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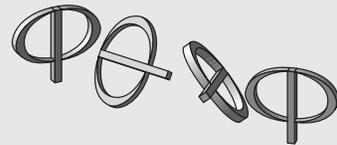
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The mandala has long been employed by spiritual traditions in both the process of meditation and also as it's object. According to Carl Jung, "[it] is the exponent of all paths . . . the path to the centre, to individuation." In *Map Mandala*, the functional language of mapmaking (finding one's way) metaphorically reinforces the mandala as a way finding device, a guide to a path (life/spiritual) towards self-understanding and knowledge.