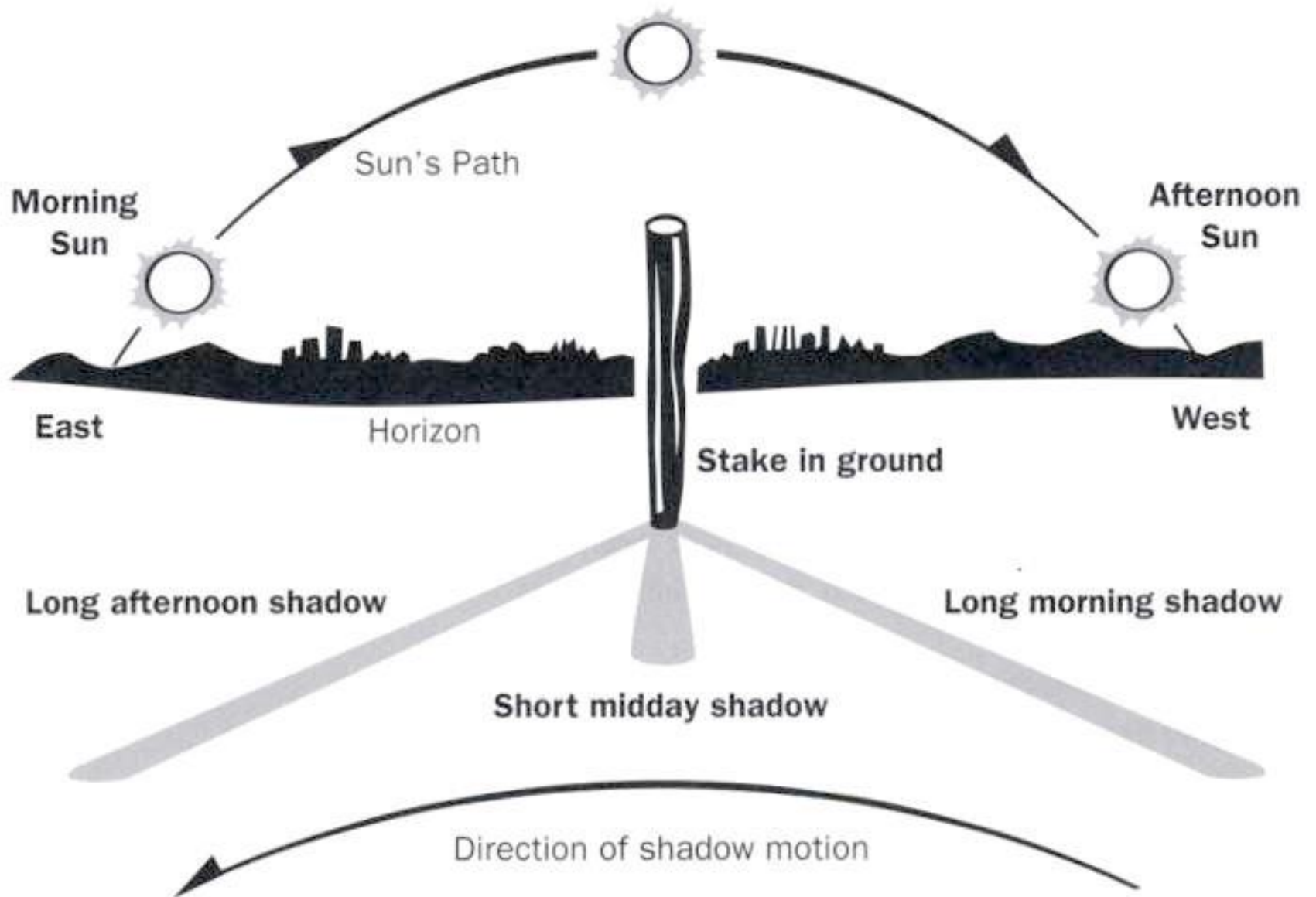




Due South on Meridian



Sun's Path

Morning Sun

Afternoon Sun

East

Horizon

West

