

Obsidians ExploraTalk - June 18, 2013

Hiking Astronomy

Using and Enjoying the Sun, Moon, Planets and Stars

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Topics

1. Day – Hiking With the Sun

Time, Direction, Altitude

Sunset – when and where

Sun Position Science – time, position for day, year

2. Evening

Twilight Length

Moon – moonlight, phase, position, illusions

Planets and Bright Stars

3. Night

Finding Things In The Sky

Eyes, Binoculars and Small Telescopes

Fun Objects – satellites, moon, planets,
stars, clusters, galaxies, nebulae...

Supplemental Slides Follow *Conclusion* Slide:

Combined Alt Az Plots for Each Season

Analemma Details

Sun Shadow Tracing

Survival Direction Finding

Hiking With the Sun

Solar Time('s) Hiking System

1. Time – organize day
2. Direction – stay oriented
3. Sun Altitude – how intense?

What Time Is It?

Time

Best Time System For Hiking?

Time

Best Time System For Hiking?



Solar Time

Time = Sun

Time Is Local

Time

Best Time System For Hiking?



Time

Best Time System For Hiking?



Clock Time

Time \neq Sun

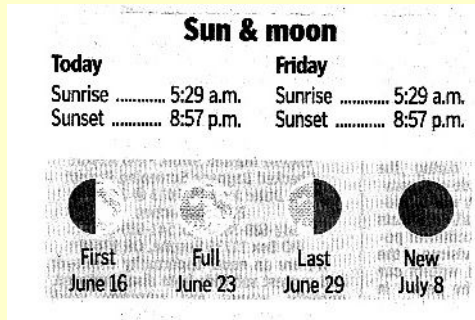
Time Not Local

3 Artificial Additives

Organize Hiking Day

Middle of Day?

Hours of Daylight?



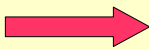
U.S. Naval Observatory
EUGENE, OREGON
Azimuth of the Sun
Jun 20, 2013

h	m	o
05:31		56
06:14		63
07:14		73
08:14		82
09:14		92
10:14		104
11:14		120
12:14		144
13:14		180
14:14		216
15:14		240
16:14		256
17:14		268
18:14		278
19:14		287
20:14		297
20:57		304
12:00		138

Happy Solstice!

Hours in morning,
afternoon?

1:14 PM



15 hr 26 min

Difficult With Clock Time

Organize Day With Solar Time

Reset watch to solar time for multi-day hikes

Solar Noon

Middle of day
Sun is due south
Highest

12 PM Solar Time

Clock Time	-01:14	Solar Time	Sun Azimuth
5:31 AM		04:17 AM	
6:14 AM		5 AM	
7:14 AM		6 AM	
8:14 AM	Adjust table column	7 AM	
9:14 AM		8 AM	
10:14 AM		9 AM	
11:14 AM		10 AM	
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1:14 PM		12:00 PM	180
2:14 PM		1 PM	
3:14 PM		2 PM	
4:14 PM		3 PM	
5:14 PM		4 PM	
6:14 PM		5 PM	
7:14 PM		6 PM	
8:14 PM		7 PM	
8:57 PM		07:43 PM	

Sunrise, sunset
symmetrical,
easy to remember

7 hr 43 min before noon

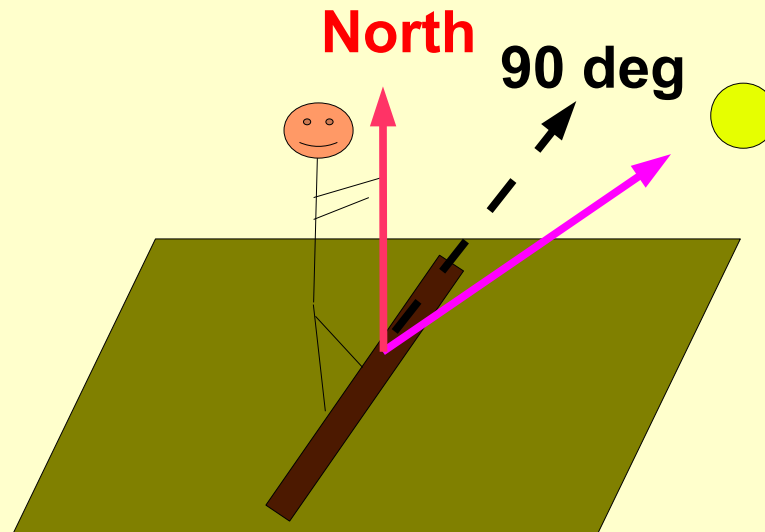
Lunch break
at true mid-day

7 hr 43 min after noon

Direction

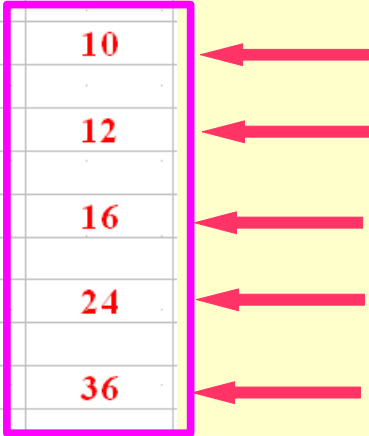
Constant Situational Awareness

Compass In The Sky



Direction With Solar Time

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5:31 AM		04:17 AM		
6:14 AM		5 AM		7
7:14 AM		6 AM		10
8:14 AM		7 AM		10
9:14 AM		8 AM		10
10:14 AM		9 AM		12
11:14 AM		10 AM		16
12:14 PM		11 AM		24
1:14 PM		12:00 PM	180	36
2:14 PM		1 PM		
3:14 PM		2 PM		
4:14 PM		3 PM		
5:14 PM		4 PM		
6:14 PM		5 PM		
7:14 PM		6 PM		
8:14 PM		7 PM		
8:57 PM		07:43 PM		



Remember Five Magic Numbers

PARADISE VALLEY CA
5/17

PDT	SOLAR TIME	AZ	SUNAW	ALT
5:44	5	66	246	0
6:42	6	74	254	11
7:42	7	81	261	23
8:42	8	89	269	35
9:42	9	98	278	48
10:42	10	110	290	60
11:42	11	133	313	71
12:42	12	180	0	76
1:42	1	227	47	71
2:42	2	250	70	66
3:42	3	262	82	48
4:42	4	271	91	35
5:42	5	279	99	23
6:42	6	287	107	11
7:42	7	295	115	0

Direction With Solar Time

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5:31 AM		04:17 AM	56	7
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7:14 AM		6 AM	73	10
8:14 AM		7 AM	82	10
9:14 AM		8 AM	92	12
10:14 AM		9 AM	104	16
11:14 AM		10 AM	120	24
12:14 PM		11 AM	144	36
1:14 PM		12:00 PM	180	36
2:14 PM		1 PM	216	24
3:14 PM		2 PM	240	16
4:14 PM		3 PM	256	12
5:14 PM		4 PM	268	10
6:14 PM		5 PM	278	10
7:14 PM		6 PM	287	10
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Subtract and Add Changes To Get Azimuths

Azimuth Changes Fastest, In Few Hours Before/After Noon

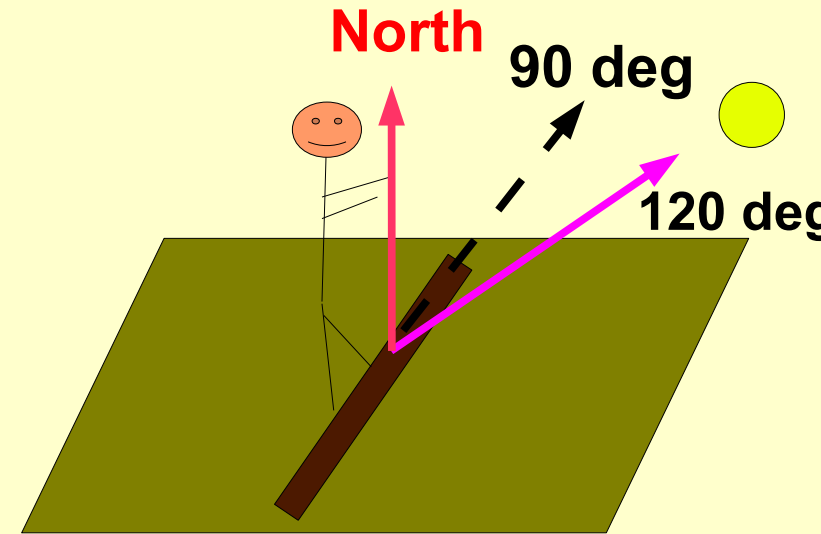
Direction With Solar Time

Sun Gives
Compass In The Sky

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6:14 PM		5 PM	278	10
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Sun Is East

Sun Is West

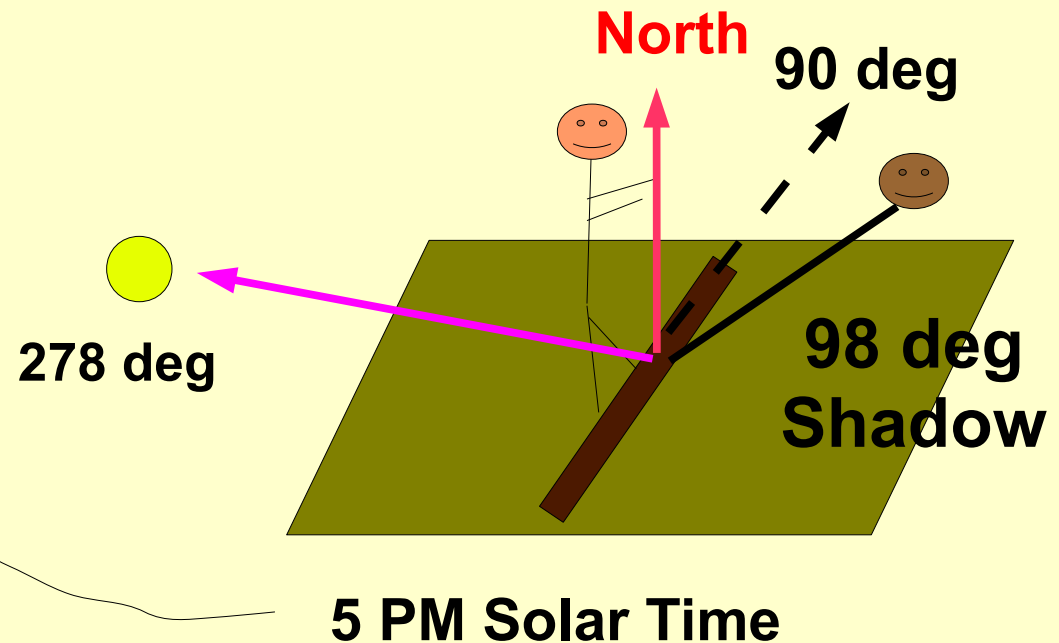


10 AM Solar Time

Direction With Solar Time

Clock Time	-01:14	Solar Time	Sun Azimuth	Azimuth Change	Shadow Azimuth
5:31 AM		04:17 AM	56		
6:14 AM		5 AM	63	7	243
7:14 AM		6 AM	73	10	253
8:14 AM		7 AM	82	10	262
9:14 AM		8 AM	92	10	272
10:14 AM		9 AM	104	12	284
11:14 AM		10 AM	120	16	300
12:14 PM		11 AM	144	24	324
1:14 PM		12:00 PM	180	36	360
2:14 PM		1 PM	216	36	36
3:14 PM		2 PM	240	24	60
4:14 PM		3 PM	256	16	76
5:14 PM		4 PM	268	12	88
6:14 PM		5 PM	278	10	98
7:14 PM		6 PM	287	10	108
8:14 PM		7 PM	297	10	117
8:57 PM		07:43 PM	304	7	

Shadow Gives Compass On The Ground



Seasonal Differences - Azimuth

	<u>Summer Solstice</u>		<u>Equinoxes</u>		<u>Winter Solstice</u>	
<u>Solar Time</u>	<u>Sun Azimuth</u>	<u>Azimuth Change</u>	<u>Sun Azimuth</u>	<u>Azimuth Change</u>	<u>Sun Azimuth</u>	<u>Azimuth Change</u>
5 AM	63					
6 AM	73	10	90			
7 AM	82	10	101	11		
8 AM	92	10	112	11	127	
9 AM	104	12	125	13	139	12
10 AM	120	16	140	15	151	12
11 AM	144	24	159	19	165	14
12:00 PM	180	36	180	21	180	15
1 PM	216	36	201	21	195	15
2 PM	240	24	220	19	209	14
3 PM	256	16	235	15	221	12
4 PM	268	12	248	13	233	12
5 PM	278	10	259	11		
6 PM	287	10	270	11		
7 PM	297	10				

Different At Different Latitudes!

