

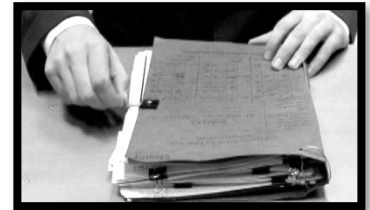
THE MATRIX

SYMBOLS

GREEN: Negative-decay, jealousy; inexperience. Green characters were used on the computers before Windows.

Examples from film containing the symbol

- The Matrix code is green
- Agent Smith's file folder is green
- Neo's telephone is Green
- Numbers on Neo's alarm clock are Green
- Morpheus's green necktie in the training program



BLUE: Negative (usually dark blue) depression; positive (usually light blue) heaven, color of the spirit, the divine, intuition, inspiration

Examples from film containing the symbol

- Heart O'City Hotel sign color
- Neo wakes up on a blue blanket
- Blue pill
- The dominant color of the Nebuchadnezzar is blue
- The rebel crew wears blue in the real world

RED: Negative -anger, lust ,embarrassment, war; positive life-force, passion, sacrifice , courage, will power

Examples from film containing the symbol

- While we see Neo being placed in the car, a woman in a red coat walks by
- When Neo first meets Morpheus, the chairs are red
- End of acupuncture-like needles in Neo
- Red pill
- Neo wakes up in a red pod
- A hole located in Cypher's red sweater
- Woman in the red dress

SPIDERS AND WEBS: The symbolism of spiders in India is associated with the term *Maya* that describes the illusory nature of appearances. The spider's association with Maya brings about the understanding that not all things are as they appear to be.

Examples from film containing the symbol

- Robots look like spiders
- Trinity in front of building with broken glass looks like a web

MIRROR/WATER/REFLECTION: Imagination, consciousness, self-contemplation, reflection of the universe; mythic door-soul frees itself 'passing' to other side. A distorted image in mirror symbolizes self-deception

Examples from film containing the symbol

- Mirrored pill box
- Renegades and the Agents wear sunglasses
- Each pill is reflected in each of Morpheus' lenses
- Mirror that covers Neo
- Neo's reflection is in the headlight-like probe of the robot
- Mirror he touches infects him slowly
- Mirrored Metacortex building
- Neo's reflection in the spoon
- Neo's reflection in the car window
- When Neo is going to see the Oracle he see his reflection in the window
- When the agents are escorting Neo out of his office building, we see him through rear view mirror

EYES: symbolizes perception of reality; "Dream Time"- life as a dream, seeing reality without eyes

Examples from film containing the symbol

- Renegades and the Agents wear sunglasses
- A blind man nods to Morpheus and Neo
- Neo asks, "Why do my eyes hurt?"
- Morpheus says, "Unfortunately, no one can be told what the Matrix is. You have to see it for yourself."
- Morpheus says, "The Matrix is the world that has been pulled over your eyes to blind you from the truth."

VEHICLES: man's voyage through time, space, and life. Cars are a form of mobility, freedom, and empowerment

Examples from film containing the symbol

- Nebuchadnezzar
- Cars
- Motorcycle
- Subway train
- Telephone booth

ONE: The beginning and ending of all things, the source, the mystic center, wholeness, unity, individuality. The number of the divine within all things

Examples from film containing the symbol

- Neo's apartment number is 101
- Neo means "new"
- Neo is also an anagram of "one"
- Neo is the "One"
- "My name is Neo!"

THREE/TRINITY: a beginning, middle, and end. past, present, and future in all things. The number of the completion of a phase of growth. Of two things we say "both"; of three things we say "all"

Examples from film containing the symbol

- Trinity's room 303
- Neo, Morpheus, and Trinity
- Neo tells Morpheus to "Get up" when Neo saves Morpheus; Trinity tells Neo to "Get Up" when he is fighting Agent Smith; when Trinity is being chased by Agents, she tells herself to "Get up."
- Agents Smith, Brown, and Jones
- The number three is found on many pillars throughout the subway scene
- At the end of the film, Neo enters room 303

RABBIT: hope, a new beginning

Examples from film containing the symbol

- *Night of the Lepus* is a film with giant white rabbits which is on television in the Oracle's apartment
- Trinity types, "Follow the White rabbit," on Neo's computer
- Film was released in the month of April-Easter
- White rabbit tattoo on DuJour's shoulder
- Film released in 1999-Chinese year of the Rabbit
- Morpheus tells Neo, "I imagine that right now you're feeling a bit like Alice, tumbling down the rabbit hole"