

# Time and Human Life

1700 Years after Scipios Dream



Raphael's Sleeping Scipio  
R. Folk  
Lviv October 2014



Philip Uffenbach

# Time and men's death



Grave stone [1.1×0.8 m]

1200 BC Popiv Yar

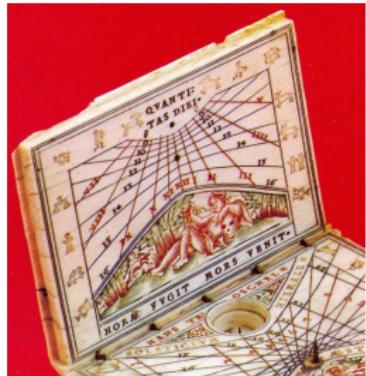
©Larisa Vodolazhskaya  
Vodolazhskaya: arXiv:1309.7238v1



in tomb of King's Valley

1100 BC Egypt ~ 1600 Nuremberg

©Mus. Hist. Science Oxford  
arXiv:1408.0987



Memento mori

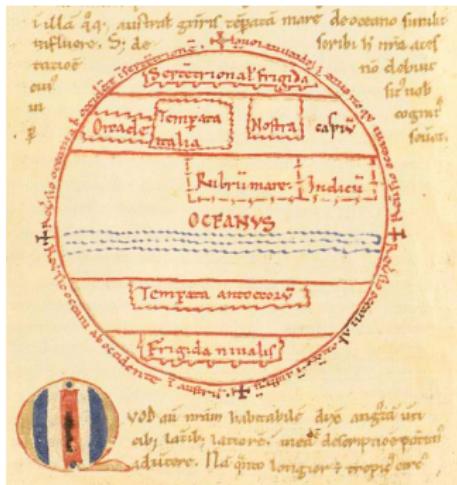
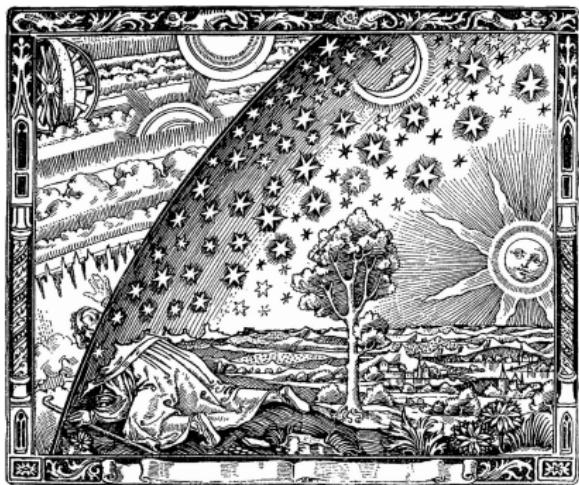
# Scipio's vision 54 - 52 BC



Scipio asleep in bed, above him: Earth with Rome and Carthage shown in centre of the heavenly spheres. Scipio, his father and grandfather as shown in the Milky Way in three scenes. In addition the planetary spheres are shown. **The souls of men are identified with the stars of the Milky Way.**

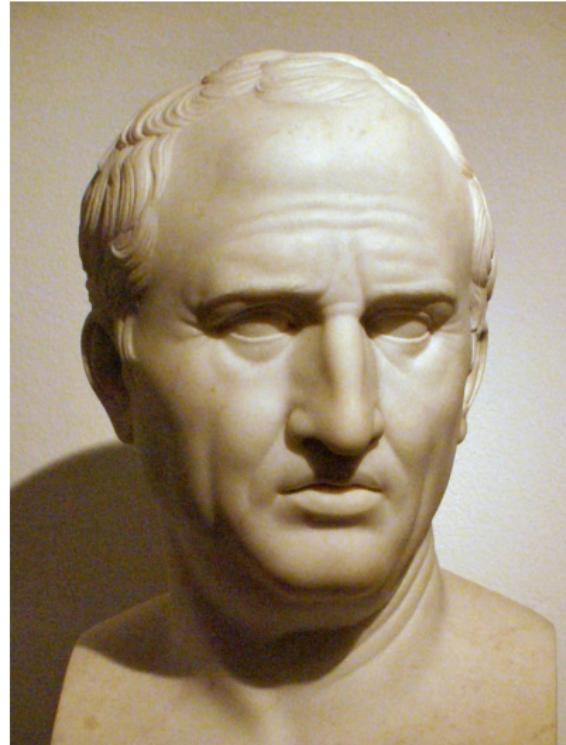
Cicero; Macrobius (commentary)  
manuscript from 1383

# Scipio's vision [54 - 52 BC]



Now the noblest [activities] are cares and exertions for our country's welfare. And the soul which has been enlivened and trained by these will speed more fleetly to this its resting-place and home. [Sunt autem optimae curae de salute patriae, quibus agitatus et exercitatus animus velocius in hanc sedem et domum suam pervolabit. Cic. rep. 6, (29)]

# Cicero and Aratus



## Astronomica veterum scripta 1589



H. Tauber, *Die astronomischen Erkenntnisse des M. T. Cicero über den Sternenhimmel* 2014 Nuncius Hamburgensis Bd. 28

[*The astronomical knowledge of M. T. Cicero about the starry sky*]

R. Folk (University of Linz)

Time and Human Life

# Aratus [310 - 245 BC] and Hyginus [64 BC - 17 AC] constellations



from Dürers map



Hyginus constellation Perseus  
Poeticon Astronomicon



Mainz globe  
150 - 220 AC

# The time about 1600



Rudolf II (1552 - 1612)

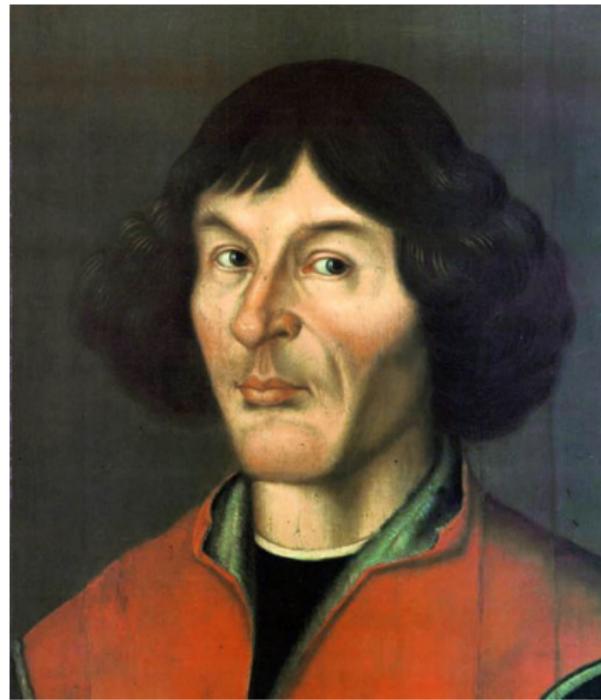


Ferdinand von Innerösterreich (1578 - 1637)

