

Astro Directions

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Intro

Among various forms of locational astrology, astrocartography and geodetics are the most well known methods.

In astrocartography a natal chart , ingress chart or lunation chart gets projected on a world map. The result is a map with various lines representing the planets and other astrological factors, and this is then used as the basis for making forecasts for different locations on the planet.

In this article I want to introduce another experimental method, which I call 'astro directions'. It is a bit similar to 'directionology' in the 9 star ki system. I don't know if it is a new idea in Western astrology, if anybody has come across something similar I would be happy to hear about it.

What we try to do is map the zodiac directly to compass directions for a given place (center of focus). Then there are some interesting uses for it.

Let's look how it can be done.

The Mapping

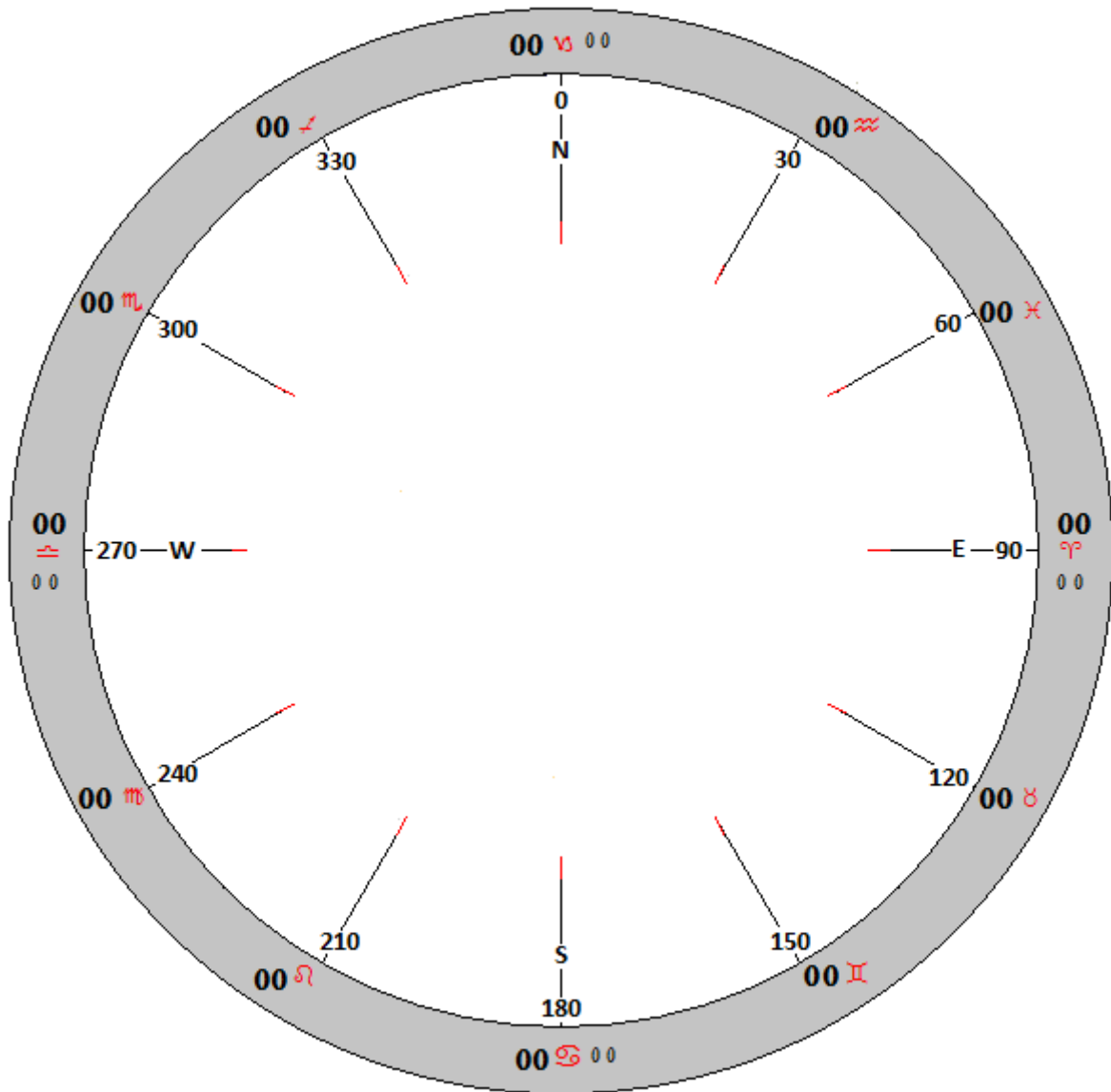
We want to map compass directions to zodiac signs.