Sun Altitude With Solar Time

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				6
6:14 AM		5 AM	6	10
				10
7:14 AM		6 AM	16	10
				10
8:14 AM		7 AM	27	10
				10
9:14 AM		8 AM	37	10
				10
10:14 AM		9 AM	48	10
				10
11:14 AM		10 AM	58	6
				6
12:14 PM		11 AM	66	3
				3
1:14 PM		12:00 PM	69	3
				3
2:14 PM		1 PM	66	6
				6
3:14 PM		2 PM	58	10
				10
4:14 PM		3 PM	48	10
				10
5:14 PM		4 PM	37	10
				10
6:14 PM		5 PM	27	10
				10
7:14 PM		6 PM	16	10
				10
8:14 PM		7 PM	6	6
				6
8:57 PM		07:43 PM	0	

Most Intense,
Changes Slowest,
In Few Hours
Before/After Noon

Remember
Changes,
Peak/Noon Altitude

Changes
~ 10 deg/hour
In Morning/Evening

Seasonal Differences - Altitude

	<u>Summer Solstice</u>		<u>Equinoxes</u>		<u>Winter Solstice</u>	
<u>Solar Time</u>	<u>Sun Altitude</u>	<u>Altitude Change</u>	<u>Sun Altitude</u>	<u>Altitude Change</u>	<u>Sun Altitude</u>	<u>Altitude Change</u>
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		10		10		
7 AM	27		11			
		10		10		
8 AM	37		21		3	
		10		10		8
9 AM	48		31		11	
		10		8		6
10 AM	58		39		17	
		6		5		4
11 AM	66		44		21	
		3		2		2
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		3		2		2
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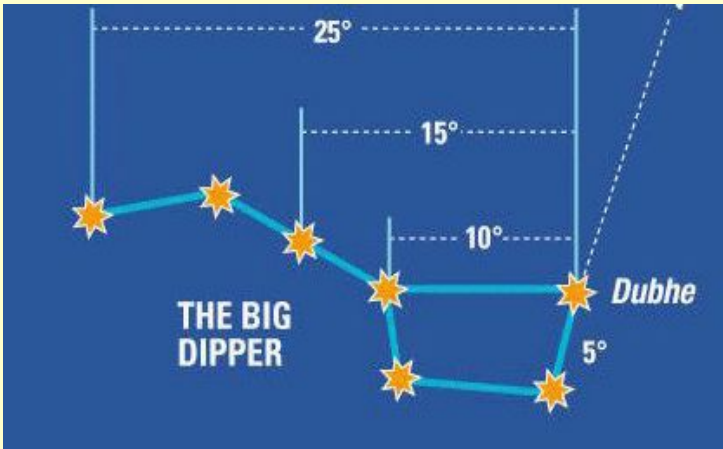
Different At Different Latitudes!