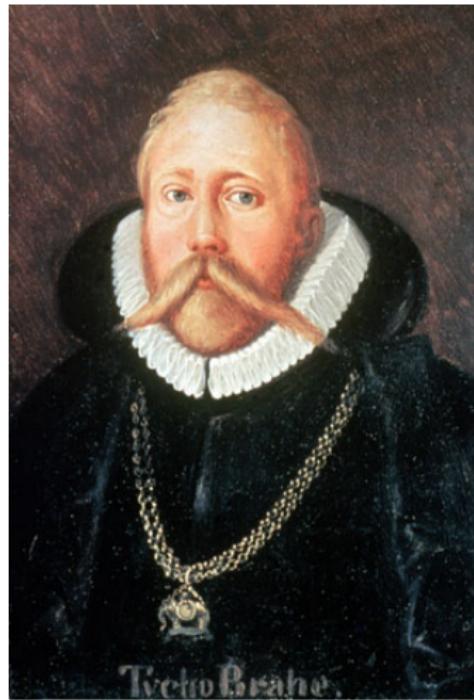
[Archduke of Inner Austria]

**Cuius regio, eius religio** [Whose realm, his religion]

# The time about 1600



Kopernikus (1473 - 1543)



Tycho Brahe (1546 - 1601)

# Curriculum and oeuvre of Philipp Uffenbach (1566 - 1636)

**1566** born in Frankfurt/Main

Traveling in Germany and Italy

**1592** Marriage with Margarete

Hoffmann and taking possession of  
the workshop of the father in law

**1598** Conferment of the citizenship

Frankfurt's; *Zeitweiser*

**1599** *Himmelfahrt Christi* (Ascension  
Christi) in the Dominikaner Church

**1603** Coloring of the 'Rechneistube'  
(a room) in the 'Römer'

**1619** *De quadratura circuli* several  
editions

**1636** died in Frankfurt

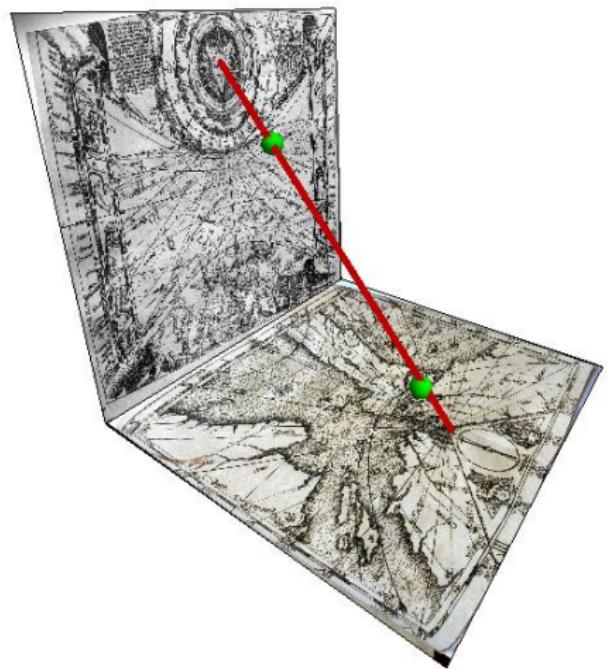
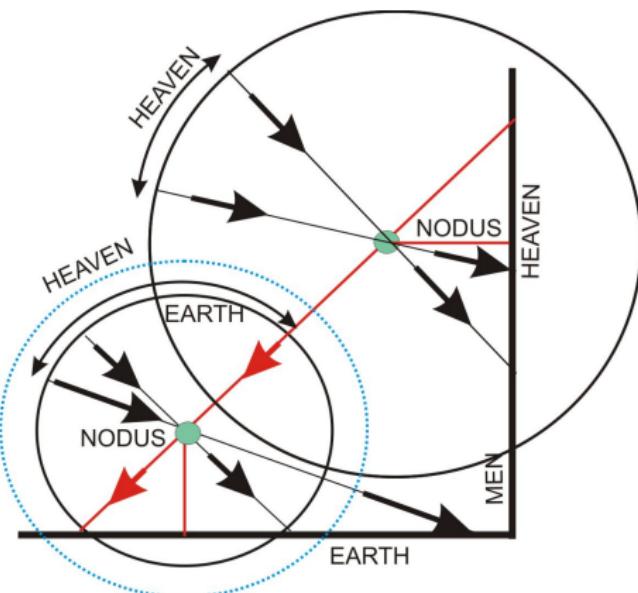
Interest in mechanics, geometry,  
anatomy and alchemy



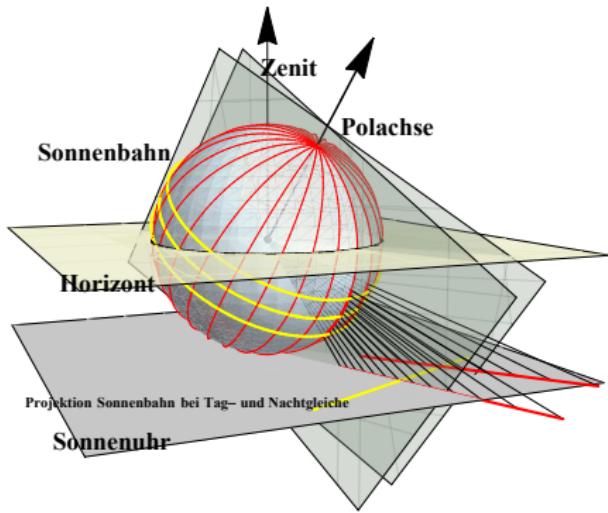
self portrait 1591

Der Zeitweiser: /welches nun das ganze Werck auff die vier grösste Wunderwerck GOTtes zeiget. Als Himmel/Erdt/die Zeit und der Mensch

*The Time Pointer: which now shows the four greatest marvels of GOD. As Heaven/Earth/the Time and Men*



