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This is a unique analysis of practical technology-free navigation, whose techniques can easily be employed by modern navigators to supplement their personal navigation skills in order to just 'know' where they are. It **will fascinate navigators and landlubbers alike**.

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