**The position of the sun**

The rule is set to the correct date in the Zodiac calendar to give the position of the sun.

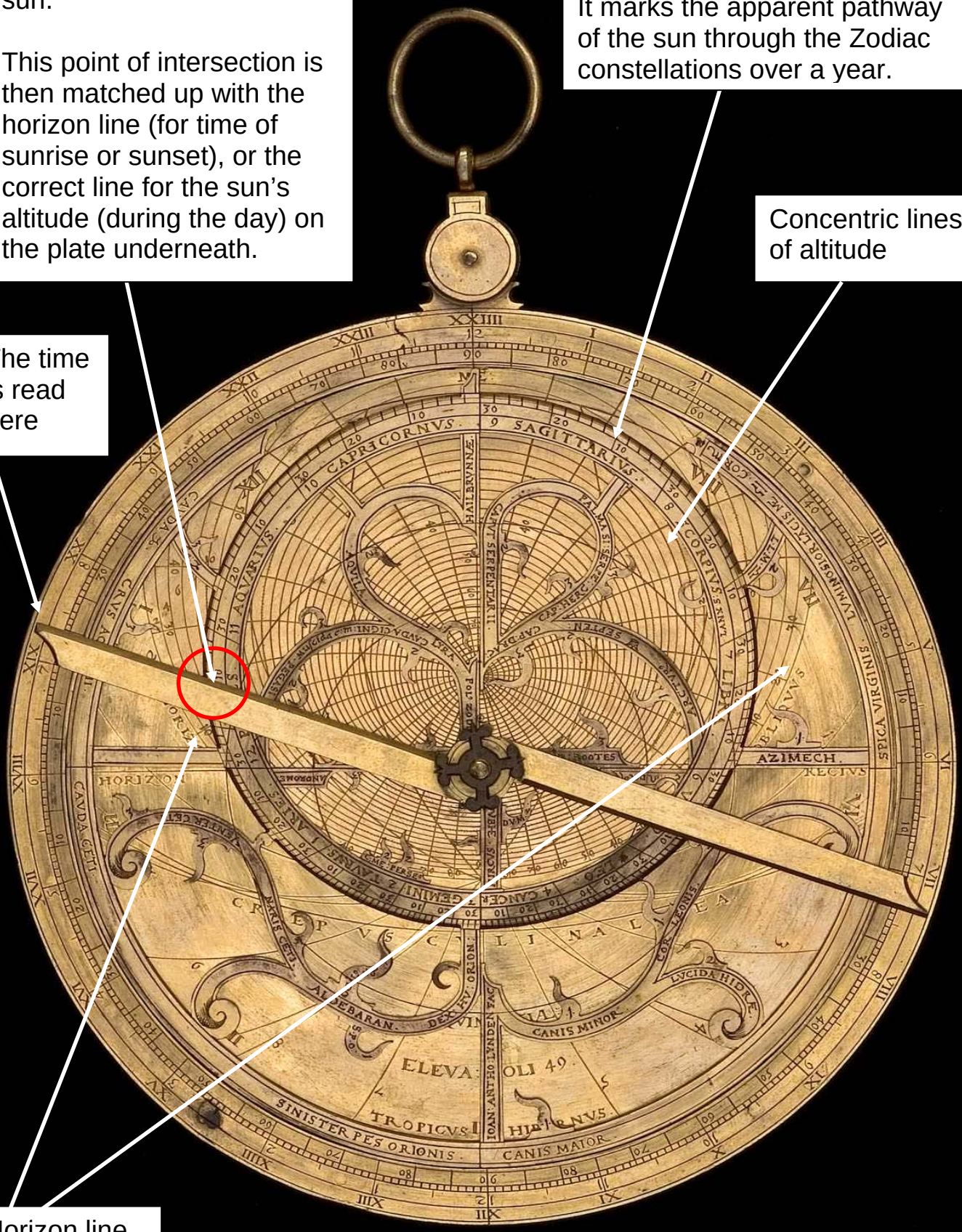
This point of intersection is then matched up with the horizon line (for time of sunrise or sunset), or the correct line for the sun's altitude (during the day) on the plate underneath.

This circular ring is called the **ecliptic**.

It marks the apparent pathway of the sun through the Zodiac constellations over a year.

Concentric lines of altitude

The time is read here




Horizon line