Measuring Angles

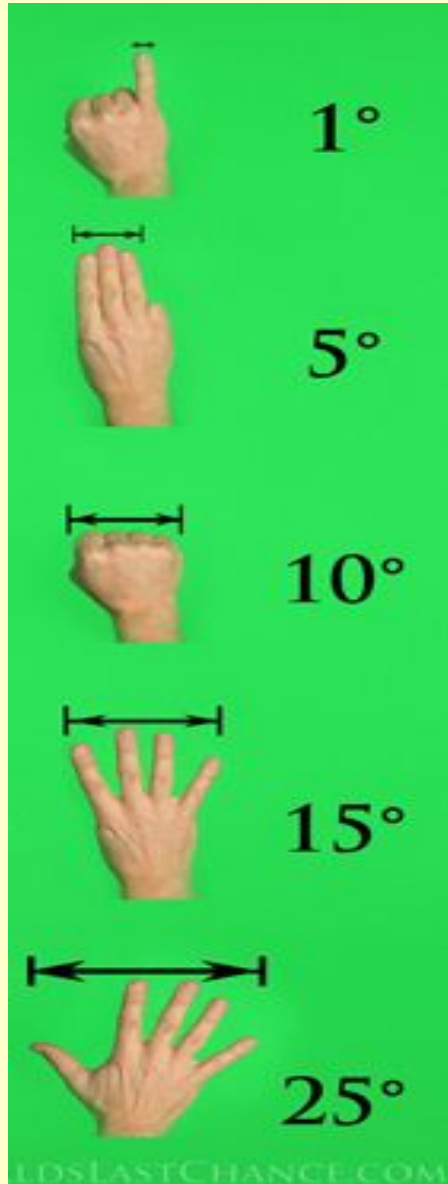
In Sky

Sun and Moon
.5 deg diameter

Binocular field
is ~ 6 deg



Arm Outstretched



Distances,
Heights

~ 1/60 radian

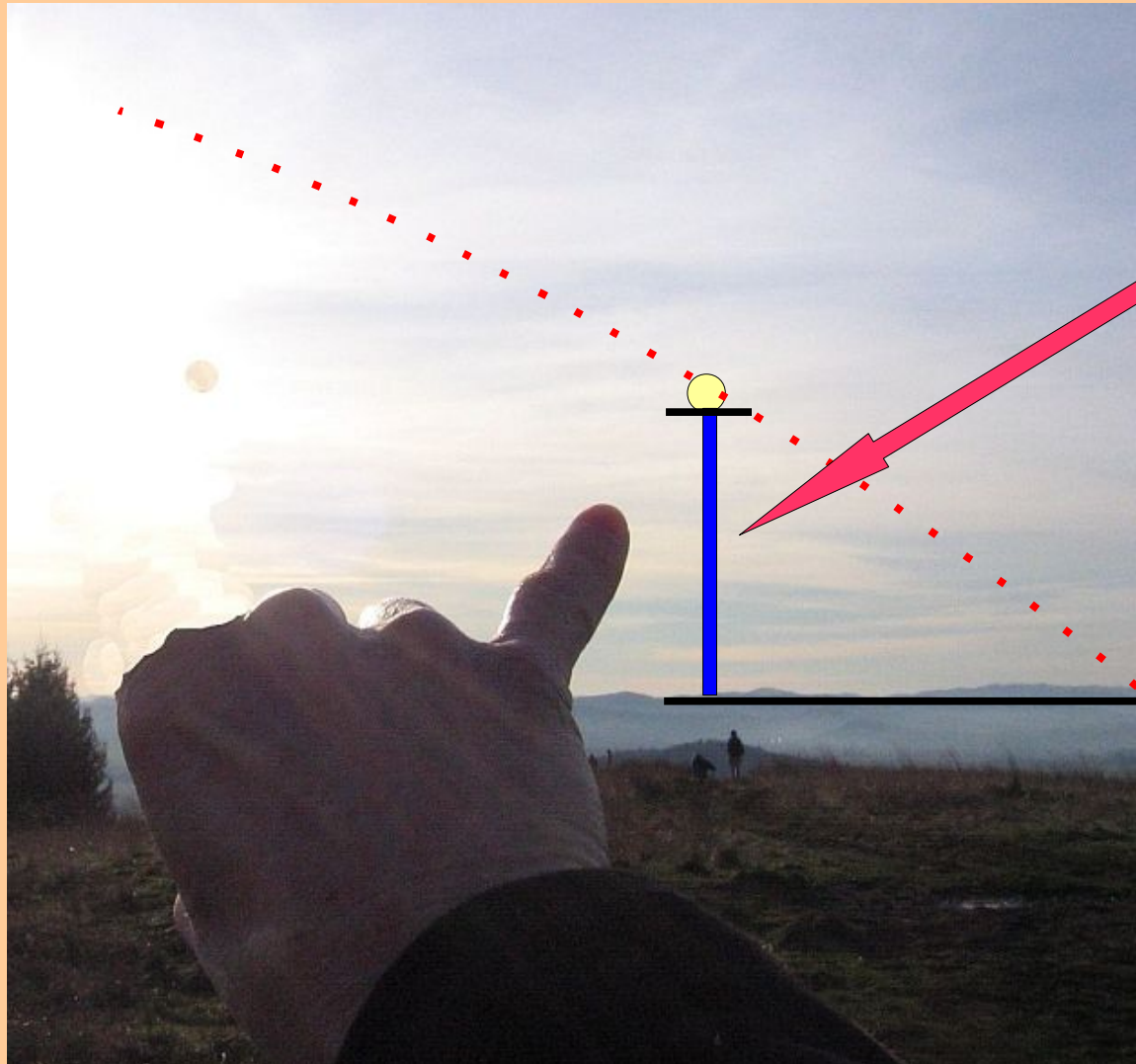
~ 1/12 radian



Height is 1/12 Distance

Distance is 12 x Height

Time To Sunset Using Sun's Altitude



**Altitude is 4 deg
4 little finger widths,
8 sun diameters**

**If Altitude Change Is
10 deg/hour,
6 minutes/deg**

**Sun Will Set
In 24 Minutes**

Time To Sunset Using Sun's Path

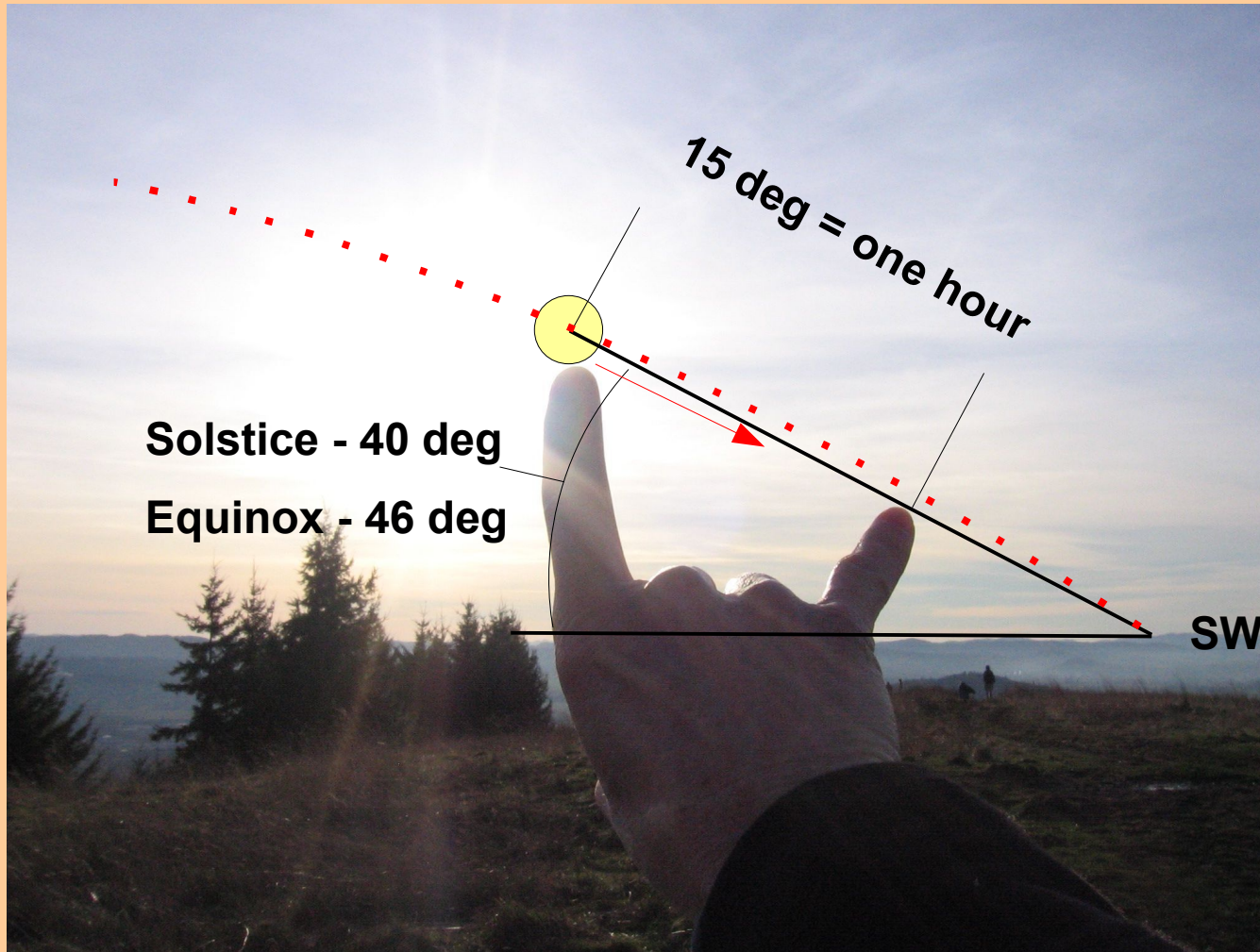
Noon
Altitude

70 deg
Summer
Solstice

46 deg
Equinoxes

23 deg
Winter
Solstice

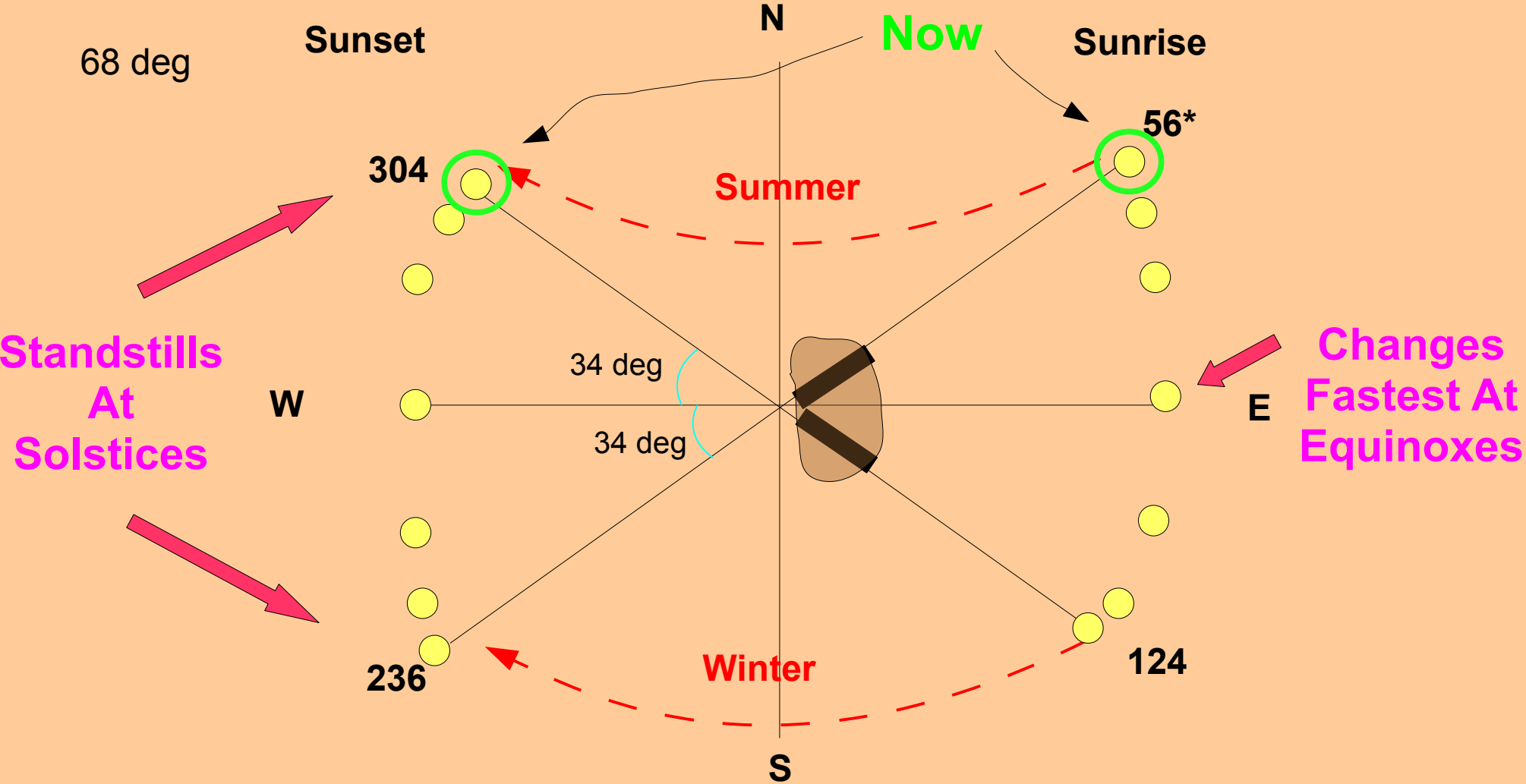
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Solstice Sunrise and Sunset Azimuth



Solstice Sunrise and Sunset Azimuth



68 deg

Sunset

N

Now

Sunrise

304

Summer

56*

Standstills
At
Solstices

W

34 deg

34 deg

Changes
Fastest At
Equinoxes

E

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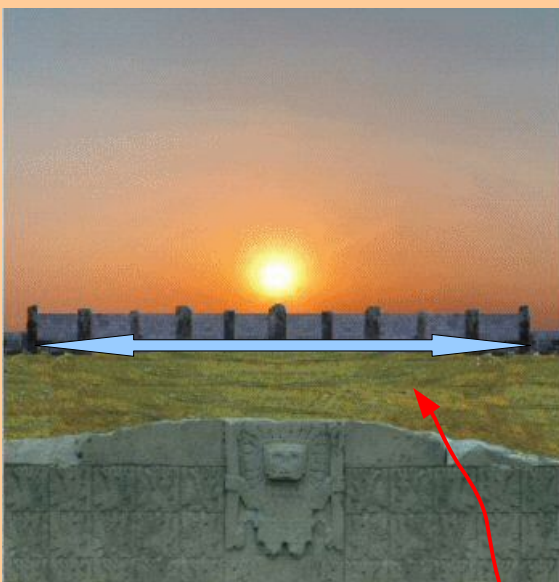
Winter

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General Sunrise and Sunset Azimuth

Day Marks



Solstices

Slows To Standstill

Equinoxes

Rises/Sets Due East
Changes Fastest

Use Sun Azimuth Between Solstices
and Equinoxes

Amplitude

68 deg at Eugene
Increases With Latitude

Solar Time For Different Days, Longitudes

Clock Time 1:14 PM

Solar Time 12PM

Daylight Savings Time -1:00

Zone Time - :12

Mean Time - :02

12 PM

Remove Artificial Additives

Standard Time ★

Local Time

Longitude

4 minutes/deg W of
zone meridian
 $4 \times (123-120)$

True Sun Daily Variation

Ahead/Behind Mean Sun As
Much As 15 min
Equation Of Time
Orbit Non-Circular and Tilted

Sun Demonstration

I ran Sun Motions Simulator

astro.unl.edu/classaction/animations/coordsmotion/sunmotions.html

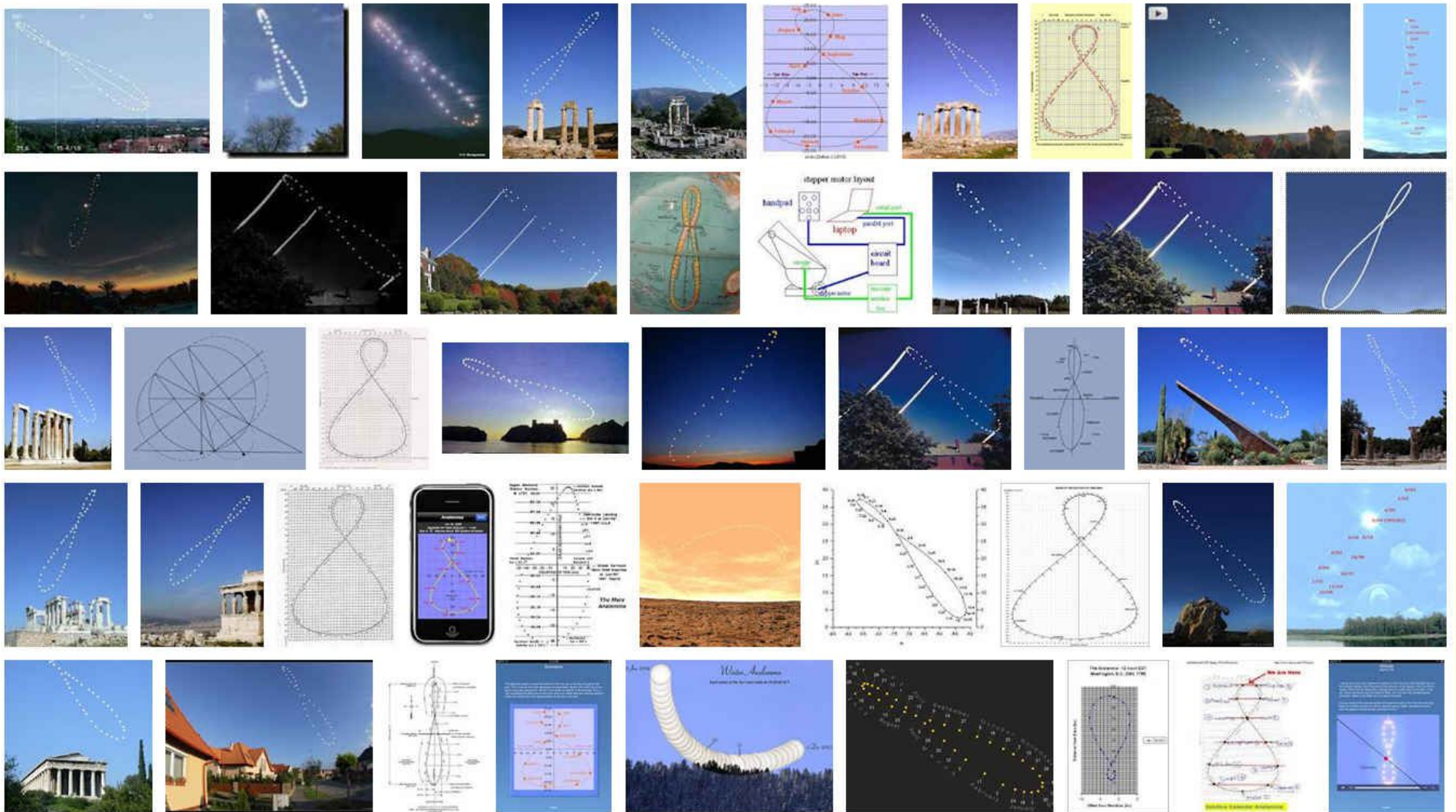
For Eugene, latitude 44 deg N:

Showed sun's path in sky for different seasons

(loop day animation, date slider)

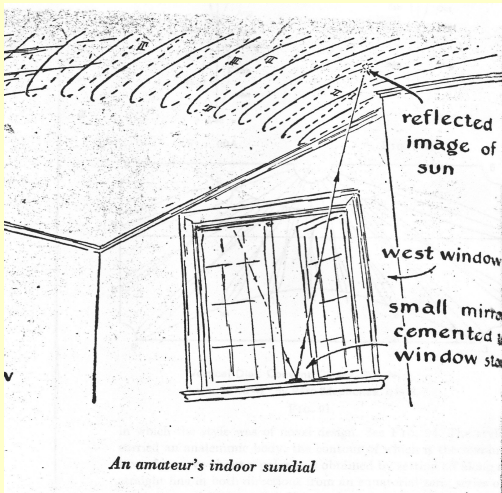
**Showed true sun early and late at local mean noon for different seasons,
then analemma *(step by day animation)***

Analemma Examples



Analemma

Sun at given **clock time** for a year



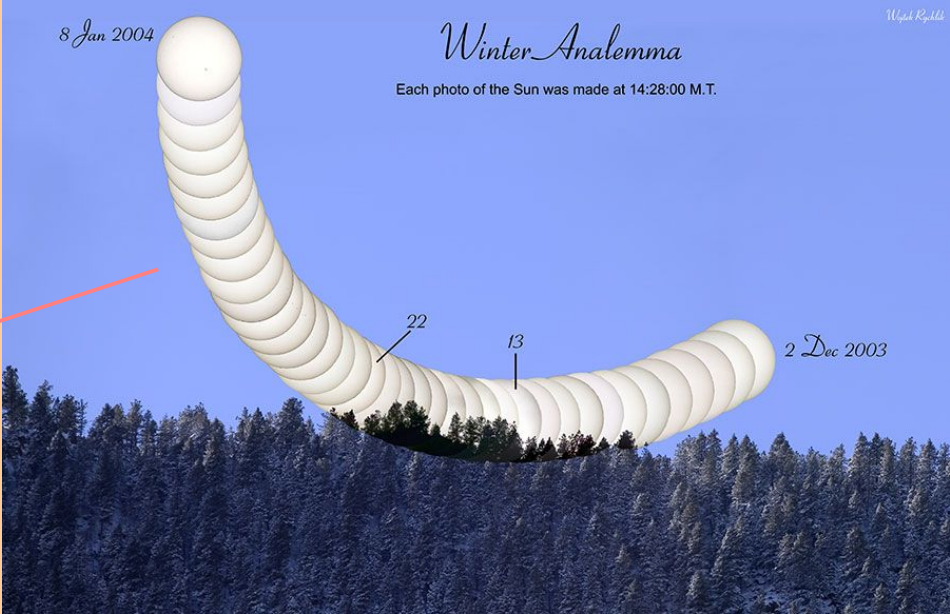
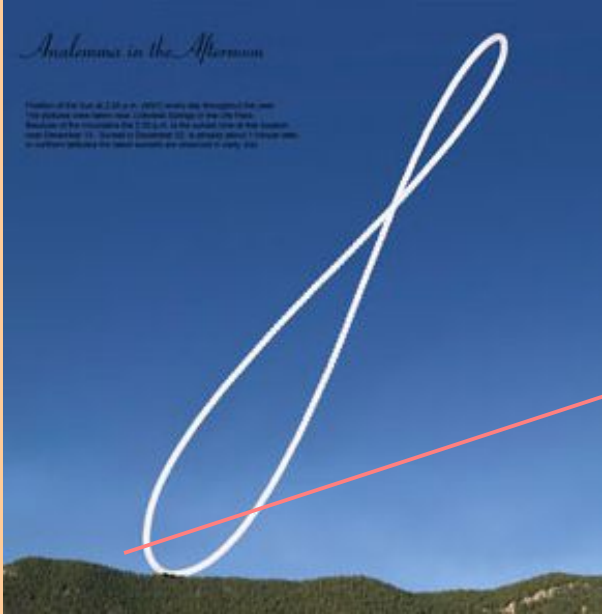
**Points, analemmas
at time intervals
tell time
(knowing season)**