There is a logical way to do it:

- 0 Degree of Aries = due East direction.
- 0 Degree of Cancer = South
- 0 Degree of Libra = due West
- 0 Degree of Capricorn = North direction.

Basically what we get is a zodiac turned over in clockwise direction, and then we can overlay it directly on any map that has true North on top.

So the mapping looks like this, going clockwise:



0 degree North corresponds to 0Cap00, 30 degree is 0Aq00, 60 degree equals 0Pis00, and so on. We can easily map any direction to a specific point on the zodiac.

Now, what can we do with it?

Practical applications

A ship or airplane moving from one place to another.

Two football teams from different cities engaging in a match.

Events or contests with participants from various places coming in to a given venue.

Meetings or conferences with representatives from various countries.

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We have a lot of situations where directions converted to zodiac degrees could be taken in as significant points on the horoscope chart drawn for the given event in question.

But first we will need a way to calculate the direction between two places.

There are two common ways to do it.

We can use the Great Circle line, which is the shortest distance line between two points on a globe.

We can also use the rhumb line (Mercator sailing line), which gives the constant bearing direction to reach the destination from a given starting place.

See Appendix 1 for more details and Appendix 2 for convenient online calculators.

A concrete example will make more clear how I am using this for astro directions.

Air France Flight 447

This case is in the news again, after the black boxes were found recently.

This flight from Rio to Paris disappeared on June 1st 2009.

Rio airport is at : 22S48 , 43W15

Paris deGaulle airport is at: 49N01 , 2E33

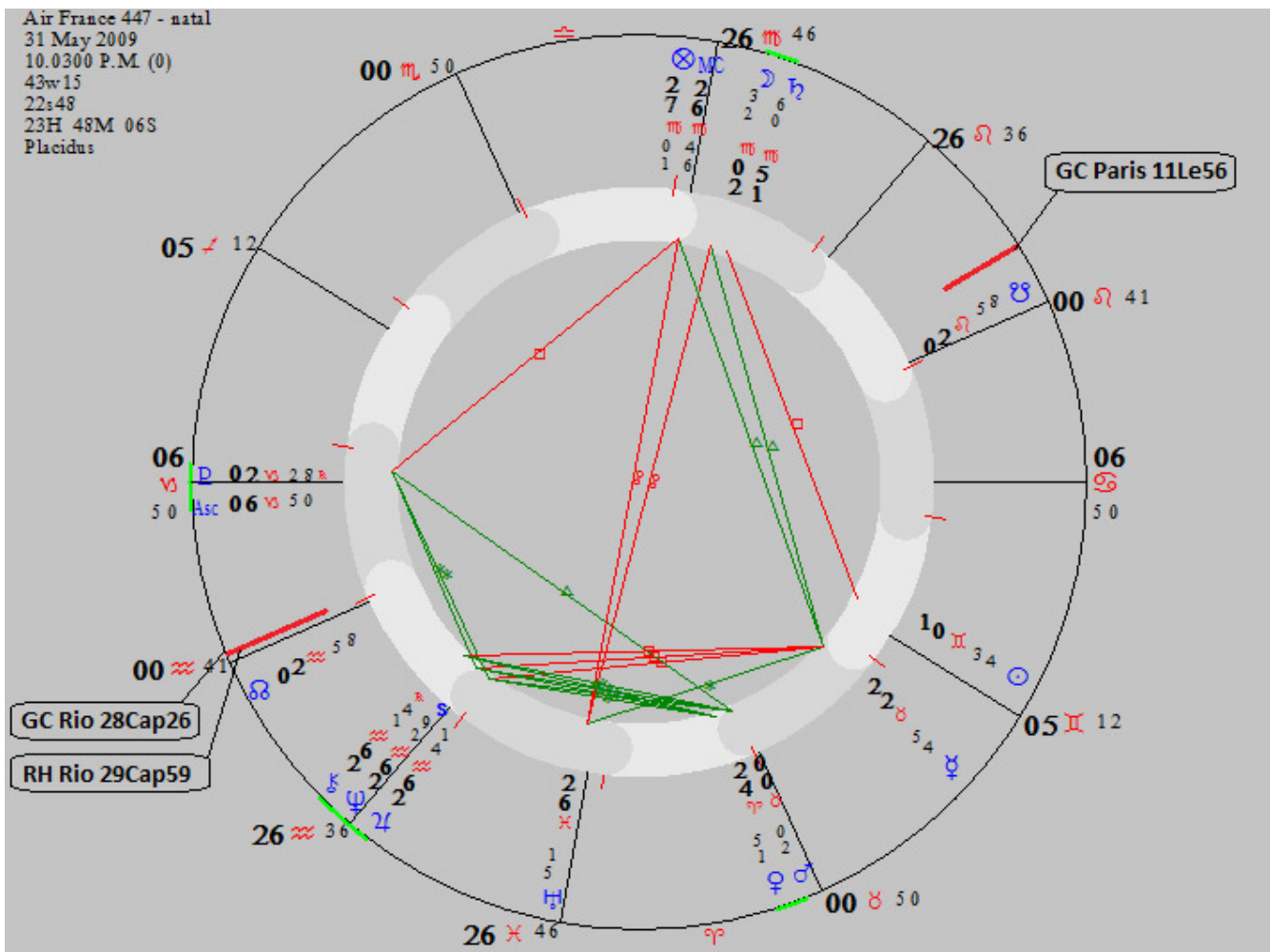
Using the online calculators (see Appendix 2) we find:

Direction on the rhumb line (RH): 29.98 degrees true (= 29 Cap 59)

Direction on the Great Circle (GC): course 1-2: 28.43 degrees true (= 28 Cap 26)

course 2-1: 221.93 degrees true (= 11 Le 56)

Drawing in those points on a chart made for the departure of the flight:



Origin Rio is in the 1st House, destination Paris is in the 8th House on this departure chart. See how Mars (00 Tau 02) makes a very close square aspect to Rio RH at 29Cap59. While Mars is coming under a trine from Pluto near the Ascendant.

Also note how Chiron, Neptune and Jupiter are closely conjunct on the cusp of 3rd House, at 26Aq; with MC at 26Vir and Uranus at the IC on 26Pis.

The location of the crash was estimated near: 3N30, 30W30
 The rhumb line from Rio to this point is : 25.48 degree true (25 Cap 30)
 The GC line from Rio course 1-2: 27.08 degree true (27 Cap 05)
 So both these points making close contacts to all the planets at 26 degree.

The GC line from Rio course 2-1 : 204.87 degree true (24 Can 52).
 This is in a very close square with Venus (24 Ar 51), the accident is shocking the loved ones at home (4th House)

Hopefully this gives you some idea how to play with this technique. Now let's look at a more joyous example.

Eurovision Song contest 2011

This is an example of an event held at a known location on a known date, and multiple participants coming in from various directions.

On some astrology forums the main favorites were predicted well before any bookmaker odds were available. But eventually it was an outsider candidate (Azerbaijan) that took victory, with main favorites disappointing (most notably France).

Here you can read some discussion that took place:

<http://skyscript.co.uk/forums/viewtopic.php?t=5494>

No good reason was found why main the favorites did poorly.
What does astro directions reveal?

The event was held in Dusseldorf (Germany) on 14th June 2011.

Finding the direction for some of the main countries:

Great Circle Lines, course 1-2:

Dusseldorf – Paris (FR): GC: 229.42 degree true (19 Le 25)

Dusseldorf – Baku (AZ) : GC: 92.97 degree true (2 Ar 59)

Dusseldorf – Dublin (IR): GC: 289.67 degree true (19 Li 40)

Dusseldorf – London (UK): GC: 275.79 degree true (5 Li 48)

Dusseldorf – Rome (IT): GC: 154.92 degree true (4 Ge 55)

Dusseldorf – Stockholm (SW): GC: 34.15 degree true (4 Aq 09)

Rhumb lines:

Dusseldorf – Paris (FR): RH: 231.12 degree true (21 Le 07)

