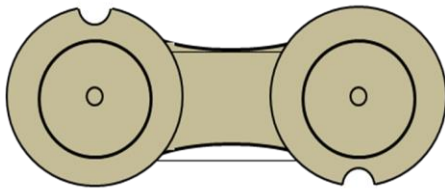


## Mithraic Symbols Decoded - Double Disc

These Designs are similar to those found with Z-Rods. They are less numerous with 18 objects found that follow a general pattern. 5 are indistinct resulting in 12 separate designs of which 3 are decorated.

Only 3 designs have all the components seen in the Double Discs with Z-Rods – those at Westfield (Falkland), Drumbuie (1) and Inchrya each having the set of three concentric circles representing the Earth, Planets and Celestial Sphere beyond. Woodwrae has the theme of the concentric circles but they are all grouped together in the outer part of the disc and Golspie again has the three circles but evenly spaced. The remainder have only one inner circle and in three designs there is what appears to be purely decorative infill with swirl type patterns (these may have some contextual allusion but this has, so far, eluded the author).

Unlike the Double Discs with Z-Rods, this set has several styling variations compared with the general pattern. The Monifieth design has two concentric circles in the band that joins the circles, Meigle (6) has a scroll design on the joining band, Westland has circles at the edge of the joining band and Inchrya has notches.



← Inchrya Double Disc

**The Double Disc Symbols are a variant of the Z-Rod and Double Discs which could have been used to explain the structure of the Earth, Planets and the Celestial Sphere beyond, the Sun and Moon and other paired items in harmony plus the Sun (as the Planet) and Mithras (as the Invincible Sun) in balance.**

Speculatively the order in which Objects are explained to initiates could align with the Mithraic grades – the higher the grade the more was revealed.