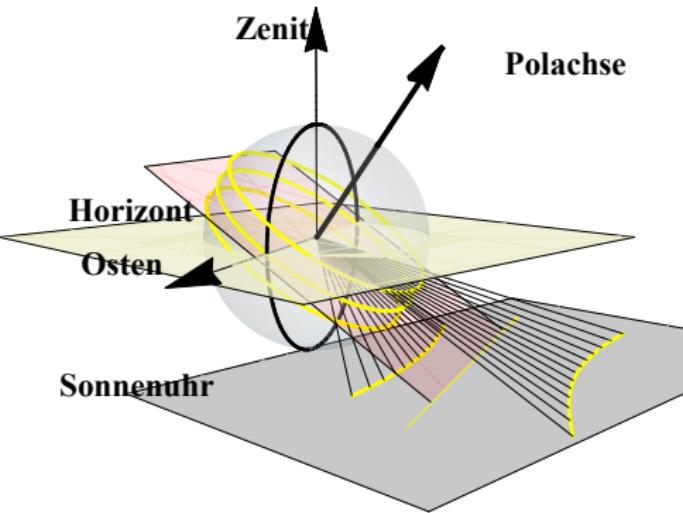
# Gnomonic projection



Equal hour lines

*Great circles in straight lines; small circle in hyperbola*

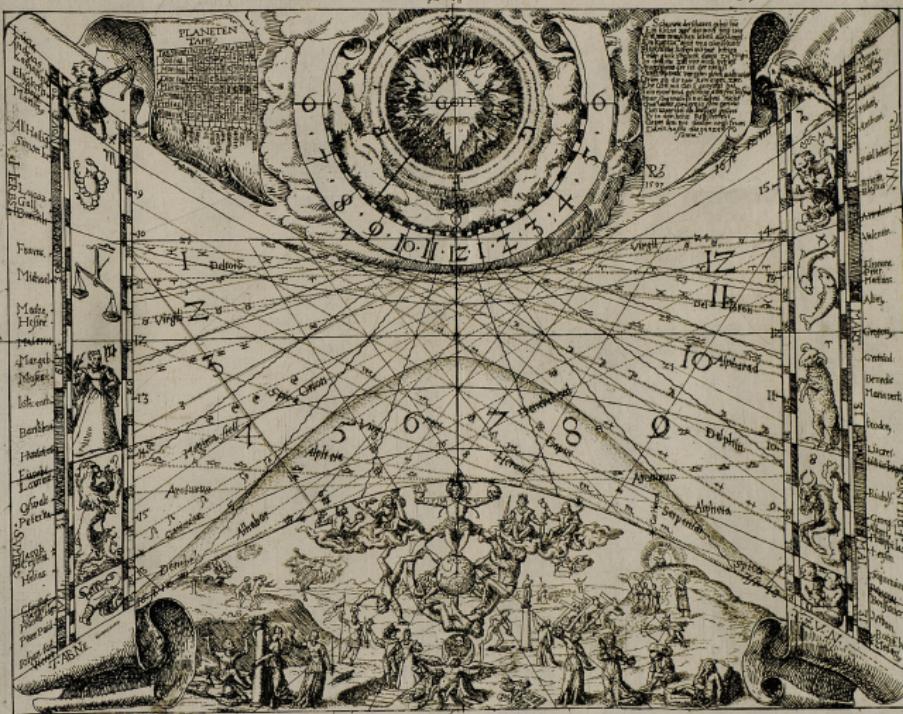
**One needs only compass and straight-edge** Dürer UNderweysung der messung ...  
[Four Books on Measurement] 1525



Diurnal lines

# Heaven and Time

Bild © Univ. Göttingen



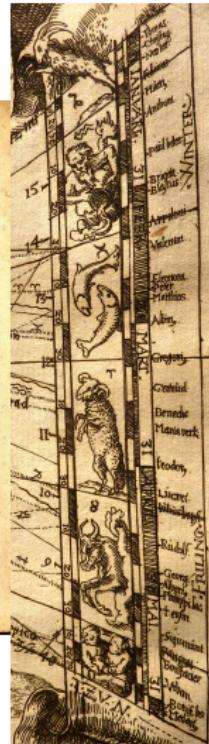
## The calendar



- Names of the day
  - Division of the month
  - Signs of zodiac
  - Division of signs into 30 degrees
  - Length of the day
  - Length of the night

Andreas Helmreich

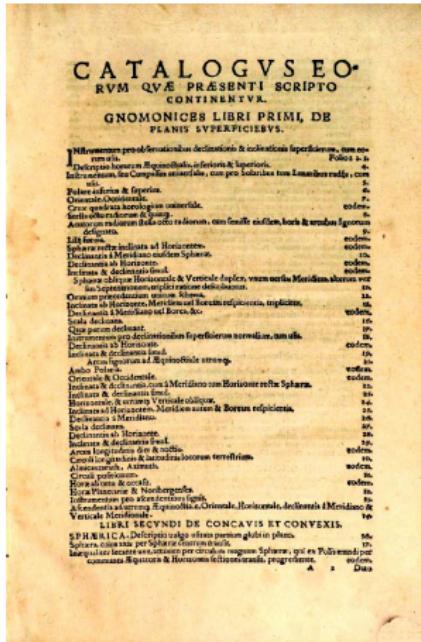
Rechenbuch 1595



Equinox on March 11. according to the Julian calendar!

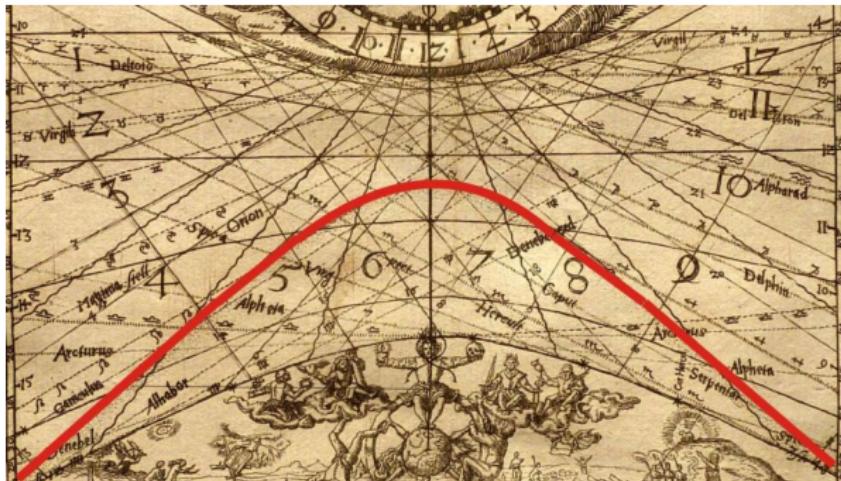
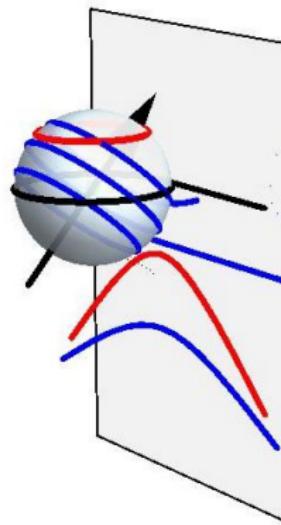
## The lines of the vertical sundial

- the clock with common hours
  - the Babylonian and Italian hours
  - the planetary hours
  - the diurnal arc when entering a sign of zodiac
  - the alcumantar for 45 degrees
  - the ascending signs of zodiac
  - some of the brightest stars



Lit.: Andreas Schöner, *Gnomonices* 1562; Eberhard Welper, *Gnomonica* 1672, *Neu-Vermehrte Gnomonica* 1708; Johann Stengel, *Gnomonica* 1675

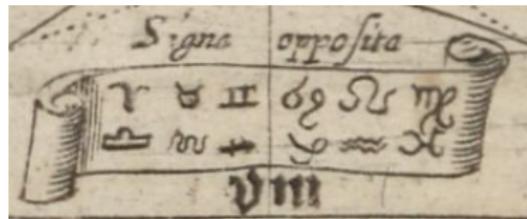
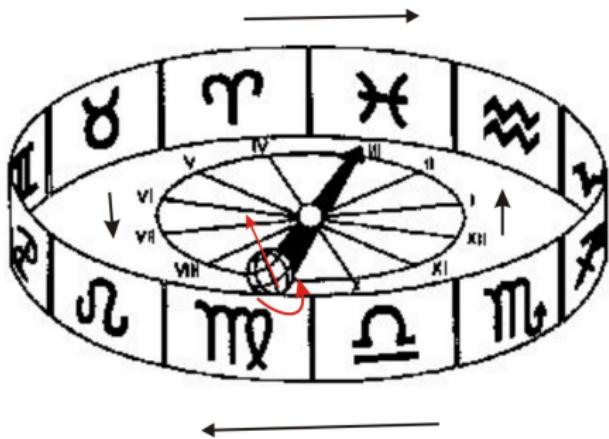
# The almucantar or contour line



In Europe introduced by **Hermann from Reichenau** (or Hermann the Cripple) in the 11. century from arabic manuscripts.