Declination on a Meridian x Eqn of Time

Earliest Sunset

~ Dec. 7, not solstice

pikespeakphoto.com/analemma.html

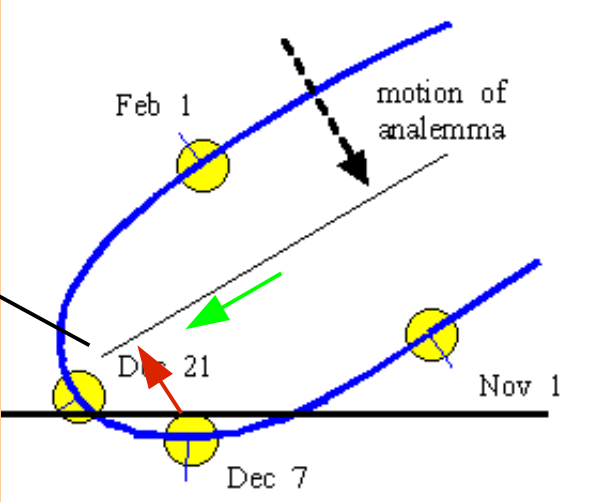


Equation of Time causes

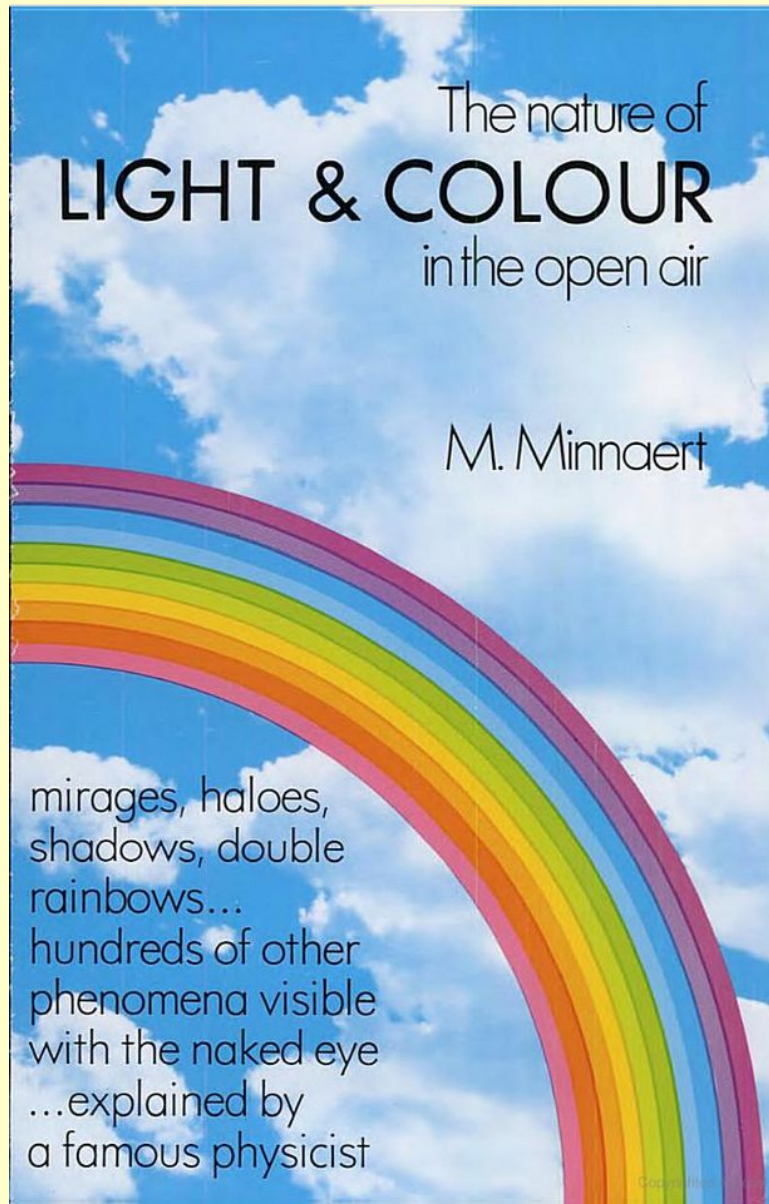
sun to move later

overcoming **declination change**

Earliest Sunrise - June 15
Latest Sunset - June 26



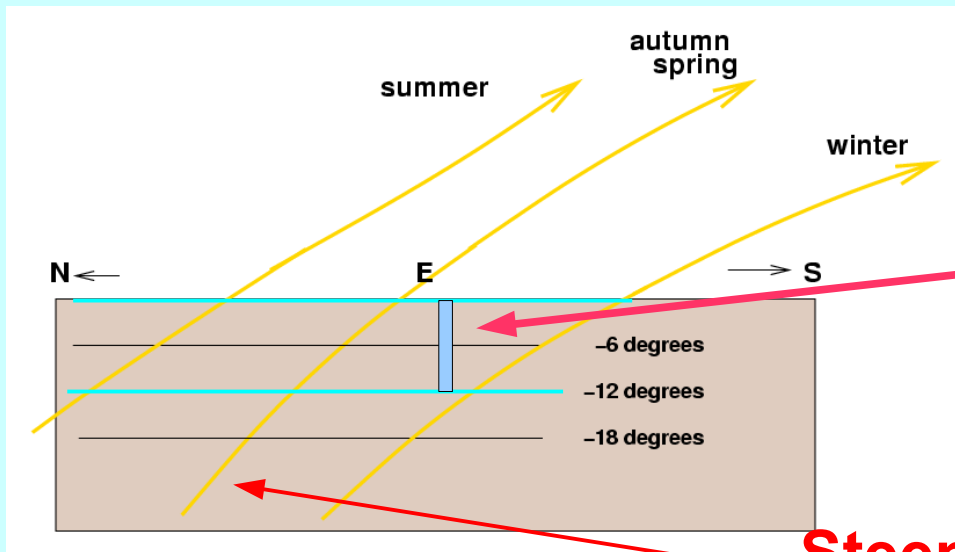
Other Daylight Observations



Green Flash, Rainbows, Mirages, Judging Angles...

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Twilight Length



~ Length of Nautical Twilight
Eugene 44 deg N

Spring Equinox 64 min

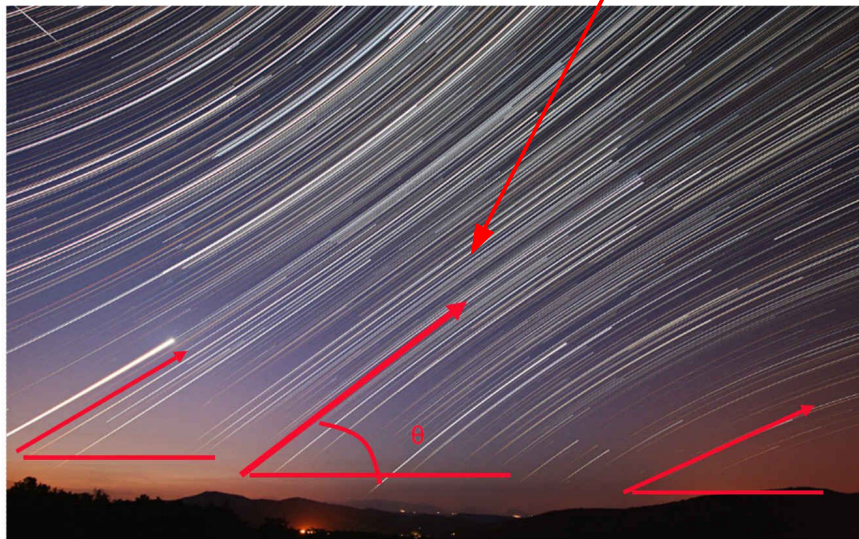
Summer Solstice 86 min

Fall Equinox 63 min

Winter Solstice 70 min

**Steeper
Path**

Rising/setting angle is $(90^\circ - \text{Latitude})$ due east/west – along celestial equator
Angles are smaller the further N/S one goes

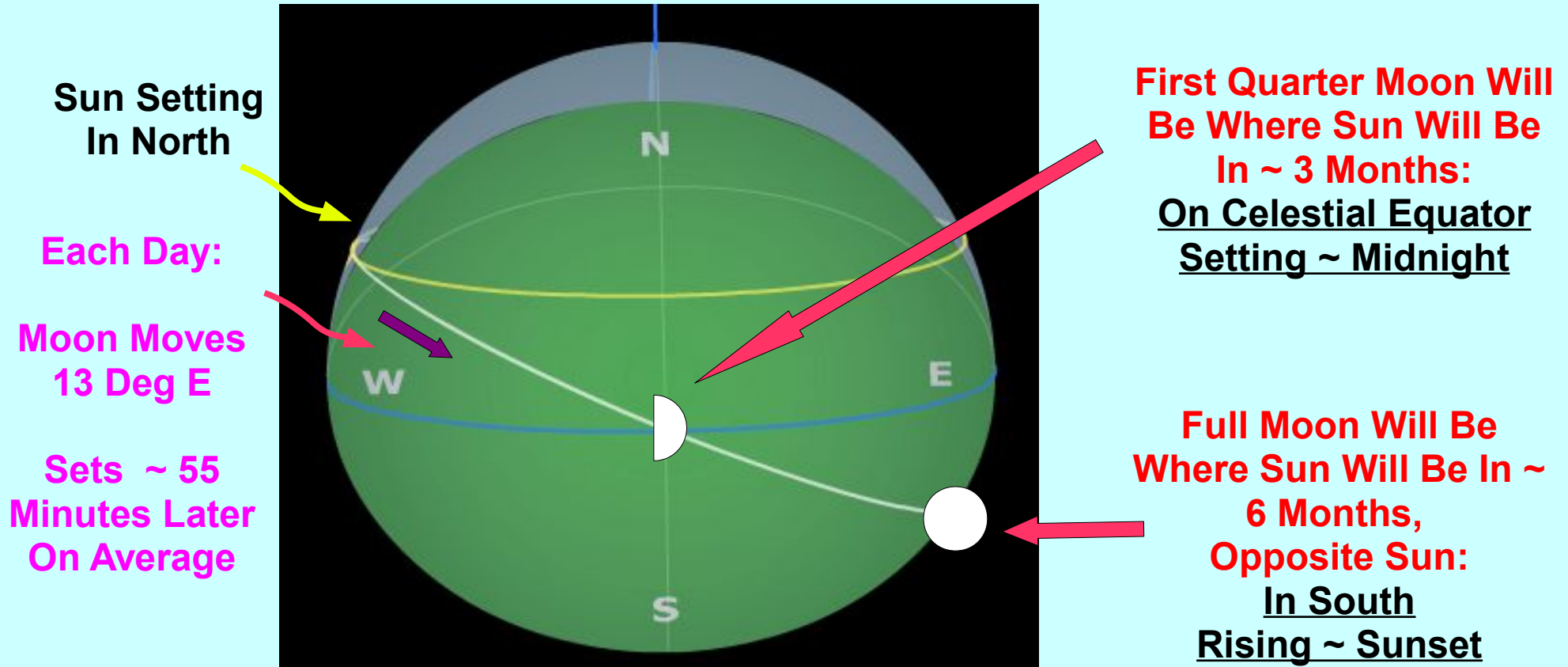


**Twilight Length
Increases With Latitude**

Moonlight, Moon Rise/Set

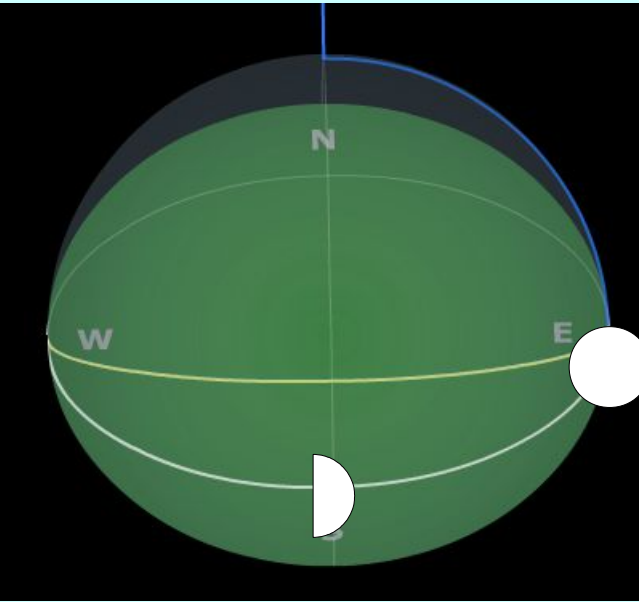
Illumination/Altitude Depends On Phase and Season

