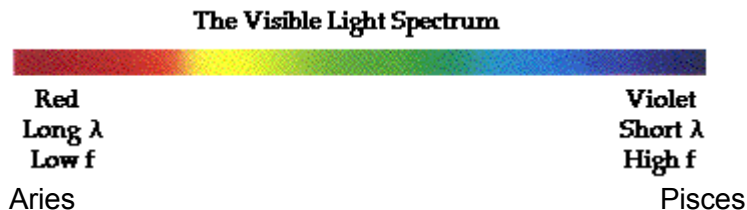


King Scale of Color

Here is information on the wheel designed by A.T. Mann, which is used in Celeste.

It is natural to correlate the sequence of colors in the spectrum of visible light and the zodiac signs.



The King Scale of color was developed by the Golden Dawn around the turn of the century as a primary magical color system. It was based on the earlier color wheel by Johann von Goethe that postulated the idea of primary (RYB) and secondary (OGV) colors. Although used for all kinds of associations and correspondences, its primary logic becomes clear in astrology.

The King Scale colors the signs of the zodiac, beginning with Aries with the color spectrum ROYGBIV (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet). Thus:

Aries	=	Red	=	Mars
Taurus	=	Red-Orange		
Gemini	=	Orange	=	Mercury
Cancer	=	Yellow-Orange (Amber)		
Leo	=	Yellow	=	Sun
Virgo	=	Yellow-Green		
Libra	=	Green	=	Venus
Scorpio	=	Blue-Green (Turquoise)		
Sagittarius	=	Blue	=	Jupiter
Capricorn	=	Indigo		
Aquarius	=	Violet	=	Saturn
Pisces	=	Red-Violet		

From Aries to Sagittarius the primary colors skip so that the fire signs are primaries and the air signs are secondary colors. Reflecting the increasing density and compaction of the blue end of the spectrum, Sagittarius, Capricorn and Aquarius are Blue, Indigo and Violet. Indeed some consider Indigo to be a blend of Blue-Violet in a six color spectrum.

There are some very interesting qualities that are expressed in this configuration. The fire signs are the three primary colors — red, yellow and blue — which, when added together, produce white. The air signs are mixtures of the fire signs on either side. (Gemini=orange is midway between Aries=red and Leo=Yellow) Opposite signs are isomorphic colors like Red and Green, meaning that their contrast is exaggerated because they are color opposites also.



Most intriguingly, the colors of the signs correspond to the colors of the ruling planets of the positive (fire and air) signs. For example, red corresponds to Aries and Mars; green to Libra and Venus; blue is Sagittarius and Jupiter; etc.

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