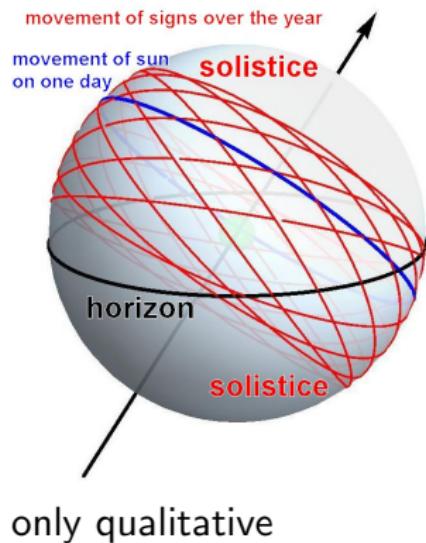
Example: **Queens' College in Cambridge (UK)**

# The ascending signs of zodiac until noon



$\odot$ in	Asc 1	Asc 2	Asc 3
$\text{♈}$	$\text{♒}$	$\text{♓}$	$\text{♉}$
$\text{♒}$	$\text{♓}$	$\text{♉}$	$\text{♊}$
$\text{♓}$	$\text{♉}$	$\text{♊}$	$\text{♊}$
$\text{♉}$	$\text{♊}$	$\text{♋}$	$\text{♋}$
$\text{♊}$	$\text{♋}$	$\text{♌}$	$\text{♌}$
$\text{♋}$	$\text{♌}$	$\text{♍}$	$\text{♍}$
$\text{♌}$	$\text{♍}$	$\text{♎}$	$\text{♎}$
$\text{♍}$	$\text{♎}$	$\text{♏}$	$\text{♏}$
$\text{♎}$	$\text{♏}$	$\text{♐}$	$\text{♐}$
$\text{♏}$	$\text{♐}$	$\text{♑}$	$\text{♑}$
$\text{♐}$	$\text{♑}$	$\text{♒}$	$\text{♒}$
$\text{♑}$	$\text{♒}$	$\text{♓}$	$\text{♓}$
$\text{♒}$	$\text{♓}$	$\text{♉}$	$\text{♉}$

# The ascending signs (vertical sundial)

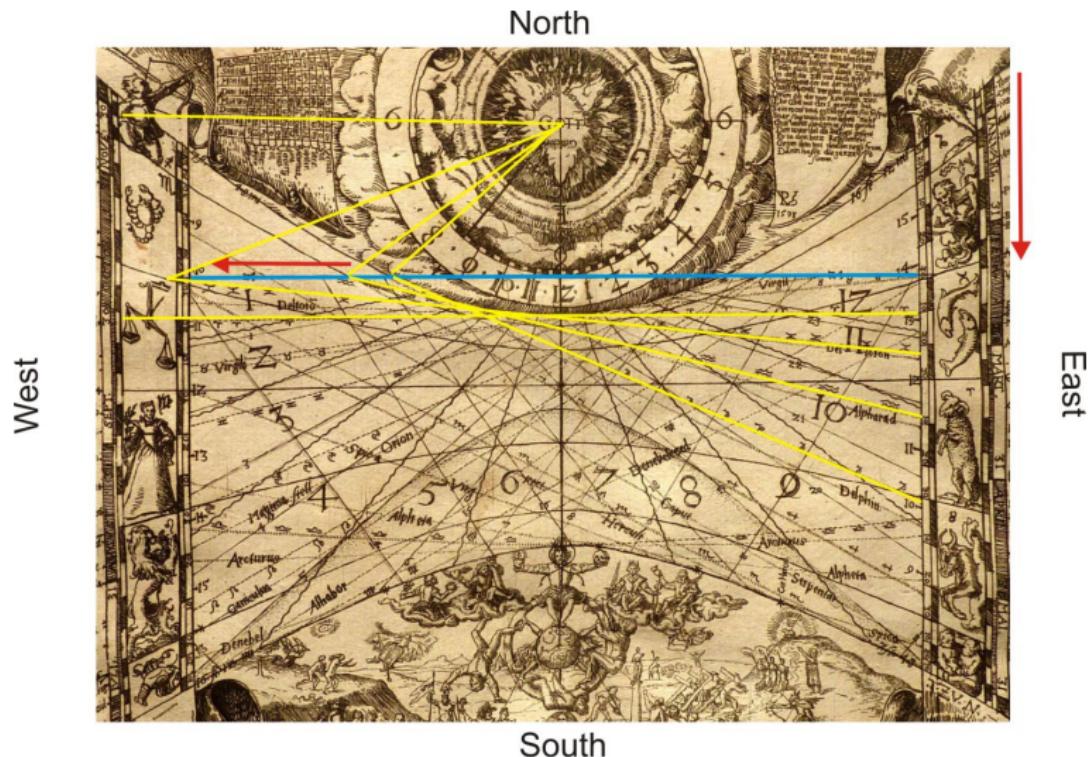


...if the top of the gnomon touches with his shadow such a line, one may conclude that the sign ascends with which the line is labeled

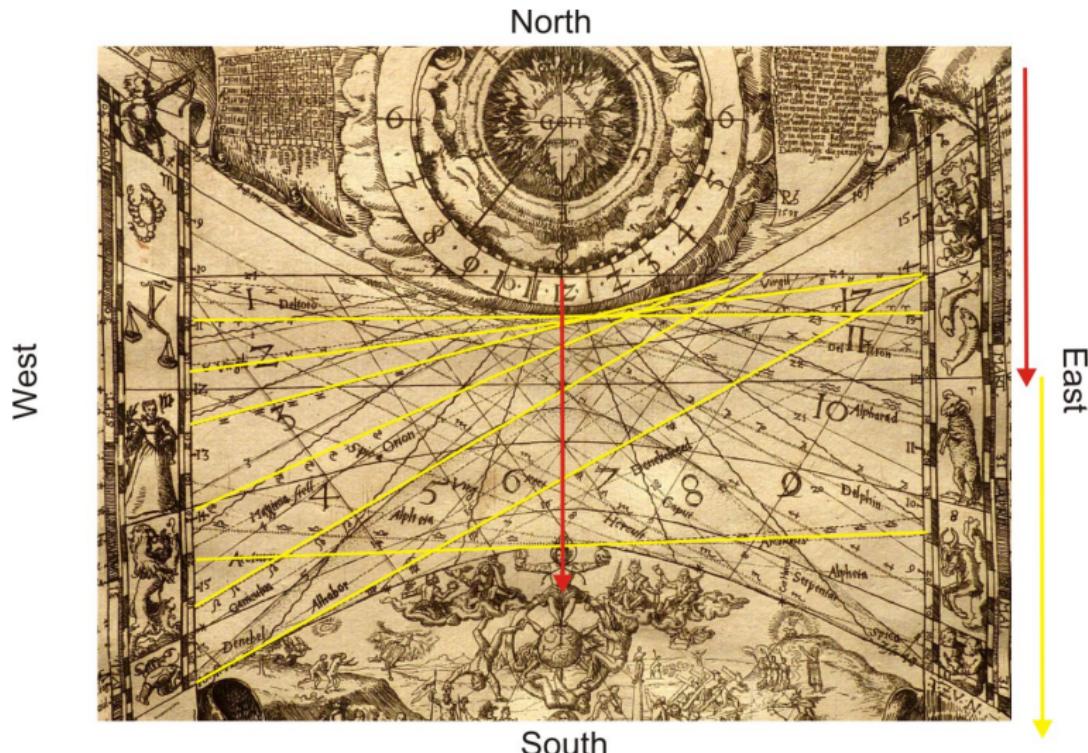
But one has first to judge if this sign can ascend or not on this day. This can easily be concluded from the sign in which the sun stays.