Summer Solstice

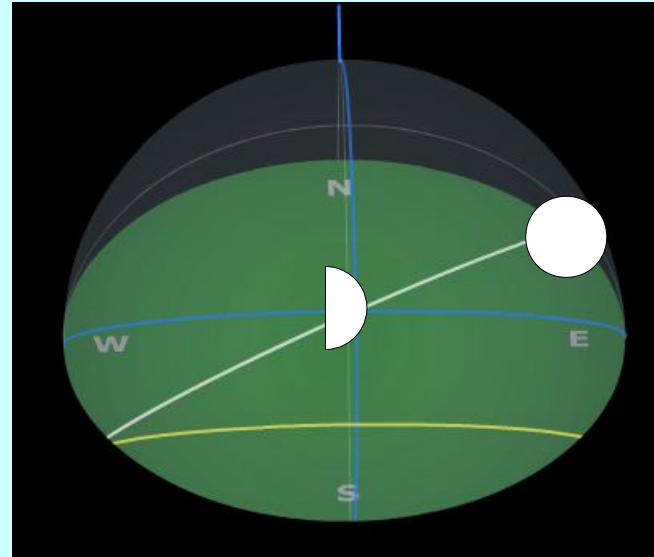


Moonlight, Moon Rise/Set

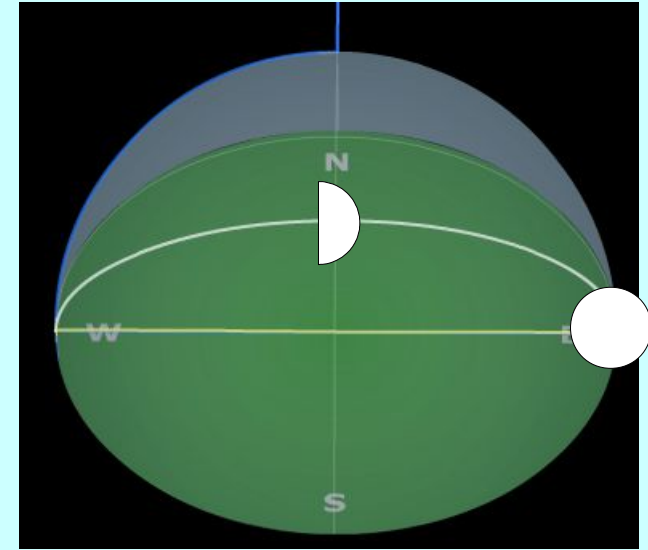
Fall Equinox



Winter Solstice

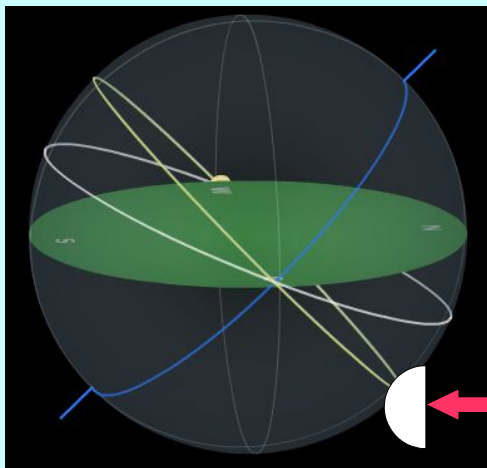


Spring Equinox



First Quarter Moon Will Be Where Sun Will Be In ~ 3 Months

Full Moon Will Be Where Sun Will Be In ~ 6 Months, Opposite Sun

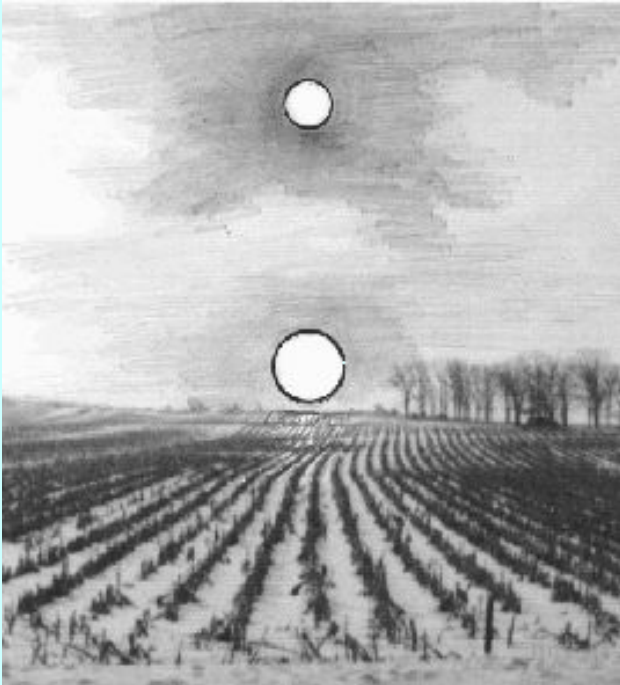


**Third Quarter Moon Will Be
Where Sun Will Be In ~ 9 Months**

Moon Illusion

**Moon Appears Huge
When Close To Horizon**

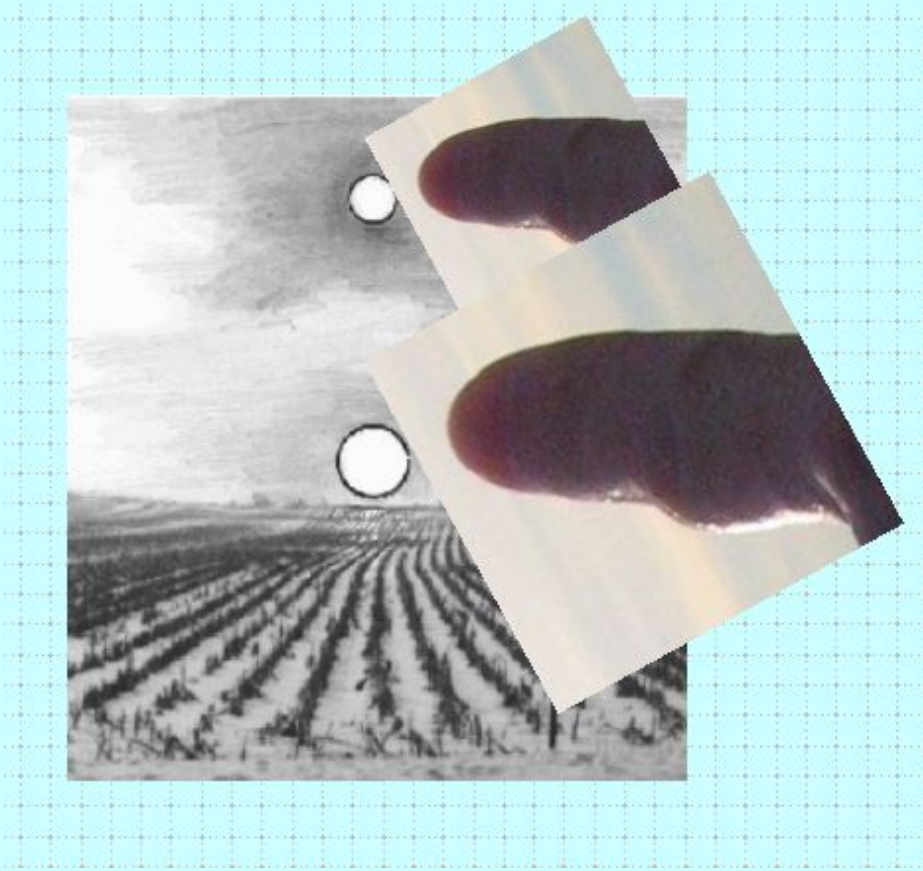
**However,
It Is Always $\frac{1}{2}$ deg**



Moon Illusion

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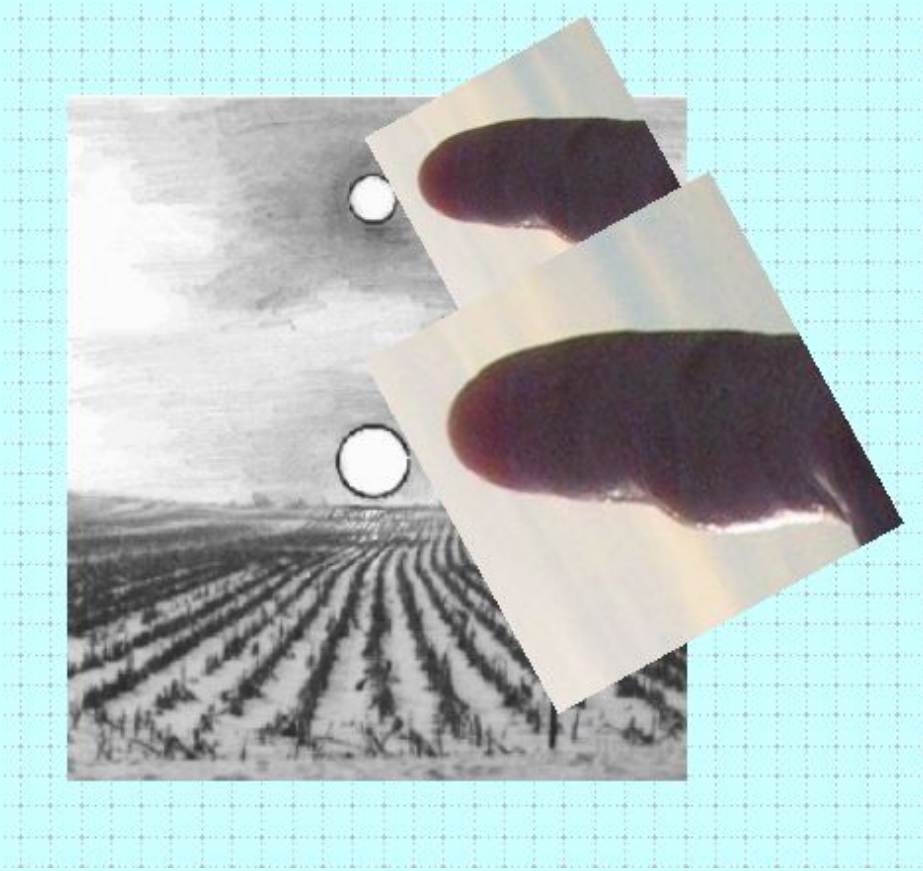


**Can Confirm
With Finger Measurement**

Moon Illusion

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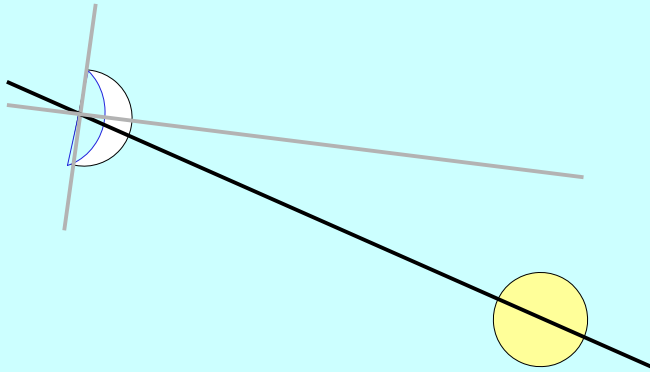
**However,
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**Can Confirm
With Finger Measurement**

**Same With Sun,
Constellations,
And Other Objects**

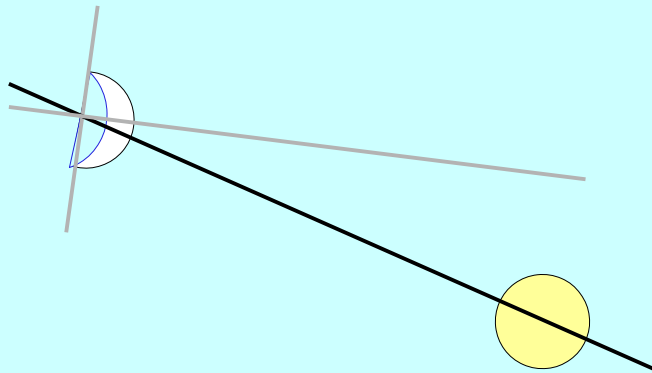
Moon Tilt Illusion



Appearance

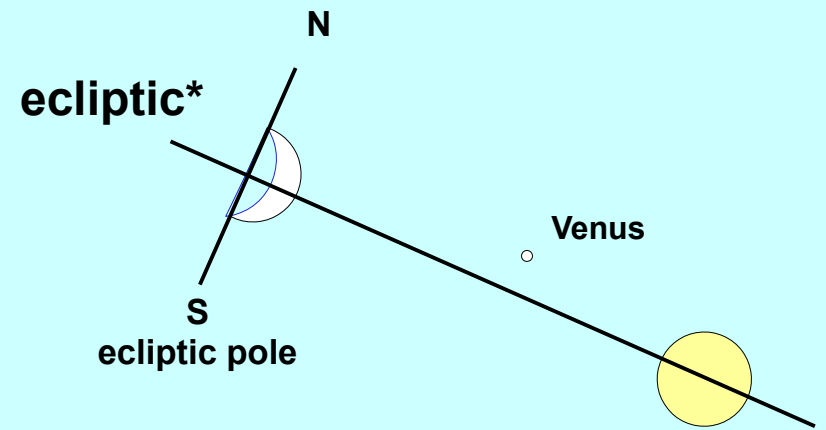
Doesn't Match Physics

Moon Tilt Illusion



Appearance

Doesn't Match Physics



Stretch String

To See Actual Alignment

Locates Ecliptic

Planets and Bright Stars

Abrams Sky Calendar (or Software)

Start With Brightest Objects

Evening planets in June: Venus can be spotted with unaided eye at sunset or soon after. Look 17° UL of Sun on June 1, widening to 29° by month's end. In mid twilight (when Sun is 9° below horizon), Venus is very low in WNW. 4° up on June 1, to 7° up on the 20th, as seen from lat. 40° N. Against background stars, Venus goes east just over 1.2° per day, from Taurus through Gemini into Cancer. Venus forms a nearly isosceles triangle with Pollux and Castor on June 13, passes about 5° S (LL) of Pollux on June 21, and is nearly in line with these "Twin" stars while 7° left of Pollux on June 25. Through a telescope in June, Venus shows a tiny disc, 96 to 90 percent full, and 10 to 11 arcseconds across. Use binoculars in first few days of June to spot departing *Appler* to LE of Venus in early twilight, about half an hour after sunset. *Ve-Ju* are 4.4° apart on June 1 and nearly 11° further apart each day. See June 1, 2, 4, 7. Mercury on June 1 is within 4.2° upper left of Venus, and moves out to 5.0° UL of Venus during June 5-8. Then Mercury returns to within 2° south (LL) of Venus on June 9. This month, Mercury fades slowly at first, from mag. +0.3 on June 1 to +0.5 on June 12, when it reaches greatest elongation 24° from Sun. Moving to the near side of the Sun, when it becomes more rapidly, to mag. +1.0 by June 18, and mag. +1.5 by June 22, when it is 3° below Venus. Against stars, Mercury forms a nearly isosceles triangle with the Twins at dusk on June 9 and 10. Using a telescope, can you discern Mercury's "half-moon" shape, 7 arcseconds across, on June 9? — a crescent, about one-quarter illuminated and nearly 10 arcseconds across, on June 17? Saturn in dusk mid twilight in SSE on June 1, passing through S at mid-month, and nearing SSW at month's end. Look for a bright, steady "star" of mag. +0.3 to +0.5, some 15° to 12° E of +1.0-mag. Spica. A telescope shows rings slowly closing to 12° from edge-on on June 30, minimum for this year. Moon near planets: June 16 (Me and Ve), June 18 and 19 (Su). Mars emerges in morning: See June 7, 30.

