Eccentric Motion

CM-Eccentricity

S-Sun

A-Apogee

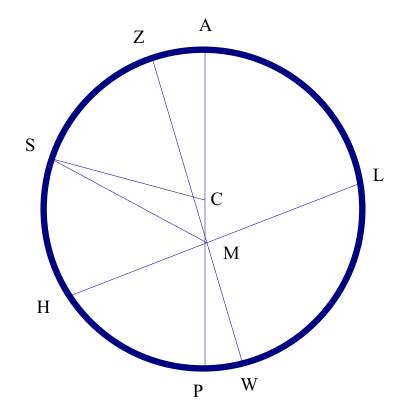
P – Perigee

L – Vernal Equinox Z – Summer Solstice

H – Autumnal Equinox

W – Winter Solstice

Explains Seasonal Inequalities in Sun's or Planet's Motion



Epicyclic Motion

P-Planet

Small Circle - Epicycle

Large Circle – Deferent

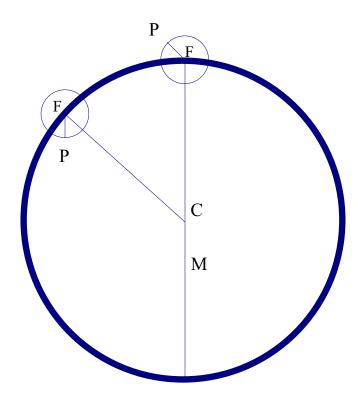
C - Center of the Deferent

F - Center of the Epicycle

Epicycle Revolves around C on the Deferent

Planet Revolves around F

Explains Retrograde Motion



Motion with an Equant

P-Planet

V – Equant Point

C – Geometrical Center of the Orbit

Radius VA Moves with Constant Angular Speed

Radius CS Moves with Variable Speed

Explains Apparent Variation in Planet's Speed