E. Welper *GNOMONICES...* 1672 [Zweyter Theil Chapter 14 page 73]

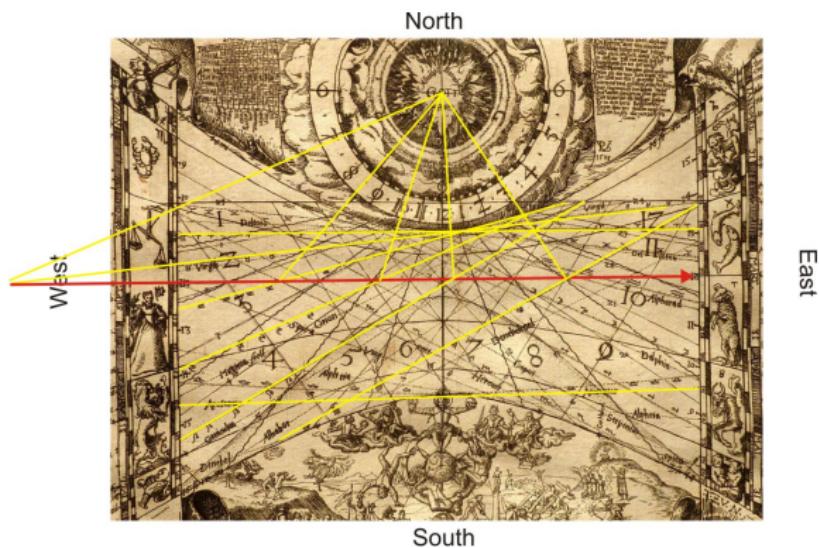
The signs (in which the sun stays) ascend or descend on the horizon with the sun (vertical sundial)



# The signs which ascend at the horizon at noon (vertical sundial)



# The signs which ascend at equinox (vertical sundial)

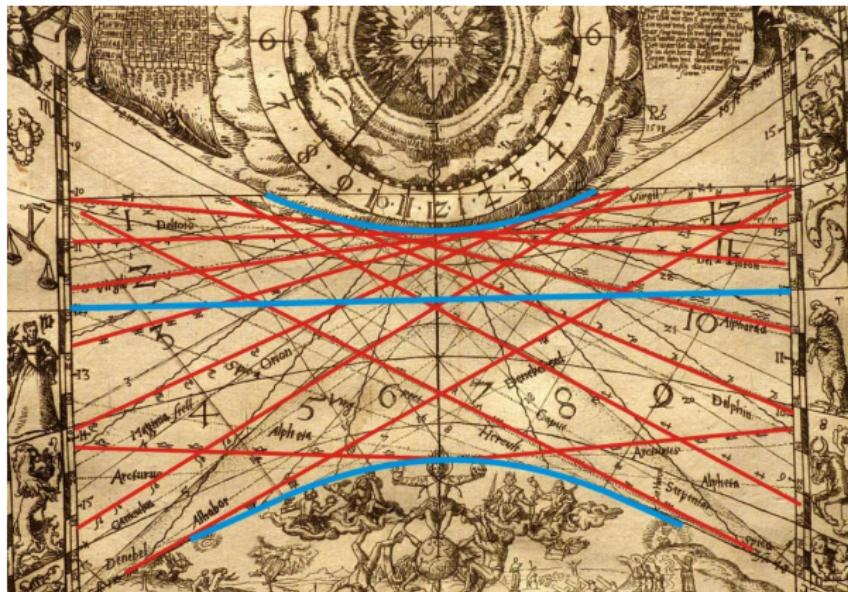


sign	time
♈	06:00-07:00
♉	07:00-08:15
♊	08:15-10:00
♋	10:00-12:30
♌	12:30-15:15
♍	15:15-18:00
♎	18:00-20:45

Begin of April 2012

©HUG Industrietechnik und  
Arbeitssicherheit GmbH  
Ergolding/Germany

# The ascending signs (vertical sundial)



See: E. Welper *GNOMONICES...* 1672 [Zweyter Theil Chapter 14 page 72] after Andreas Schöner *GNOMONICE* 1562; *Neu-Vermehrte Gnomonica* 1708; Stengel *Gnomonica* 1675 Chapter 7 Figure 39

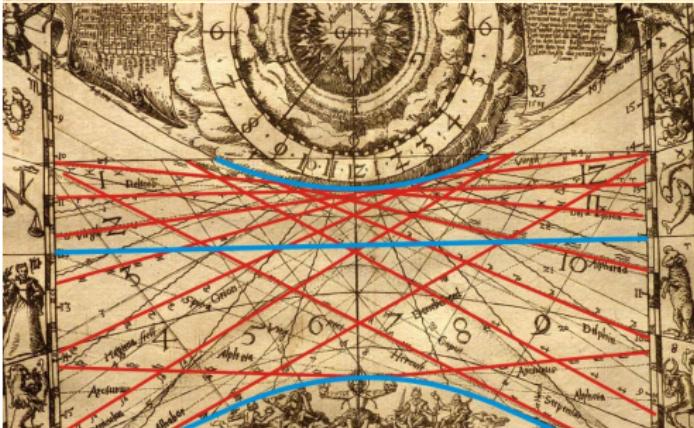
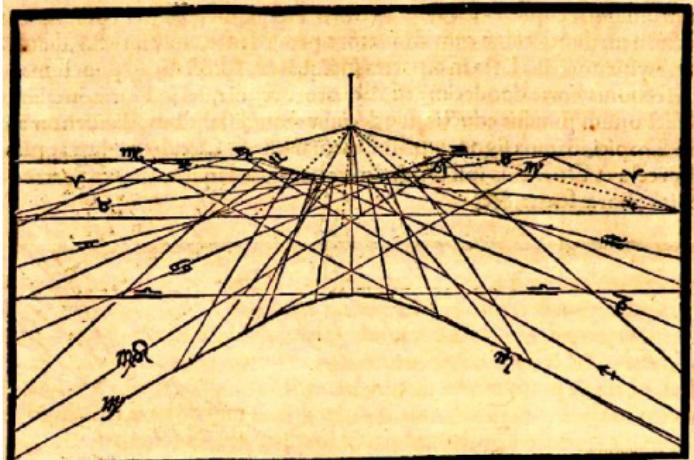


**GNOMONICE**  
 Andreæ Schoneri Noribergensis.  
 Hoc est:  
**D E D E S C R I P T I O**  
**N I B V S H O R O L O G I O R V M S C I O**  
**T E R I C O R V M O M N I S G E N E R I S , P R O J E C T I O**  
 alibus circulorum Sphericorum ad superficies, cum  
 planas, num conusas concavasq; Sphericas,  
 Cylindricas, & Conicas: Item delineacione  
 bus quadrannum, annularum, &c.  
**Libri tres.**

HIS ADDITA SYNT EIVSDEM AVTORIS:  
 Gnomonice Mechanice, seu de designandis per instrumenta horologij libellis,  
 De instrumentis Meridianis, ac instrumentis ad hoc necessariis compositione,  
 De compositione Altimetris planis & columnaris, directarum Altitudinum planis.

Omnia recente nata & edita.