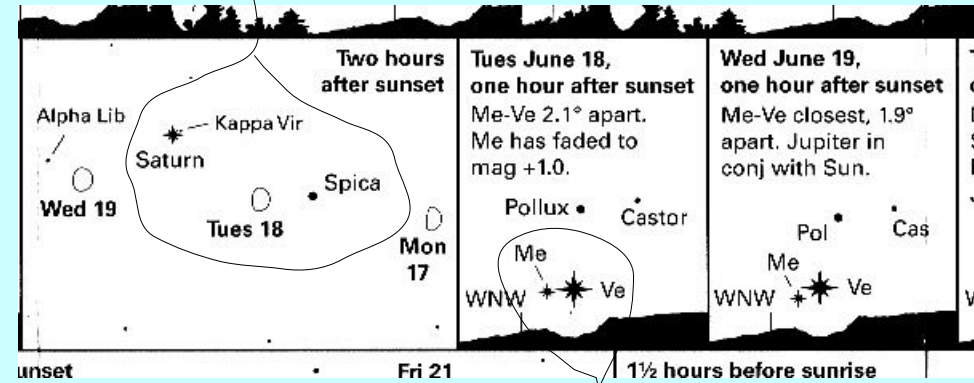
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Night

Four Minutes
Earlier
Every Night

Planisphere

July Evening Skies

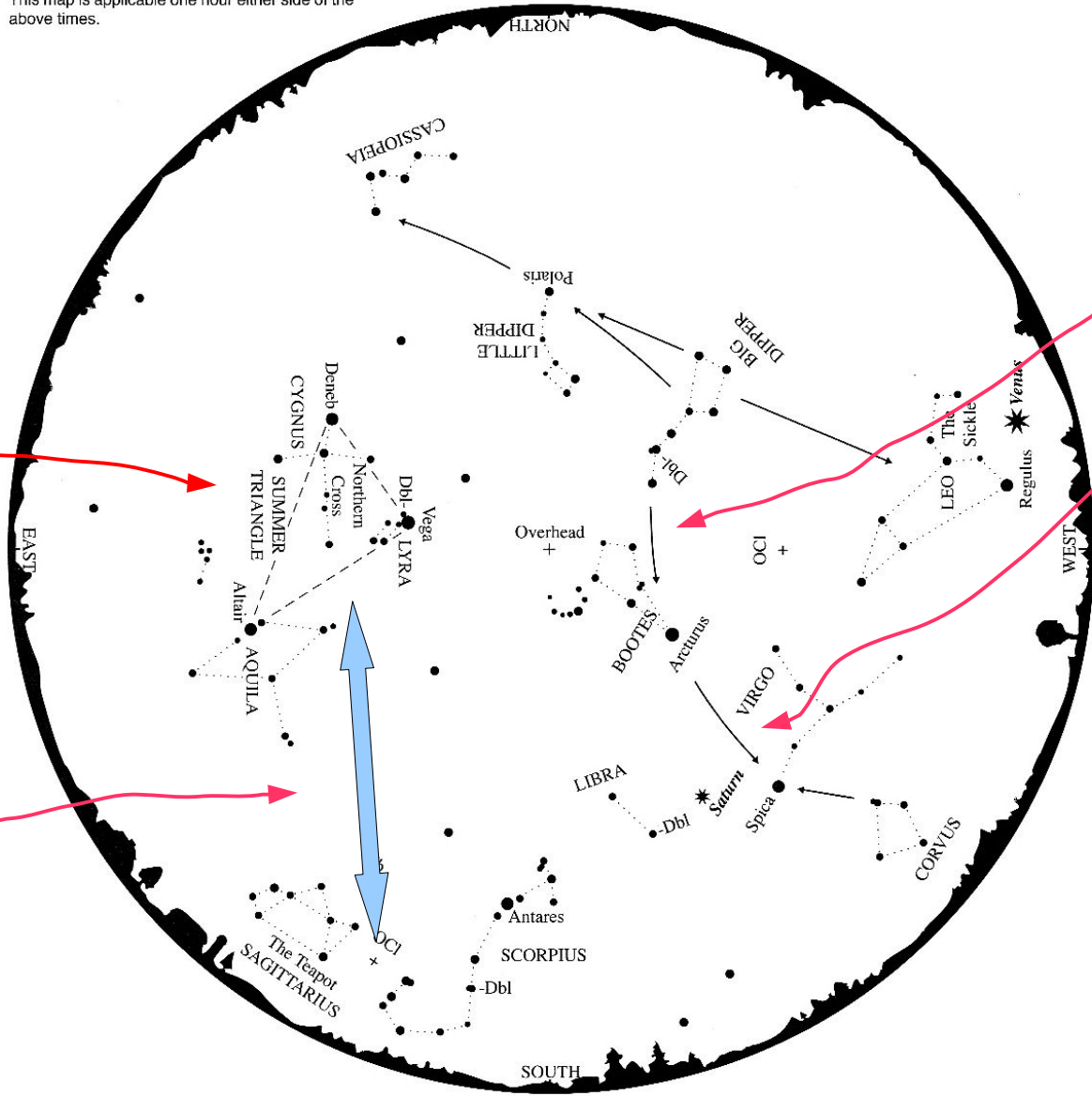
This chart is drawn for latitude 40° north, but should be useful to stargazers throughout the continental United States. It represents the sky at the following local daylight times:

Late June	11 p.m.
Early July	10 p.m.
Late July	9 p.m.

This map is applicable one hour either side of the above times.

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Arc To
Arcturus

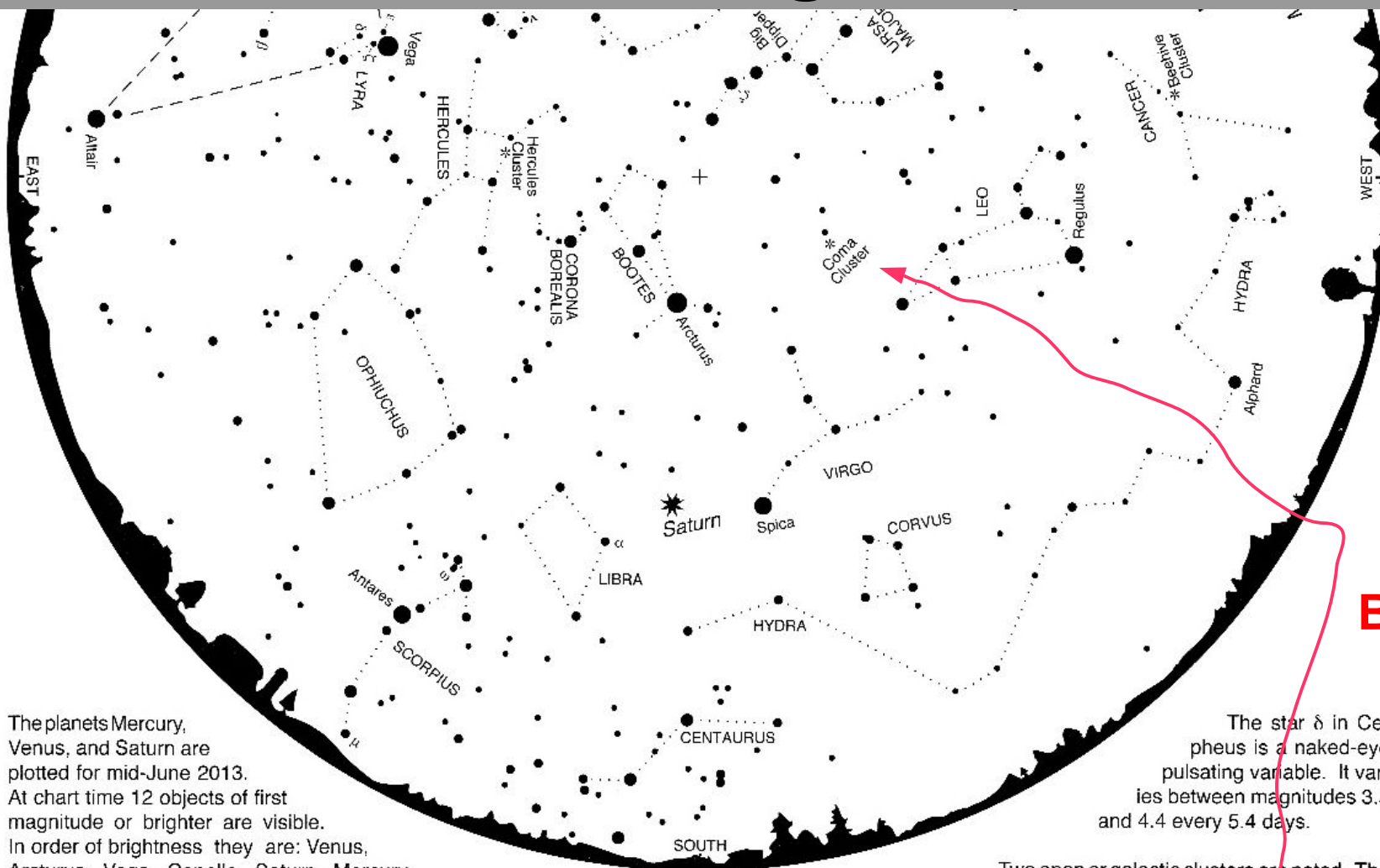
Spike To Spica

Saturn Now
Left Of Spica

Summer
Triangle
Asterism

Milky
Way

Night



**Coma
Star Cluster
Berenice's Hair**

The planets Mercury, Venus, and Saturn are plotted for mid-June 2013. At chart time 12 objects of first magnitude or brighter are visible. In order of brightness they are: Venus, Arcturus, Vega, Capella, Saturn, Mercury, Altair, Antares, Spica, Pollux, Deneb, and Regulus.

Our usual monthly maps are designed for stargazers just beginning to find their way around the sky. This month's map is useful for serious stargazing from dark locations. It contains many more stars, inclusive to magnitude 4.5 and some fainter stars as needed to complete patterns or assist in locating special objects.

A selection of double stars (labeled with Greek letters) and "deep sky objects" is also plotted. All are visible with modest equipment; most are within the range of the unaided eye or binoculars.

The double stars, in order of decreasing angular separation, are ω Sco, ζ UMa, δ Lyr, μ Sco, σ Cyg, α Lib, ϵ Lyr, ν Dra, ζ Lyr, β Cyg.

The star δ in Cepheus is a naked-eye pulsating variable. It varies between magnitudes 3.5 and 4.4 every 5.4 days.

Two open or galactic clusters are noted. The Coma Cluster is a loose group of naked-eye stars below the handle of the Big Dipper. The Beehive or Praesepe in Cancer is much more compact, resembling a hazy patch of light.

The Hercules Cluster appears still more compact. It is a fine example of a globular cluster, a dense concentration of about a million stars.

