

“How do I forecast future cycles?”

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In 1927, W.D. Gann wrote a novel called "The Tunnel Thru the Air"(TTTA), wherein he encoded his trading secrets to be deciphered by a future generation. W.D. Gann was a master astrologer and many of the clues remain buried without the understanding of astrological cycles. On page 78 in TTTA, Gann explains "How do I forecast future cycles?" plainly stating some fundamental time cycles.

'Time is the great factor that proves all things. The measurement of time first originated and is based on the earth's motion upon its axis. One of the smallest cycles, or time factors, which repeats regularly in things that are very active and have a high vibration, is the four-minute cycle. The reason for this is that the earth moves one degree every four minutes. The next cycle is 24 hours, the complete time required for the earth to make one revolution upon its axis. This is how man measured his cycle of a day. The next important cycle is one year, the time required for the earth to move around the sun. This brings about the four seasons of the year. These are the minor cycles. "

W.D. Gann TTTA pg 78.

Every 24 hours our earth makes one revolution on its axis.

If we are to follow in W.D. Gann's footsteps we need to consider the following:

1. 24 hours x 60 minutes = 1440 minutes per day
2. 1440 minutes x 60 seconds = 86,400 seconds per day.
3. 1440 minutes = 4 x 360.
4. 1440 minutes (1 day) x 360 = 518,400 minutes in a year.
5. 518,400 = 720 x 720
6. 360/24 = 15 degrees
7. One hour = 15 degrees

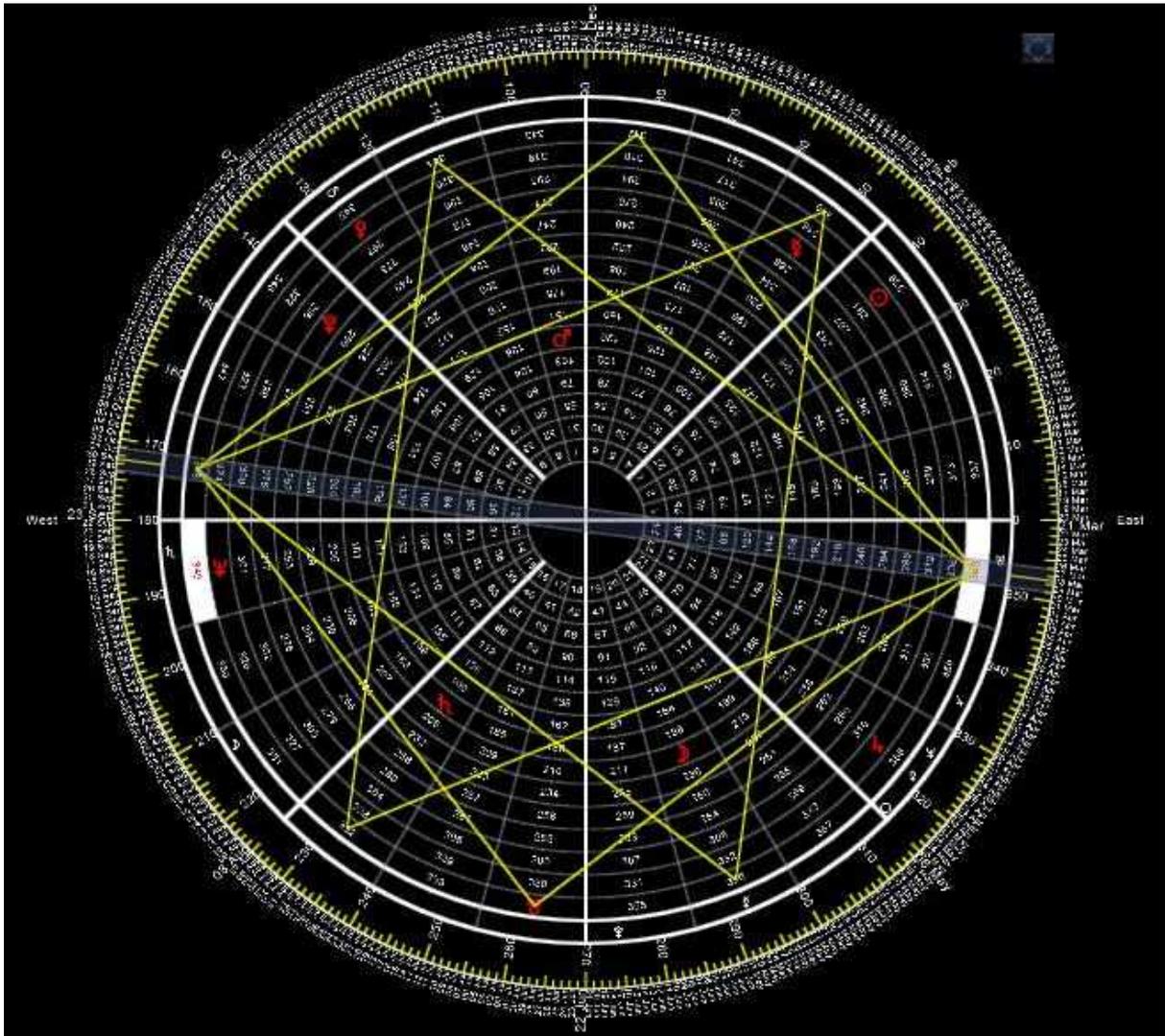
Every hour or 60 minutes therefore equals 15 degrees of longitude.

W.D. Gann had a circular chart called the Wheel of 24, a circle of 360 degrees divided by 24 hours of 15 degree segments, he used for daily and yearly time and price cycles. What most ignore to include on these wheels are the actual planets. Gann was an astrologer, so using the wheel without the planetary positions for the day you are missing the timing elements.

Each planet has a cycle length and when they form certain alignments or aspects on a particular axis on the wheel, you have a section where price levels are more likely to act as support or resistance, depending on the trend of the market. Such an ingenious method of deciphering both time and price.

The earth moves one degree every four minutes

$60/15 = 4$ minutes – the time it takes the earth to move one degree. So, you can understand why a 4 minute chart for the day trader would be synchronized with the natural rhythms of earth time. As an astrologer, Gann knew that the ascending sign on the wheel would ascend one degree every 4 minutes, this knowledge when used with transiting planets, again reveals how astrological principles can give you the edge in timing your trades.



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