NORIBERGÆ.  
 Apud Joannem Montanum, & Virgini Neuberum.  
**M. D. LXII.**



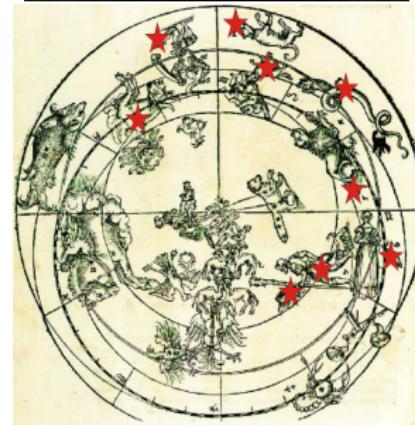
upper Fig. right side on page XXXV  
verso

# Names

Name	Ident.	Apian/Perb.
Alhabor	$\alpha$ CMa	1/9
Alpharad	$\alpha$ Hya	3/11
Alpheta	$\alpha$ CrB	-/19
Arcturus	$\alpha$ Boo	7/18
Caniculus	$\alpha$ CMi	2/-
Caput Serpentari	$\alpha$ Oph	-/23
Delphin	Del	-/27
Deltoto		
Deltoton	Tri	-
Denebel		
Denebeleced	$\beta$ Leo	5/14
pect Herculi	Her	
Spics Virg, Spica	$\alpha$ Vir	6/16
Virgil, Virgili	Tau	13/-

P. Apian, *Instrument Buch...* Ingolstadii 1533

Hatice Skarits, *Die Sterne des Peuerbach- Astrolabiums und ihre arabische Namen*. Peuerbach-Symposium 2008



T A V R V S.					
Longi- tudo.		Latí- tudo.		Magnitudo.	
G.	M.	P.	G.	M.	Signa octa- uæ sphæræ.
2	30	B	6	0	5
3	40	A	6	20	4
8	0	A	5	0	4
8	40	B	6	0	6
9	0	A	1	30	5
10	40	B	1	30	5
12	20	B	4	50	5
14	50	B	1	40	4
16	20	B	2	30	4
17	0	A	7	15	4
17	20	A	6	0	4
18	0	B	1	50	4
23	10	B	4	30	5
23	20	B	3	40	5
24	40	B	3	20	5
24	40	B	5	0	5
28	0	B	0	40	5
29	0	B	5	0	5
29	30	B	7	20	5
30	0	B	1	0	6
3	0	A	5	15	3

D. Santbech *Problematum Astronomicum...* 1561

708 RUDIMENTA COSMOGRAPHIA  
CIRCVLORVM AC SY-  
derum quorundam Sy-  
nonyma.

Zodiucus;	Idem significat: quis duodecim signa capiunt.
Aequator;	Accipitrialis,
Antarcticus;	Austrinus,
Arcticus;	Boreus,
Latus;	Galaxis,
Hozzon;	Finitor,
Tropici;	Solitaires,
Cynofura;	Vris minor,
Helice;	Vris major,
Septentriones;	Plautrum,
Aetophylax;	Bootes,
Erichthonius;	Auriga,
Hercules;	Engonasi,
Procyon;	Canis minor,
Sirius;	Canis major,
Cygnus;	Anis,
Ophiuchus;	Serpentarius,
Chiron;	Centaurus,
Fera;	Lupus,
Cetus;	Pisces,
Ara;	Thunbulus,
Pleadies;	Vergilie,
Hyades;	Sutile,
Lyra;	Fidicula,
Deltoton;	Tranquulus,
Ophiuchus;	Serpentarius,
Chele;	Libra,
Aquila;	Vultur,
	Milvius,
	Argo,

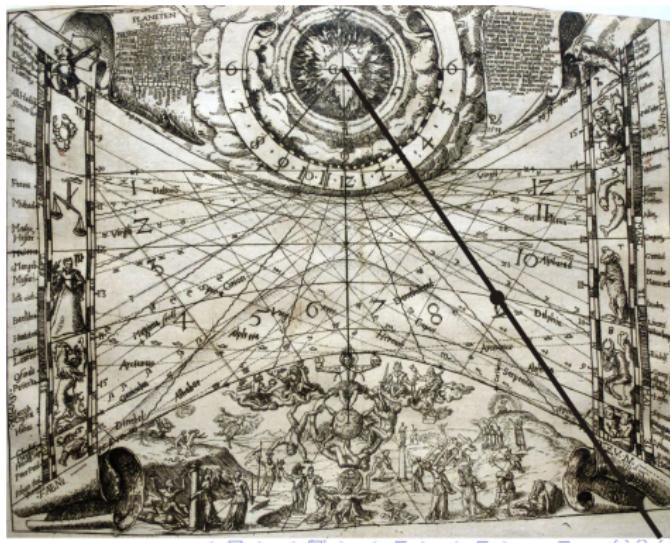
J. Honter de Cosmographiae  
rudimentis, Basel 1561, 1585

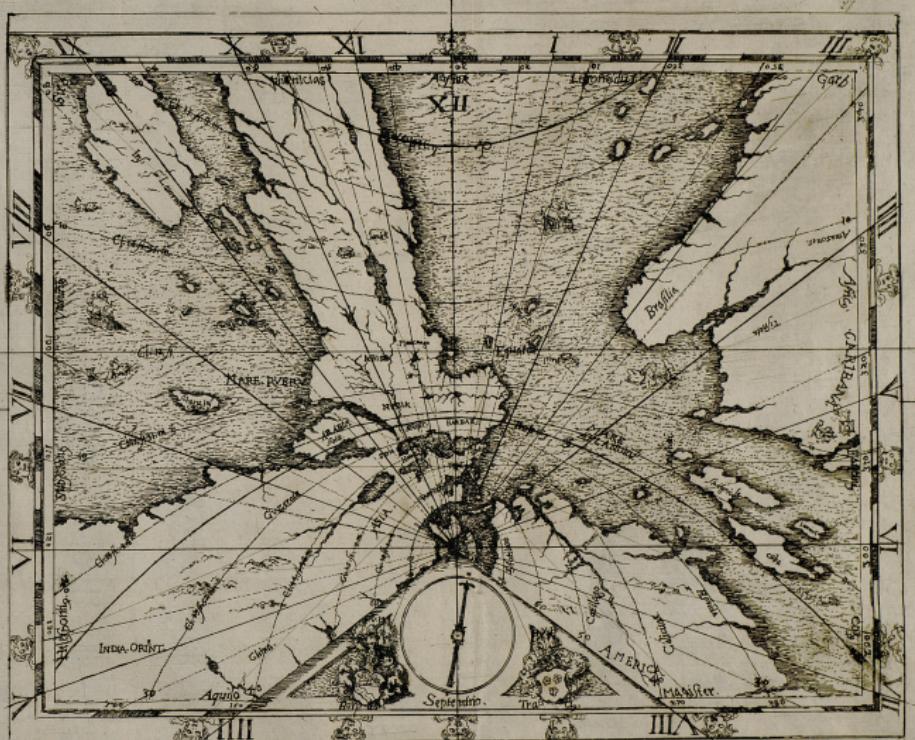
# The shadow on the sundial



- already touched by the shadow: ascending **Cancer, Lion, Virgin**; descending **Scorpio, Sagittarius** in the next hour **Capricorn**