Double Stars

Eyes

Binoculars

Small Telescopes

Power

1x

8x

20-60x

Apparent Field

Huge

~ 50 deg

~ 50 deg

True Field

Same

~ 6 deg

2.5 - < 1 deg

Aperture

4mm x 2

40 mm x 2

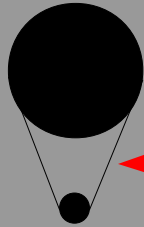
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Light

1

100

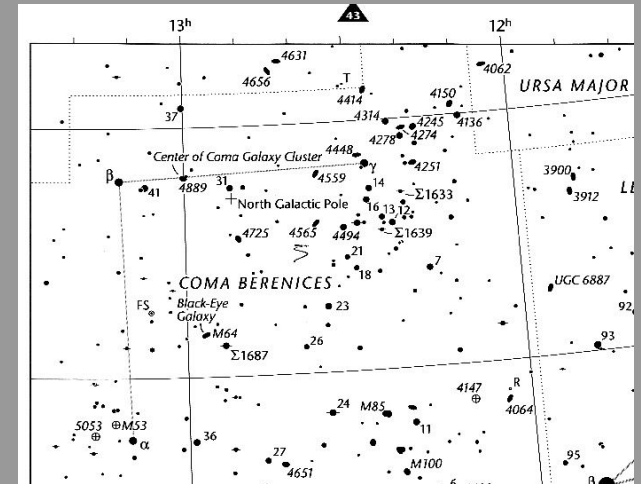
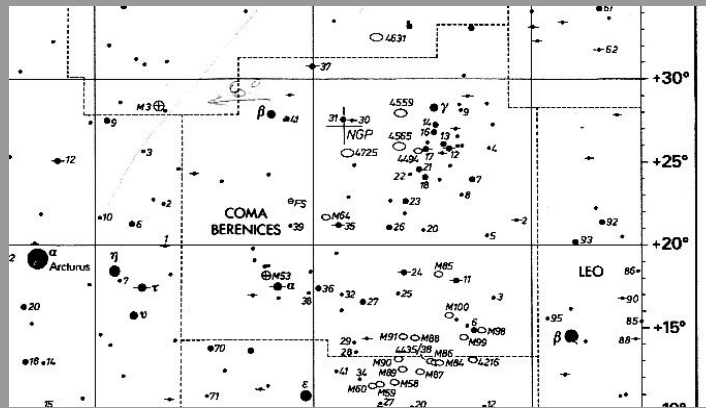
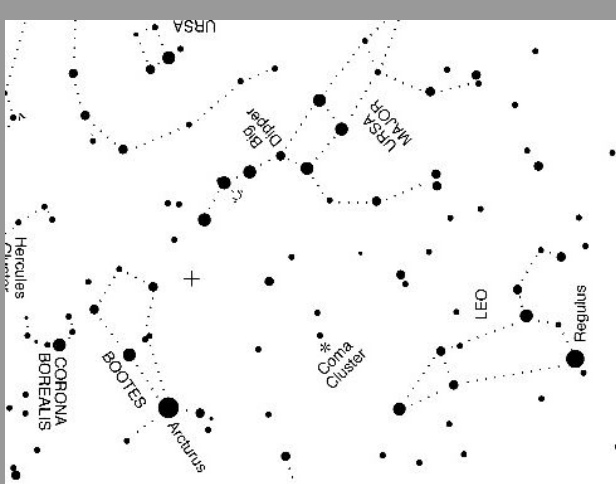
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Planisphere**

**Tirion
Bright Star Atlas**

**Pocket
Sky Atlas**

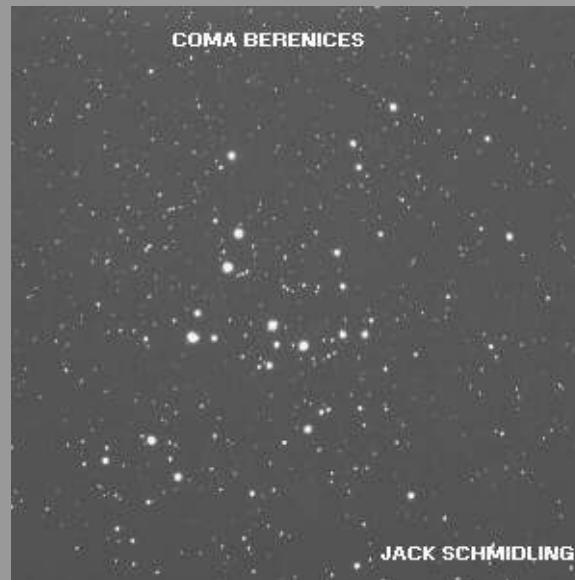
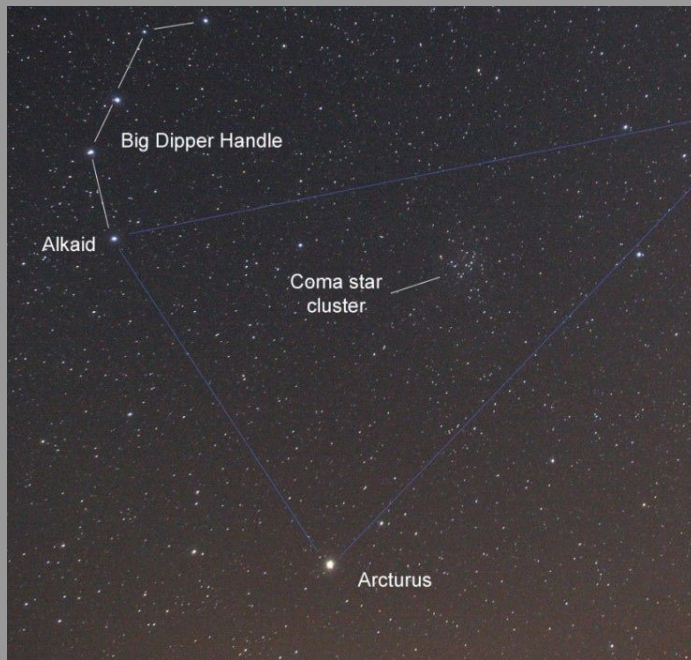


Coma Berenices Star Cluster

Eyes

Binoculars

Small Telescopes



Fun Objects

Satellites

After sunset. ID with software. Flares

Moon

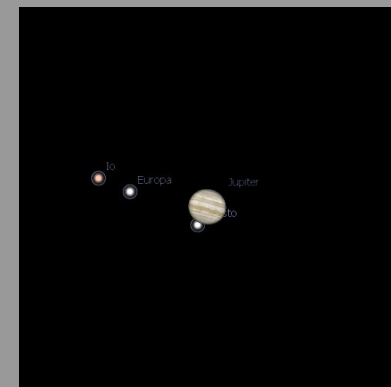
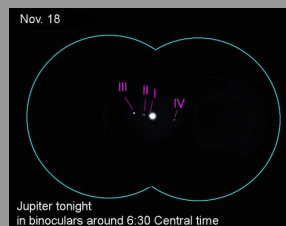
Phases, position, libration, Earthshine.
Craters and mountains on terminator



Planets

Movement. Jupiter's moons.

Venus, Mercury phases. Saturn rings. Asteroids



Meteors

Sporadic and showers. Best after midnight

Comets

Catch when you can!



Fun Objects

Stars

Color. Asterisms.

Multiple stars, Mizar/Alcor, e Lyrae – double double, Albireo...

Variables. Supernovae...



Open Clusters - Coma, Pleiades, Beehive, M6, M7, double cluster...



Fun Objects

Globular Clusters

M13...



Galaxies

Milky Way. M31 – Andromeda Galaxy...



Nebulae

Orion Nebula – M42, Ring Nebula – M57...



Summary

- Solar Time
- Direction From Sun; Sun Altitude
- Sunset
- Sun Movement and Analemma
- Twilight
- Moonlight and Moon Illusions
- Bright Stars and Planets
- Astronomy With Eyes, Binoculars, Small Telescopes

Supplemental Slides Follow *Conclusion* Slide:

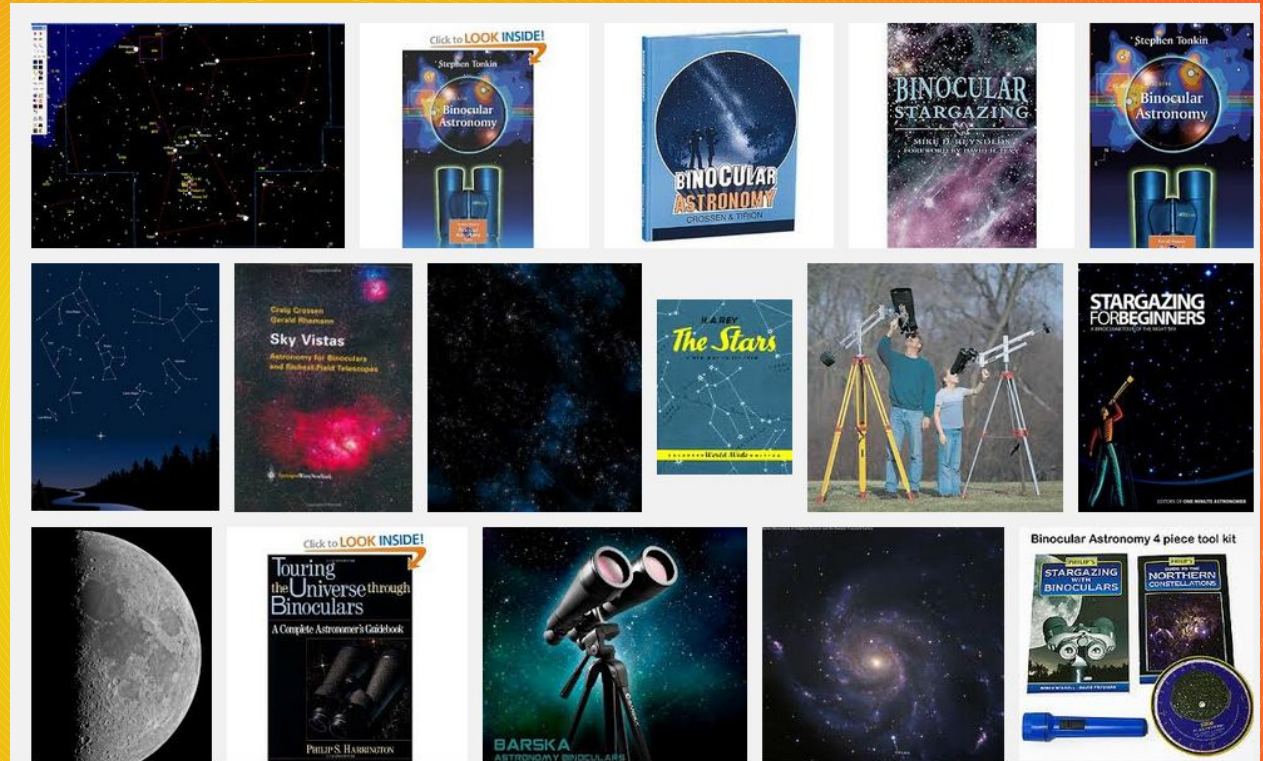
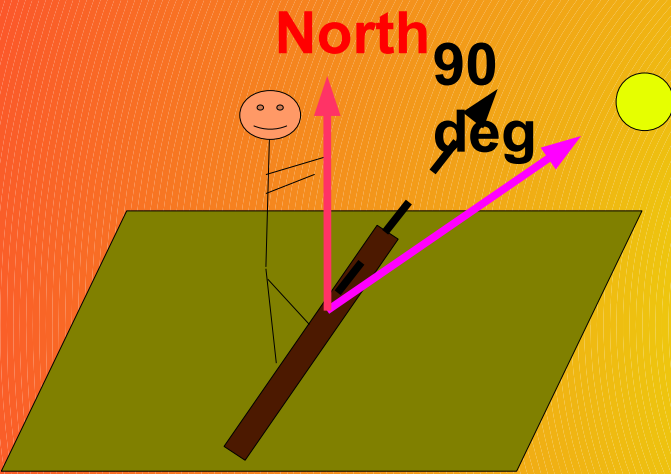
Combined Alt Az Plots for Each Season

