quadrants), and established in the Intellectual-Principle through its coordinate Intelligible Act (dignities).

If we follow this suggestion through, then any of the Ideas can be placed around the circle from houses I to XII, for each is a special version of the whole. Any one of 10 ideas could be regarded as an absolute or leading Idea for a particular philosophic tradition and would be that version of the Divine Mind most suited to fill the spiritual needs of the people served by that tradition (Anthony Damiani, Astronoesis ch. 2)