- it is **3** hours after noon;
- about the **11.** of **April** - the day of **Julius bapst**;
- the sun is **0** degrees in **Taurus**
- the length of the day is approximately **13 h 40 min**
- about **20** hours since sunset
- about **10** hours after sunrise
- it is the **9te** planetary hour





# Earth



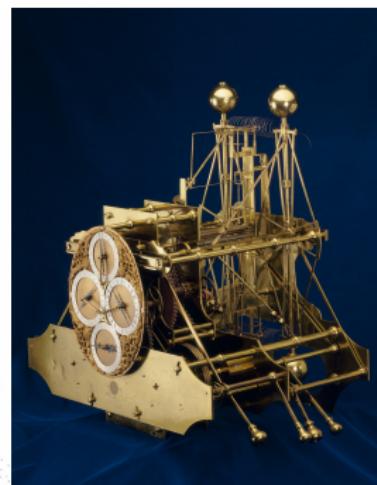
# Space and time - local time

If we can compare different local times, we know our position on earth

local time



local time moved



again 'local time'

Lorentz 1895, Poincare 1904

sundial

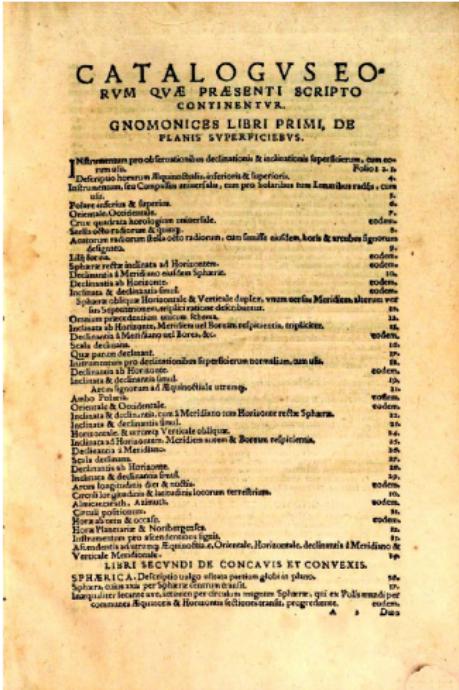
Harrison H1 1730-35

Hafele Keating 1971



The lines on the horizontal dial

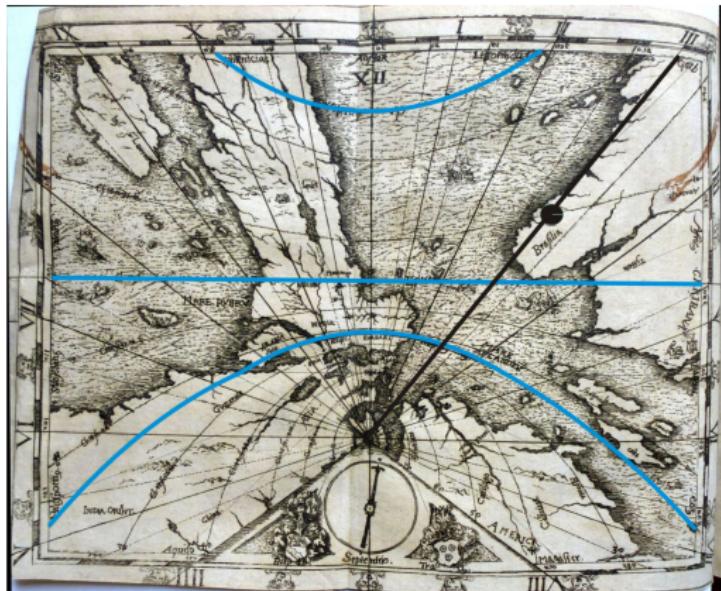
- The lines of equal hours ( IIII - XII - VIII) and the *Meridionales*
  - the longitudes through the pole ( 0 - 160; 270 - 360 every 10th degree, resp. together with the hour lines every 15th degree)
  - projections of the great circles through the zenith over Frankfurt (every 22.5th degree) in the 16 wind directions
  - the maximal lengths of the day (denoted by C.L.) on the 'Parallelos', latitudes (70 degrees north to 20 degrees south every 10 degrees)
  - the tropics (of Cancer, of Equinox and Capricorn)



Lit.: Andreas Schöner, *Gnomonices* 1562; Eberhard Welper, *Gnomonica* 1672  
©Monastery Chremshminster

# The sun with one eye vieweth all the world. (Shakespear, Henry VI)

- in Frankfurt it is 3 o'clock in the afternoon
- 45 degrees west of Frankfurt it is noon e.g. in province Pernambuco in Brasilia
- 10 degrees south of the Equator is the maximal length of the day 12 h 31 min
- the is MACEIO, the most dangerous city in Brasilia
- there the sun is directly overhead [subsolar point (Wetzel DGC Jahresschrift 2003)], the latitude corresponds to the diurnal arc
- The Almucantars in the projection are circles around Frankfurt
- The great circles of the Twelve Houses correspond straight lines through Frankfurt



©Monastery Chremsminster

# The centers



Great Circles through **Frankfurt**  
Zenith

**Center** of the horizontal sundial  
North

# Classical compass winds

SIROC



J. Honter, *de Cosmographiae rudimentis*, Basel 1561, 1585

©Monastery Chremsminster

Beginning in the south clockwise: Auster S [Notus], Libonodus SSW [Libonotus, Austroafricus], **Garb** SW [Lips, Liba], Africus WSW, Favonius W [Zephyr], Corus WNW [Caurus, Argestes], **Magister** NW, Tractus NNW [Thrascias, Circius], Septentrio N [Aparctias], Boreas NNE [Meses], Aquilo NE [Caecias], Helespontius ENE, Subsolanus E [Apeliotes], Vulturius ESE [Volturnus], **Siroc** SE [Eurus], phenicias SSE

The world and the time: Rumold Mercator 1587

*Atlas sive Cosmographicae Meditationes de Fabrica Mundi et fabricati figura (1595)*