Dusseldorf – Baku (AZ) : RH: 109.85 degree true (19 Ar 51)

Dusseldorf – Dublin (IR): RH: 284.6 degree true (14 Li 36)

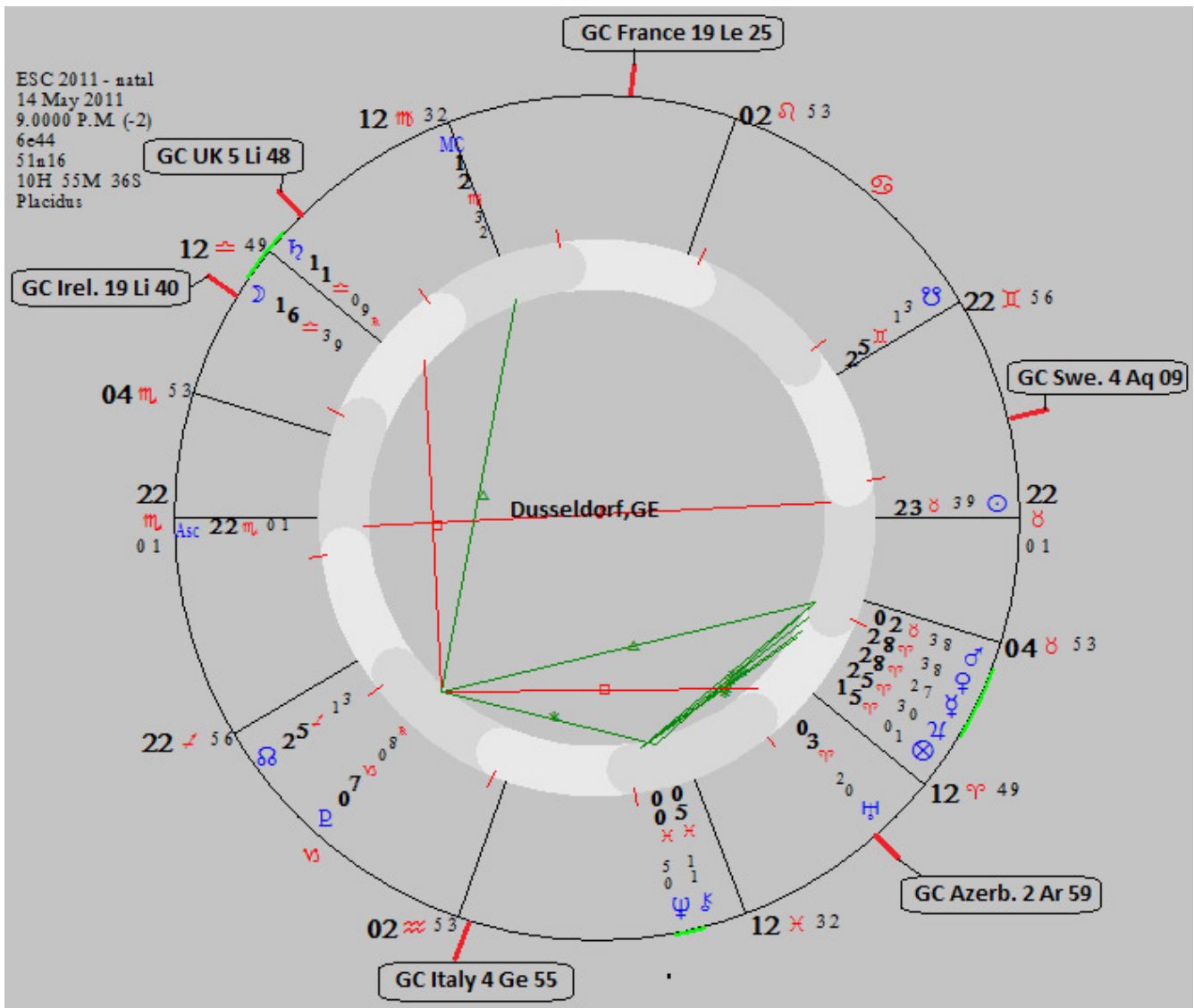
Dusseldorf – London (UK): RH: 273.12 degree true (3 Li 07)

Dusseldorf – Rome (IT): RH: 157.11 degree true (7 Ge 07)

Dusseldorf – Stockholm (SW): RH: 38.6 degree true (8 Aq 36)

We can see that GC and RH directions do not differ much for most countries, except for Azerbaijan, which is far enough away to make a difference.