Analemma Details

Sun Shadow Tracing

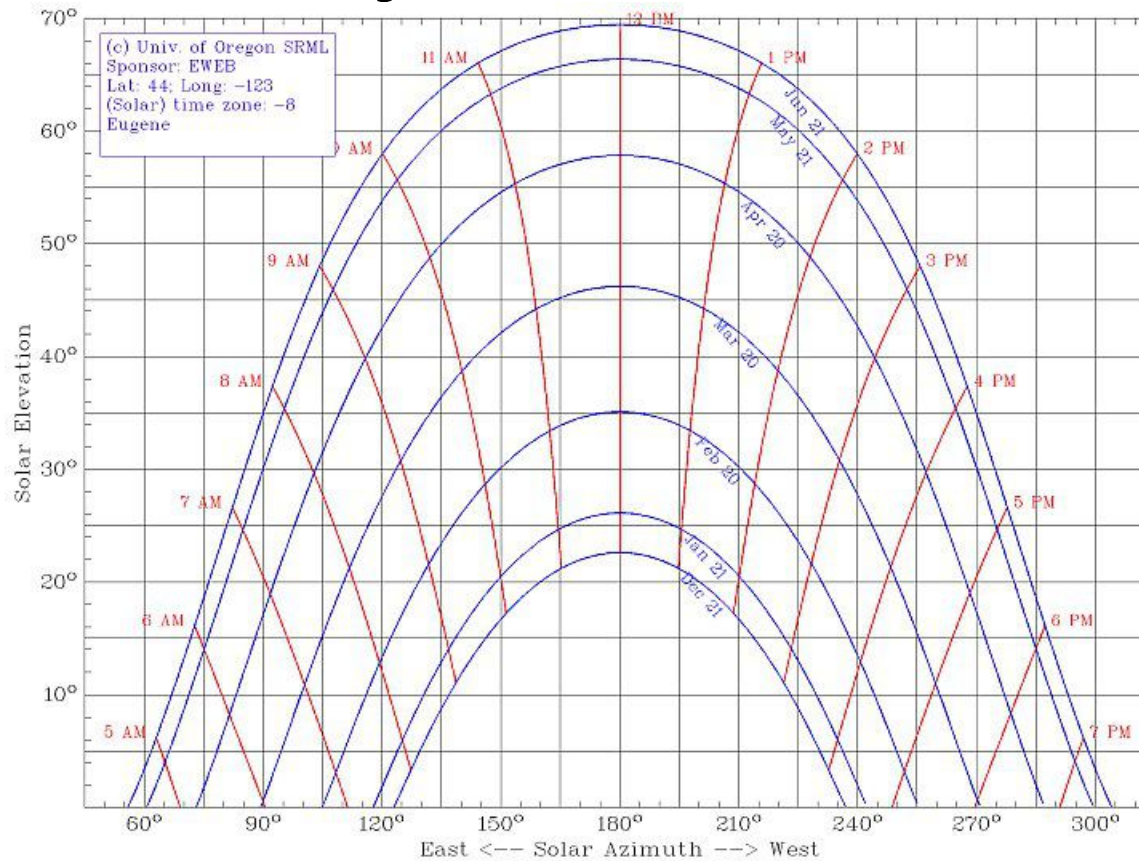
Survival Direction Finding

Conclusion



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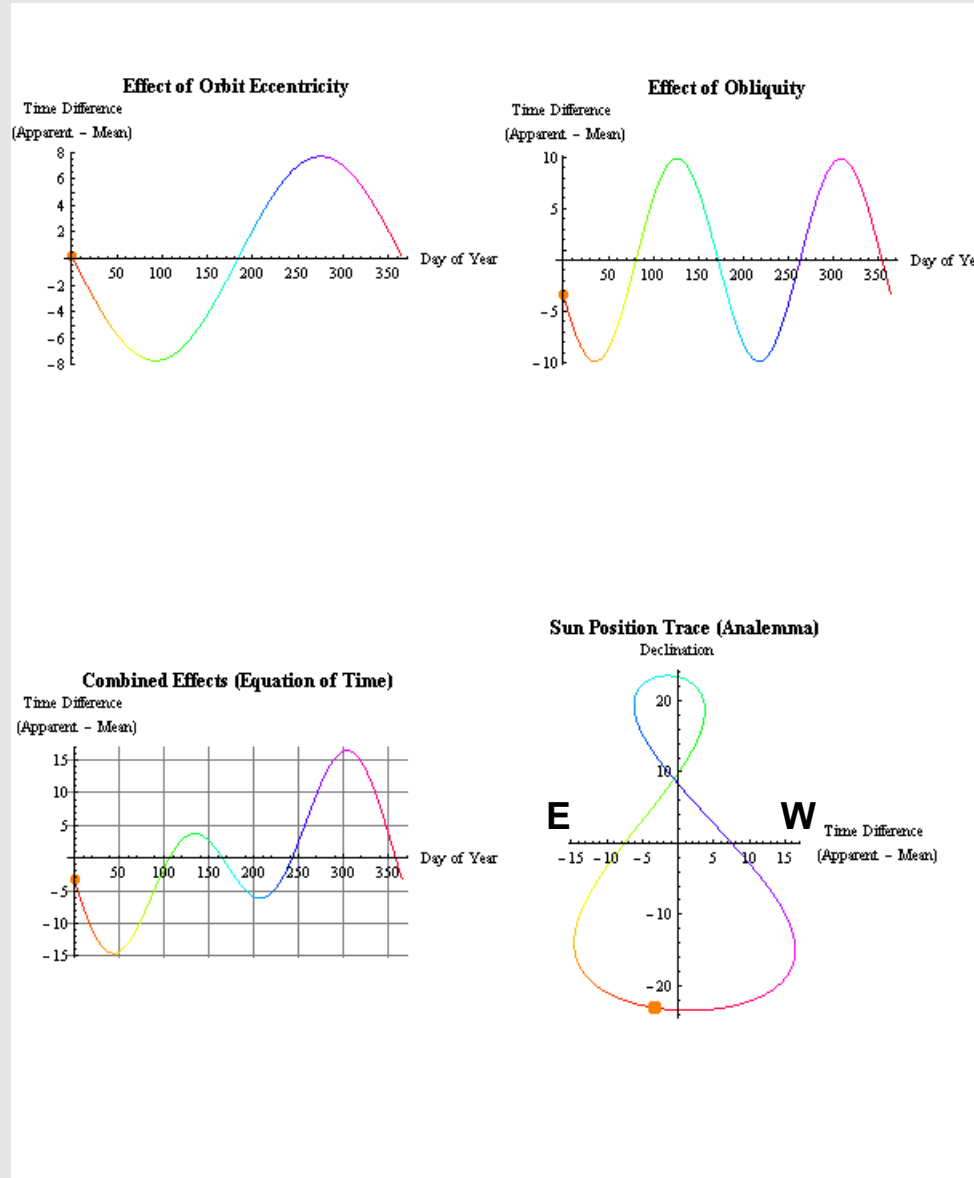
Daily Movement



6/20	6	10	16	11	27	11	37	11	48	10	58	8	66	3	69
3/20 Alt			0	11	11	11	22	11	33	8	41	6	47	2	49
12/21							3	8	11	6	17	4	21	2	23
6/20	63	10	73	10	82	10	92	12	104	16	120	24	144	36	180
3/20 Az			90	10	100	11	111	12	123	16	139	19	158	22	180
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Solar time	5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12

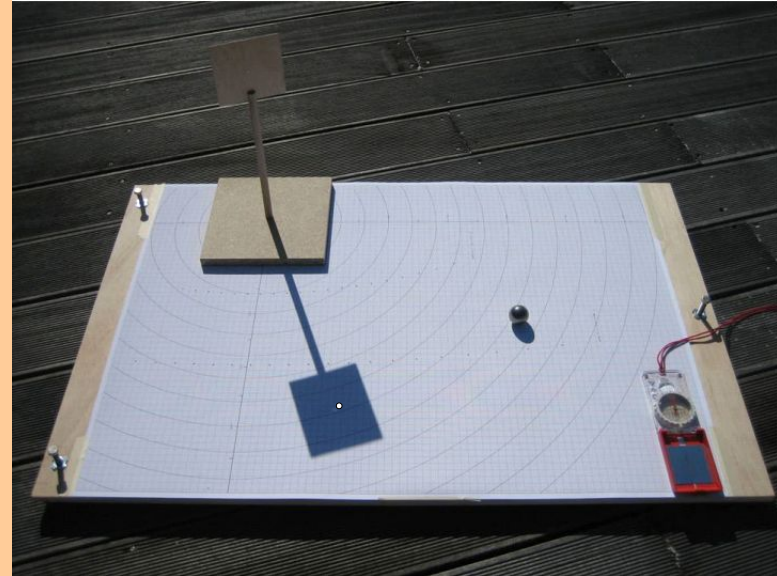
The Analemma

Sun at given **clock time** for a year



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Shadow Stick Astronomy



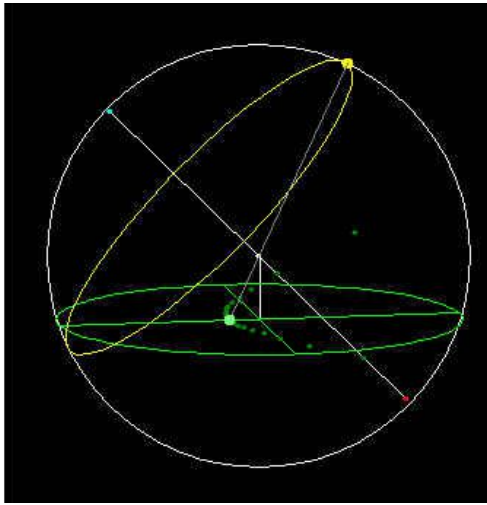
Mark time

Trace path

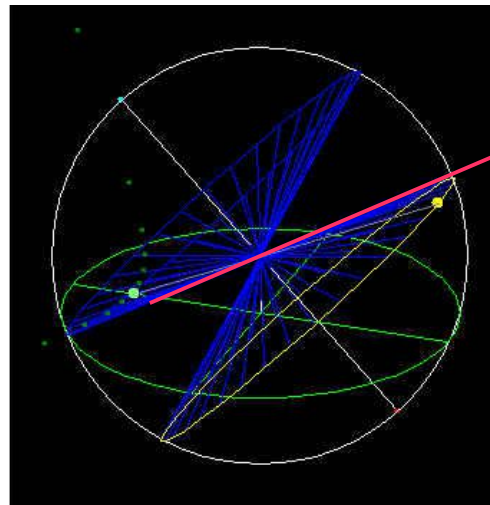
Measure altitude and azimuth

Find Location

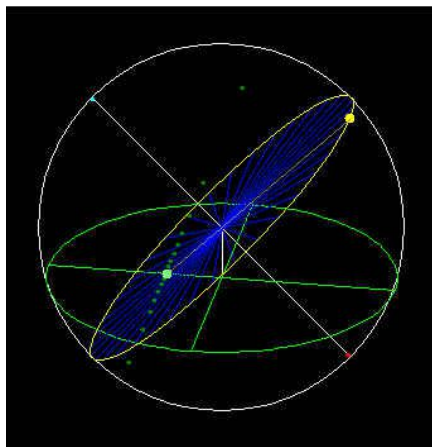
Sun Traces Declination Lines



Summer



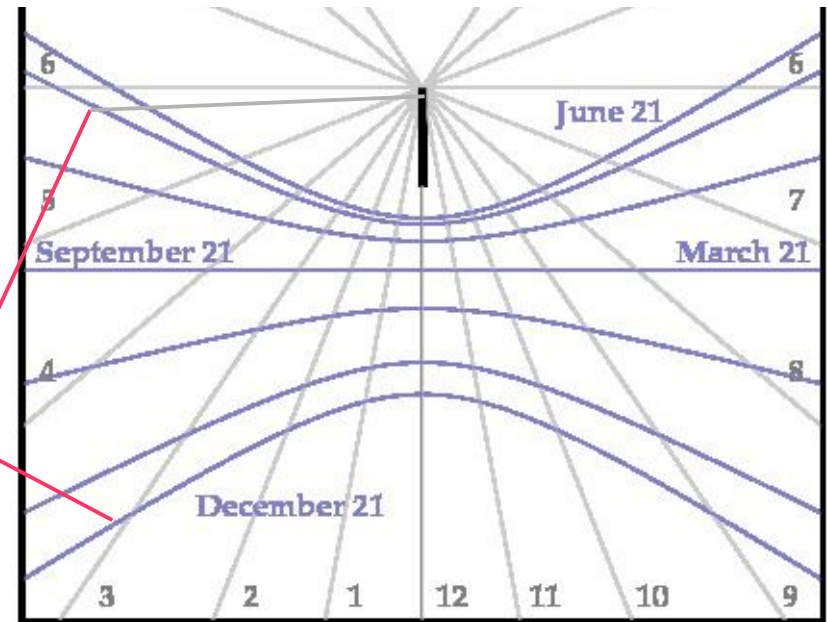
Winter



Equinoxes

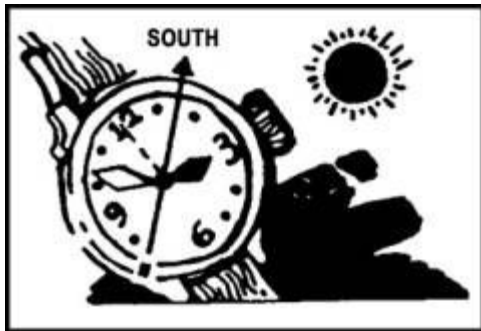
**Shadow of point
traces hyperbola*
for each
day/declination**

Cone cut by plane



Primitive Direction Finding

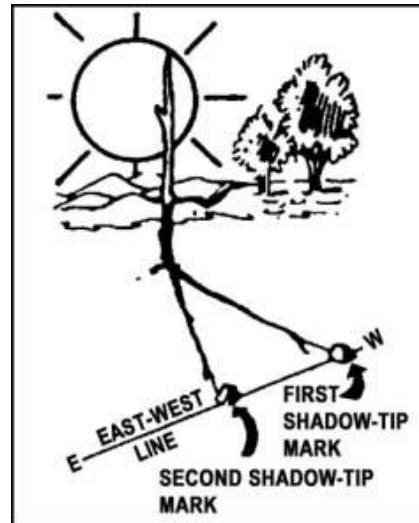
Watch Method



Assumes

- watch gives solar time
- azimuth of 15 deg/hour

Two Point Method



When do pairs of points show E-W?

