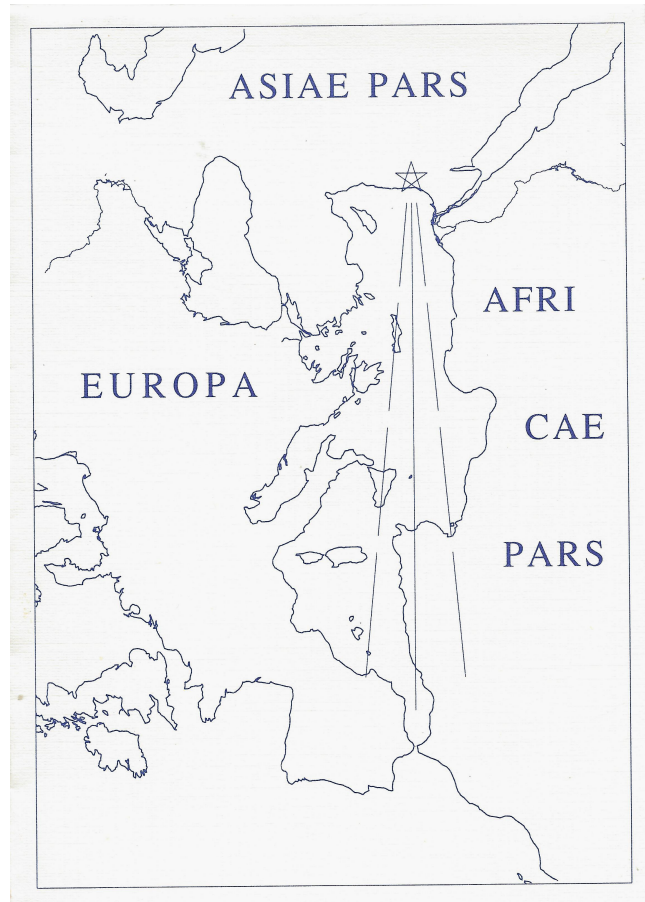
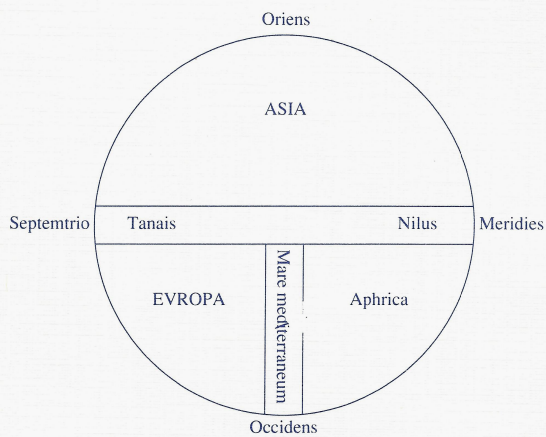


Medieval Worldview

The medieval world in modern dress. Maps were often 'oriented', with the Holy Land and Eden at the top. As late as 1493, Lilius schematized the world as three continents, separated by the Mediterranean, the Nile, and the Don (Tanaïs), all of which are on our map.



In the fifteenth century, good maps of the Mediterranean coexisted with schematic 'T-O diagrams,' in which, curiously, Africa is delimited by the Nile, not the Red Sea.