Here is the chart for the event with these countries' GC points drawn in:



The top 3 countries, Azerbaijan, Italy and Sweden all had harmonious aspects with Uranus (3 Ar 20), but Azerbaijan held the conjunction and the closest aspect to it. The UK was opposite Uranus. We see Ireland conjunct the Moon, but with a rather big orb. And France is also poorly connected to the chart, in a square to the ascendant and the Sun, but also with a wide orb. We can probably say that viewers could not connect well to that song.

This opened the door for a surprise result and Uranus is good at spinning surprises. Moon being in the 11th House also points to an important role for Uranus, and Uranus is most closely held by Azerbaijan in these astro directions. An Uranus duo singing a love song was exactly what the doctor ordered with Moon in Libra in 11th House.

Azerbaijan's Rhumb line comes in at 19 Ar 51, close to the Pars Fortunae and close to a cluster of planets including Jupiter, Mercury and Venus. Interesting?

As a final example, an ongoing event involving several locations: the ongoing Euro crisis:

Euro zone crisis

Some events are ongoing, and then we can use the directions points and watch for transits passing over them.

In this example we take a quick look at the Euro zone debt crisis, involving Ireland, Greece and Portugal.

The center of focus for the Euro is Frankfurt, the seat of the European Central Bank.

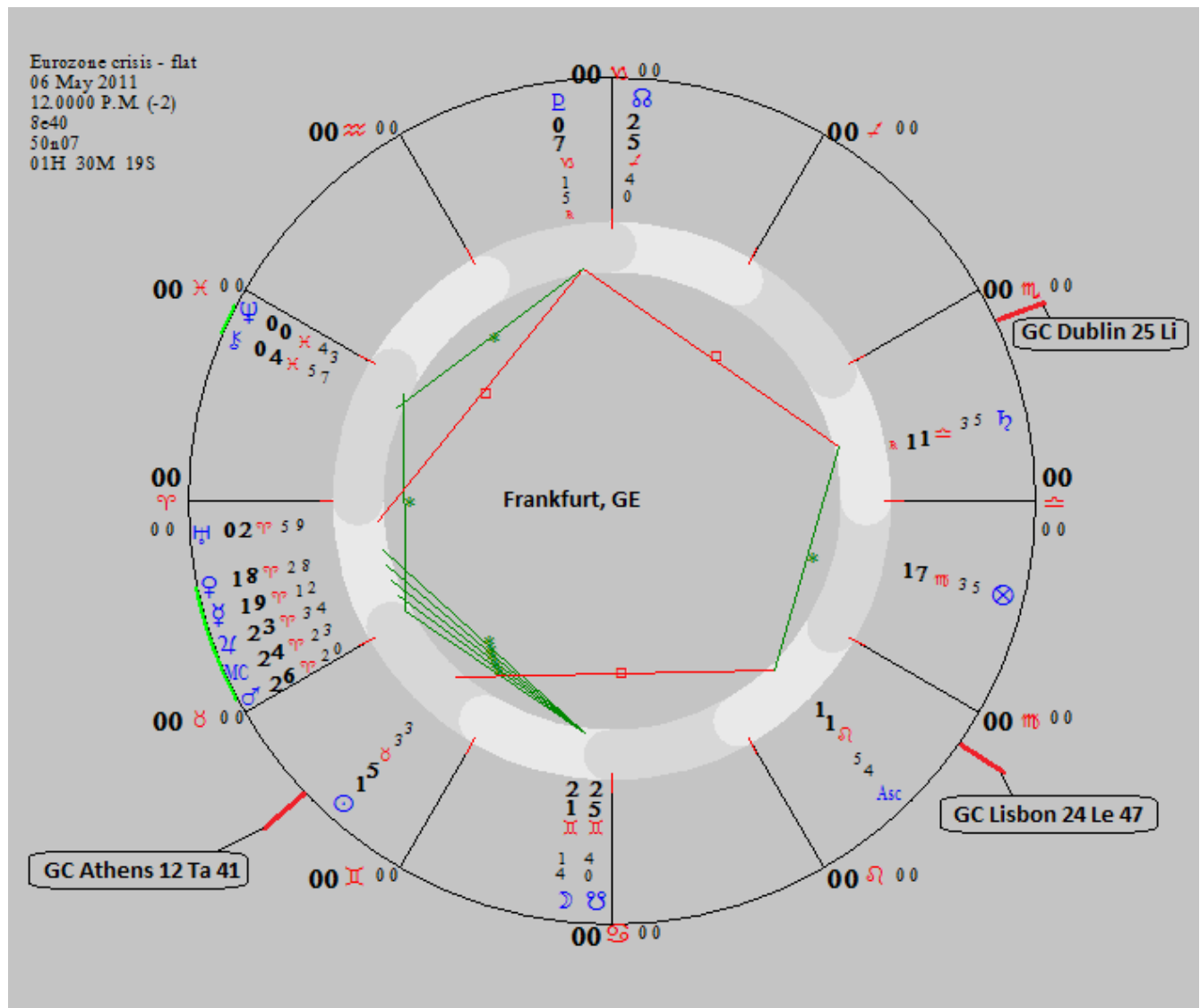
First we find the direction points:

Frankfurt – Athens(GR) : GC: 132.69 degree true (12 Tau 41)

Frankfurt – Lisbon(PT) : GC: 234.79 degree true (24 Leo 47)

Frankfurt – Dublin(IR) : GC : 295.0 degree true (25 Li 00)

Here is a recent chart for May 6th, when rumors surfaced that Greece has plans to leave the Euro:



Mars has just gone through major aspects with the GC of Lisbon and Dublin. Meanwhile the Sun has just passed over GC point for Athens.

Eurozone debt problems have resurfaced.

With Jupiter and Mercury reaching the 24 -25 Aries region we have meanwhile seen new bailout deals being cut out for Portugal. Also the lunar nodes are currently making harmonious aspects to Portugal and Ireland GC points.

Problems for Greece seem to be tougher to solve.

Its GC point is currently in a lousy aspect with Saturn at 11 Li 35, and this will continue throughout summer.

Mars is closing in on the Athens GC point, so that could prompt new action when it comes to the conjunction by the end of May.

But real improvements or solution will probably have to wait for the Jupiter conjunction starting around March 2012. This could involve leaving the Euro.

Also watch out for the upcoming Venus and Mercury transits over 12 Ta 41

Conclusion

This technique offers a way of working that is not possible with other methods.

Of course more testing is needed.

I will be looking to make a small software application to make the calculations easier.

Stay tuned.

Appendix 1: Great Circle and Rhumb Lines

In a flat plane it is rather easy to determine the direction from one place to another.

On a round sphere, like our planet, it is a different question.

For example: in what direction is Shanghai starting from Seattle?

There is more than one way to determine it.

Two methods are common for solving this question:

