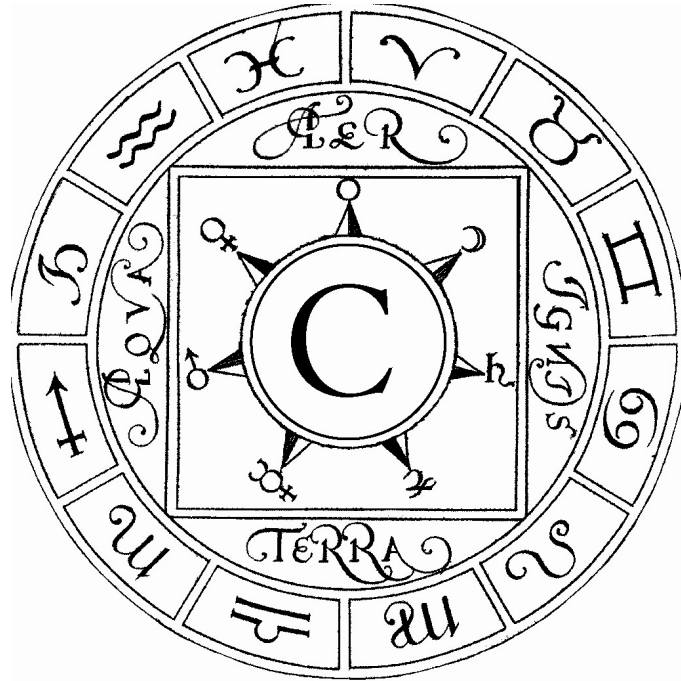


CINNABAR



The 12 symbols in the outer most ring:

These symbols represent the 12 constellations of the Zodiac. Moving from the top (12:00) in a clockwise direction, they are Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces.

The 4 words just outside the square:

These four words describe the four “elements” from which, it was thought, all matter was made. At the top is Aier (air), at the right is Ignis (ignition, as in fire), at the bottom is Terra (earth), and at the left is Aqua (water).

The 7 symbols at the end of the “points” that the circle the letter “C”:

These symbols include the Sun, Moon, and 5 planets (only 6, including earth, were known in the 13th century). Moving from the top in a clockwise direction are the Sun, Moon, Saturn, Jupiter, Mercury, Mars and Venus.

The letter “C” in the center:

“C” is for Cinnabar and it rightfully belongs in the middle of all the forces of the universe.