

The British Sundial Society

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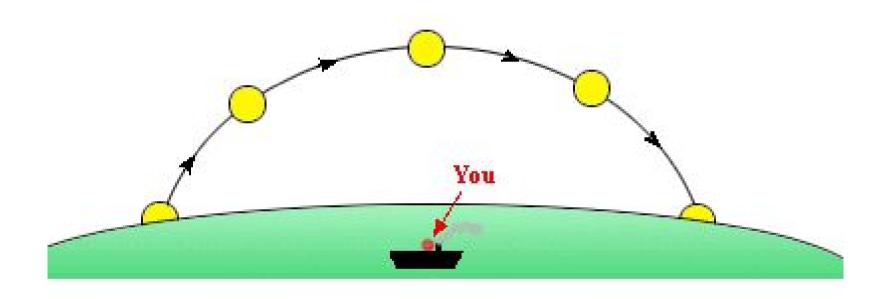


Greek and Roman Sundials

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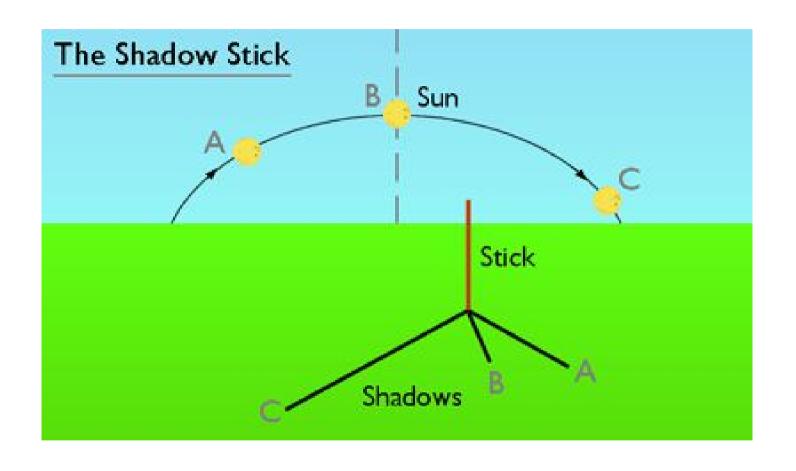


Sun path





Stick shadow





Typical Dials







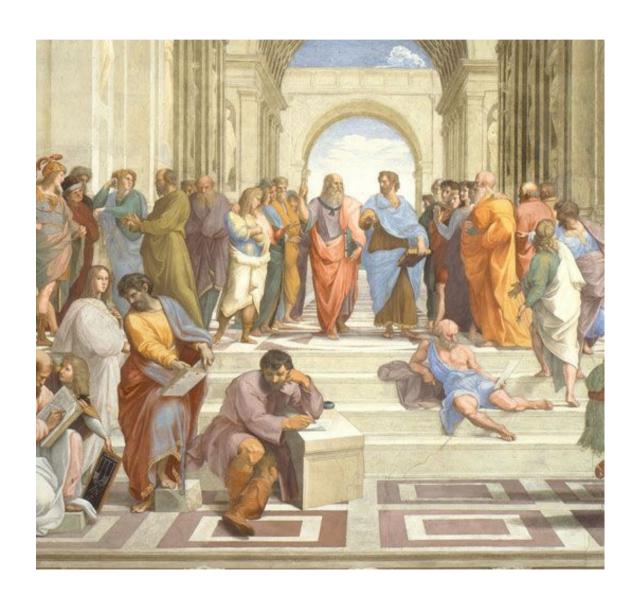








Forum





Stadium





Theatre



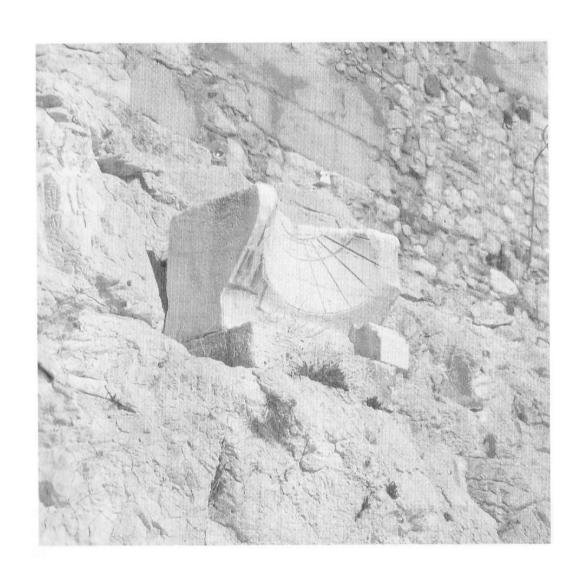


Making a Hemicyclium dial

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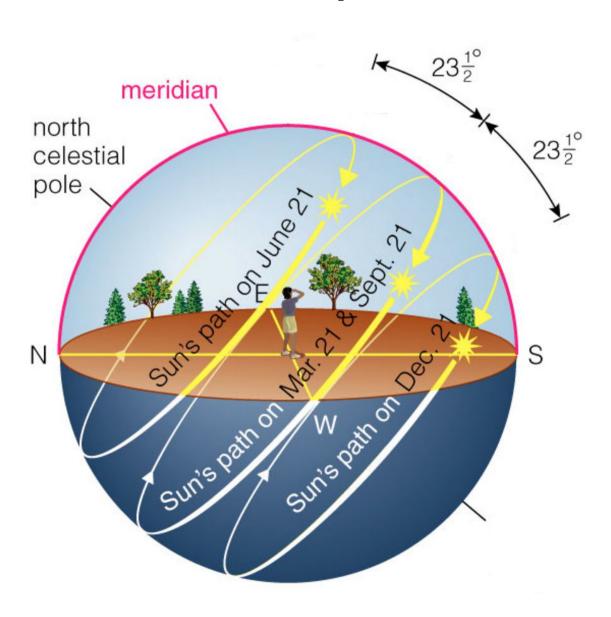


Theatre of Dianysos, Athens





Sun's path





Example dials



Antonini







Calasparra restaurato





Pompei menandro prima





Augusta Raurica sundial





Pompei foro





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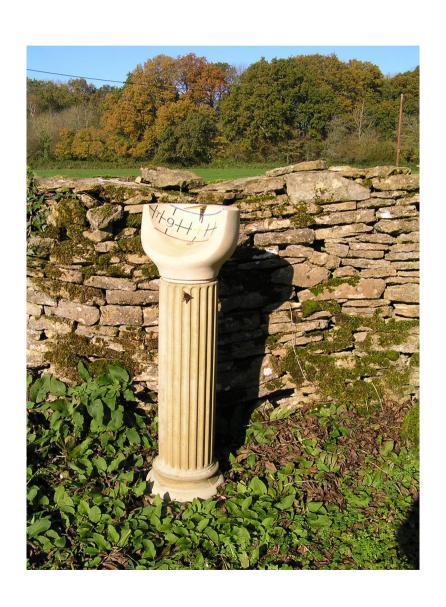


Horniman





Modern Hemicyclium Dial





1998 Christ Church





The gods confound the man who first found out How to distinguish hours! Confound him, too, Who in this place set up a sun-dial, To cut and hack my days so wretchedly Into small portions. When I was a boy, My belly was my sun-dial; one more sure, Truer, and more exact than any of them. This Dial told me when I had aught to eat, But now-a-days, why, even when I have, I can't fall-to, unless the sun give leave. The town's so full of these confounded dials, The greatest part of its inhabitants, Shrunk up with hunger, creep along the streets.

Maccius Plautus (c.250 – 184 BC)