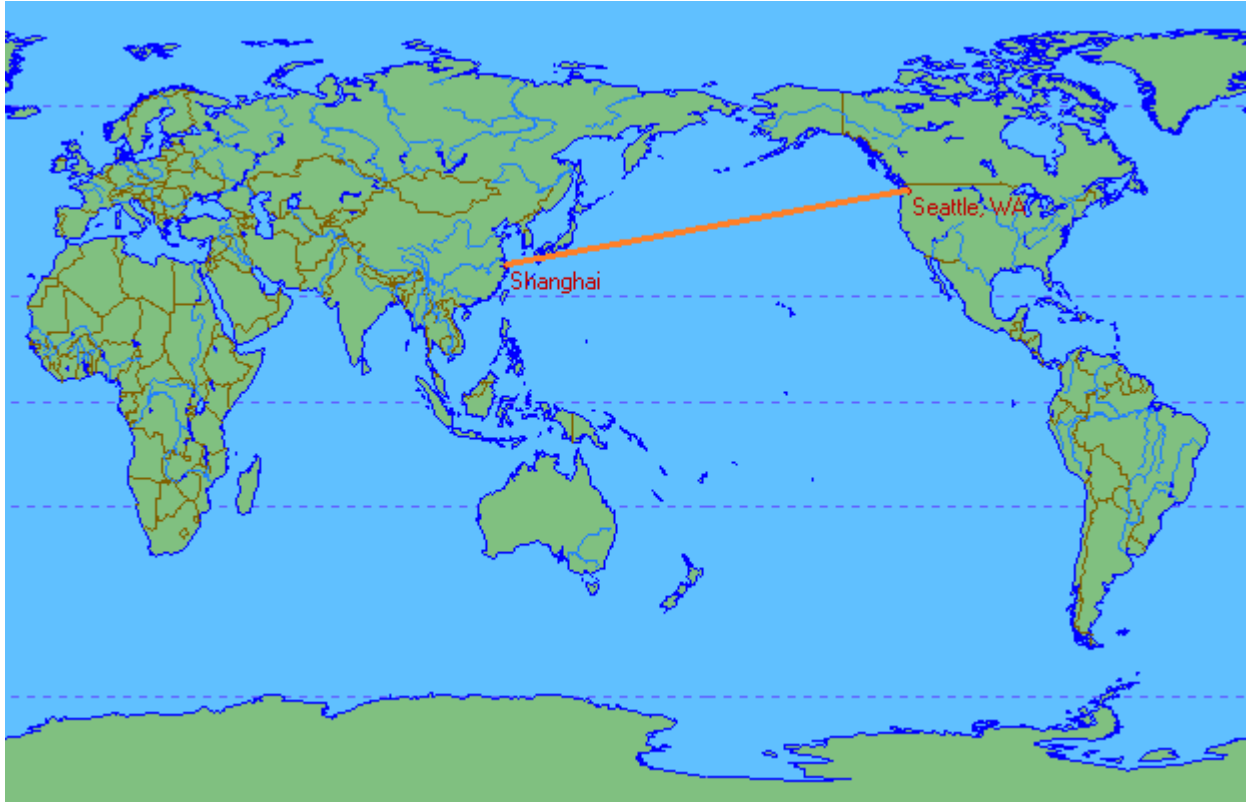
1) the [Great Circle](#) through two points gives the shortest possible distance between two points. The bearing (direction) along the great circle line is not constant, but we can calculate the direction at its starting and ending point to use for our purpose of astro directions.

2) the [Rhumb line](#) connecting two points is the line that connects both places with a constant bearing. On a Mercator projection map rhumb lines are straight lines on the map, and that's why they were very practical for navigation on sea. The bearing of the rhumb line between two places can be used for our astro directions purpose.

If the distance between two places is rather small, then the rhumb line and great circle line are nearly identical, but for longer distances the difference can be significant.

Let's take a practical example to make this a bit more concrete.

The Mercator sailing direction from Seattle to Shanghai looks like this:



We see the line goes West, slightly down to the South because Shanghai is on a more Southern latitude. The direction of this rhumb line can be calculated as 259.6 degree of arc (Due West would be 270 degree, so this corresponds to what we see on the map). The line passes between Alaska and Hawaii, then goes South under Japan to reach Shanghai. This is how a ship could sail in constant direction and reach the destination.

Now let's take a look how the great circle line connecting Seattle to Shanghai looks like. Google Earth is very suitable for that purpose (use the 'ruler' tool).



From this perspective we can see how this is a nice straight line, showing the shortest distance between Seattle and Shanghai.

But the direction of this line is very different from the rhumb line.

This line passes over Alaska and goes North of Japan to cross over Korea and reach Shanghai.

This is how an airplane might fly (if weather permits), to save fuel on the shorter distance.

The direction of this great circle line is 309.4 degree of arc when it leaves Seattle. So this is Northwest direction.

Quite a difference with the 259.6 degrees we found on the rhumb line.

Appendix 2: Calculation

Online calculator for rhumb line direction between two points:

http://williams.best.vwh.net/msail_mod.html

Just fill out the coordinates for starting and ending place and you will find the course direction in 'degrees true'

Online calculator for great circle line between two points:

<http://williams.best.vwh.net/gccalc.htm>

Same way, but here you find two course directions (course 1-2 , and course 2-1). We take note of both values for use in our astro directions analysis

In google earth you can draw a rhumb line (as shown in example above) by using the 'ruler' tool. Once you have connected two places the information box will then show you the distance between both places, and the bearing direction in the chosen place of origin (same as course 1-2 in the online calculator)

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