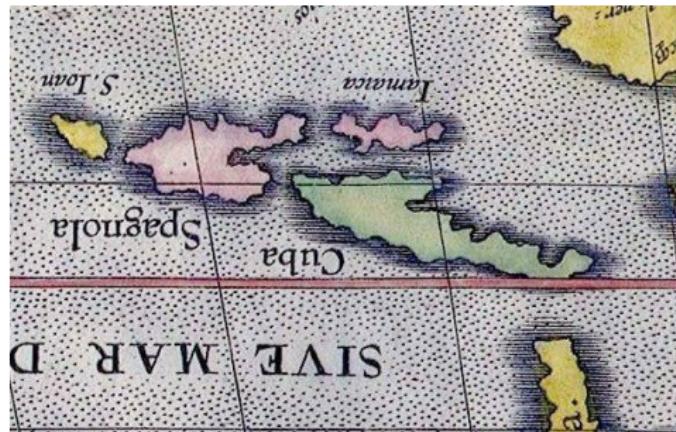
# The Caribbean Islands

CUBA



Uffenbach 1598 ©Univ. Göttingen

SPAGNIOLA

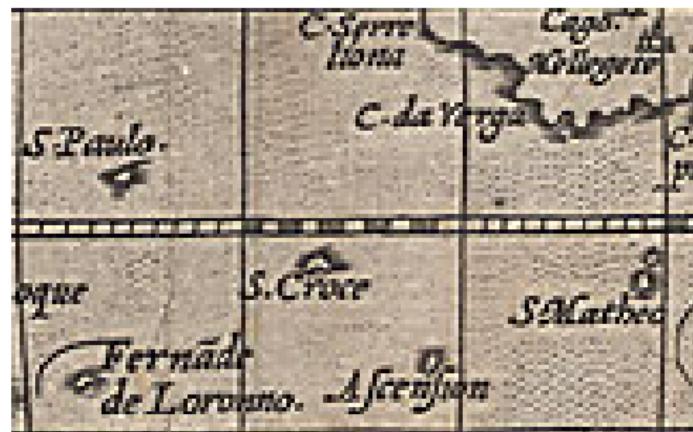


Ortelius 1589 ©Wikimedia Commons

# The islands on the South America route

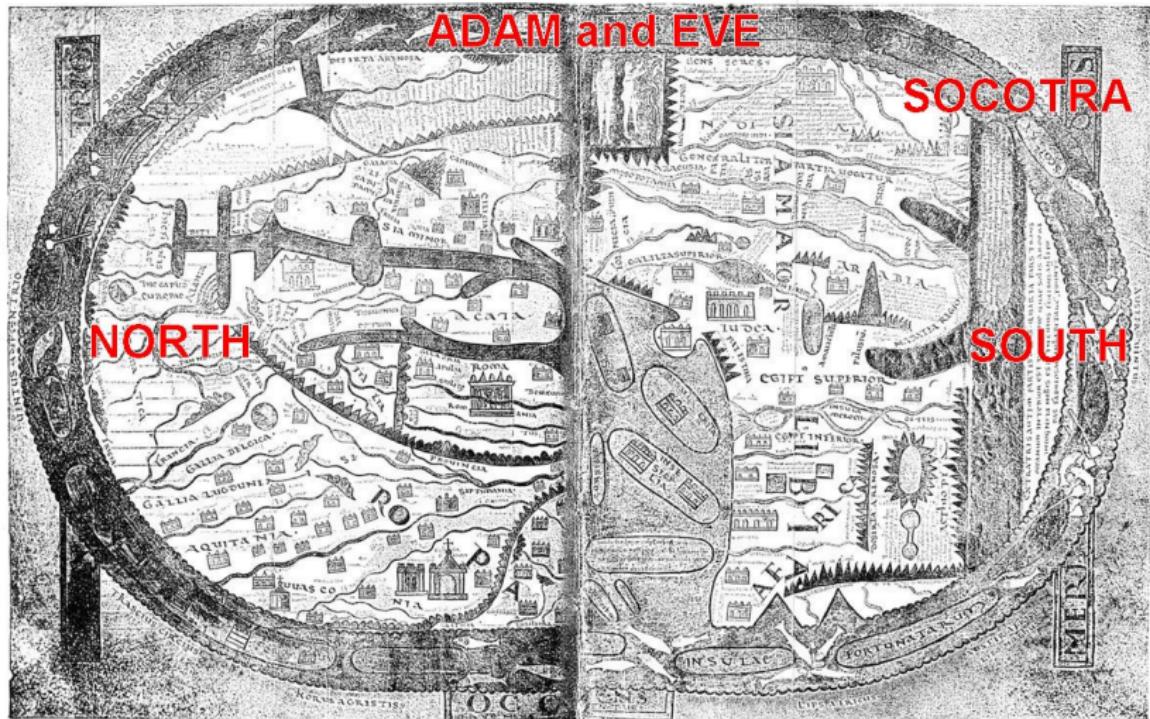


Uffenbach 1598 ©Univ. Göttingen



Hogenberg 1590 ©Univ. Salzburg

# Socotra, the Christian island in the Arabic Sea



St. Sever Mappa Mundi 780 - 980

## Socotra, the Christian island in the Arabic Sea



Waldseemüller 1507



Uffenbach 1598 ©Monastery Chremsminster

## Men and Time

**Frontispiz Zeitweiser**

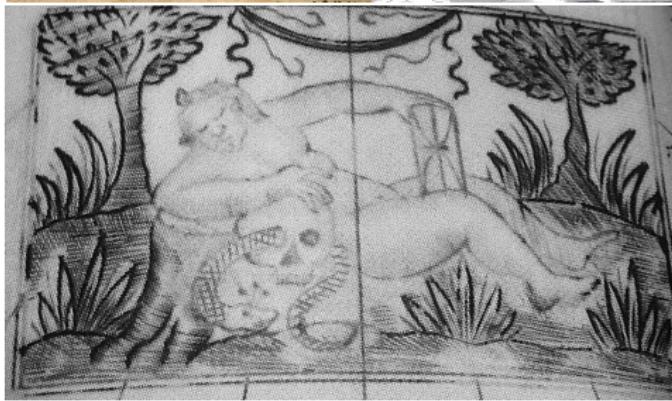
*Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble. ... he flees like a shadow and continues not.*

Hiob 14,1-2

## Ivory Diptych Sundial

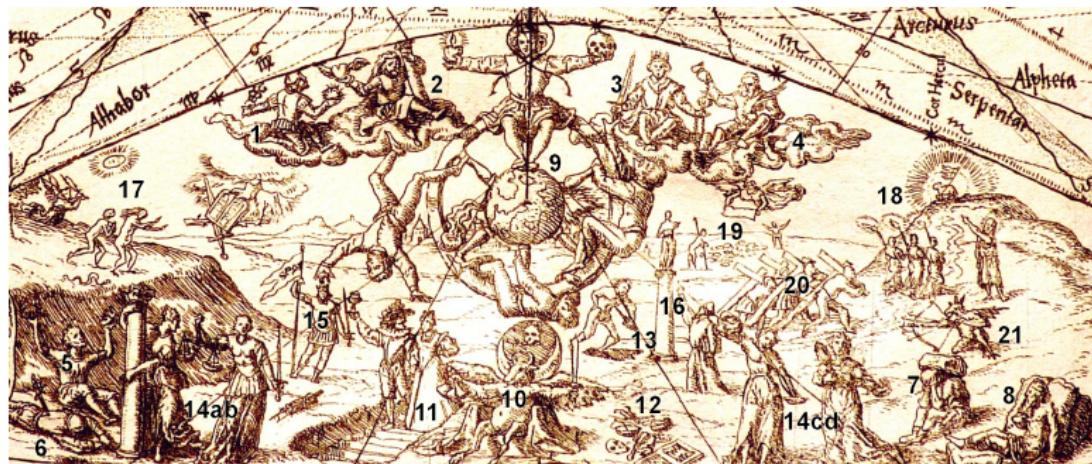


Marin Le Roy, Sieur  
de Gomberville *La*  
*Doctrin des Moeurs*  
1646



*Michael Lesel*  
Beginning of 17.  
cent.

# The life of men



- 1: profane art 2: healthiness, strength 3: violence, wealth 4: peace, amity 5: lost of reputation  
 6: reduction of life 7: poverty 8: illness 9: wheel of life 10: monstrum of darkness  
 11: luxuriousness, gluttony 12: idleness, beguilement, lying 13: desperation  
 14: the four secular virtues a: courage, b: justice, c: temperance, d: prudence 15: pagan emperor  
 16: philosopher who adores his idol 17: Jewish people, expulsion from the Garden, Tables of the Law 18: Mount Zion, Lamb of God, John the Baptist 19: Annunciation to the shepherds 20: cross-carrying Christs 21: devil shooter