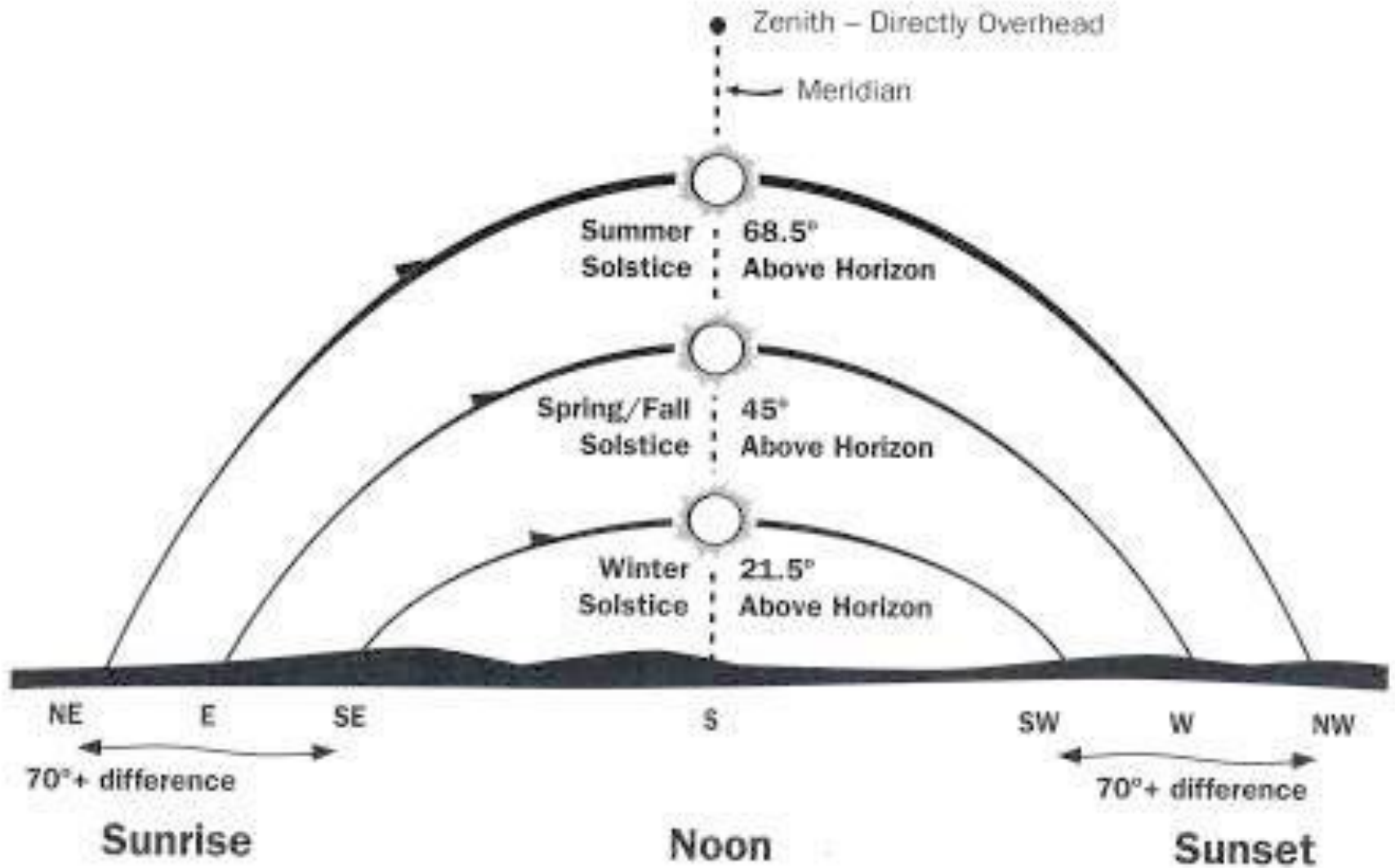
Stake in ground

Long afternoon shadow

Long morning shadow

Short midday shadow

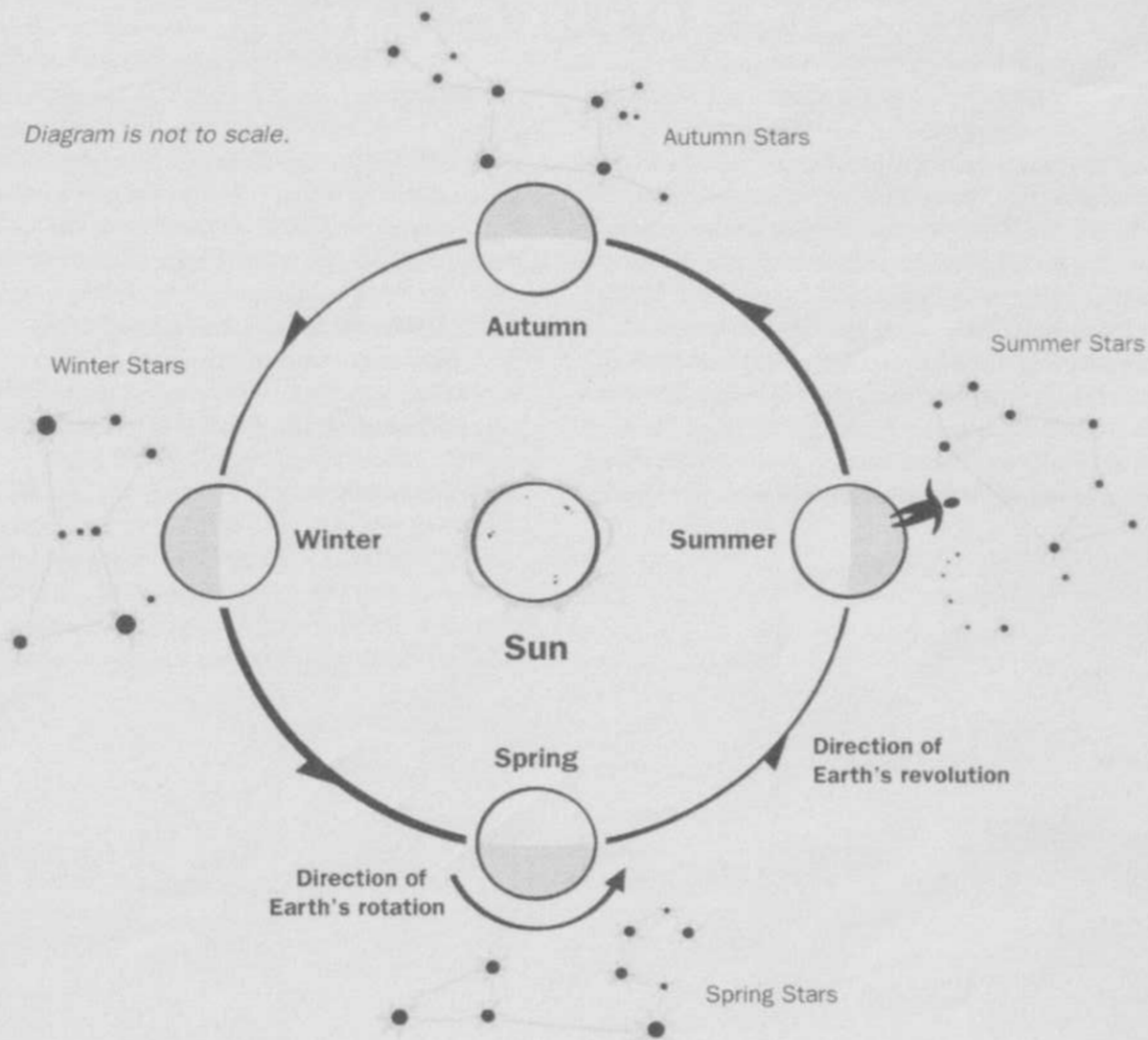
Direction of shadow motion



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SEASONS IN THE STARS

Diagram is not to scale.





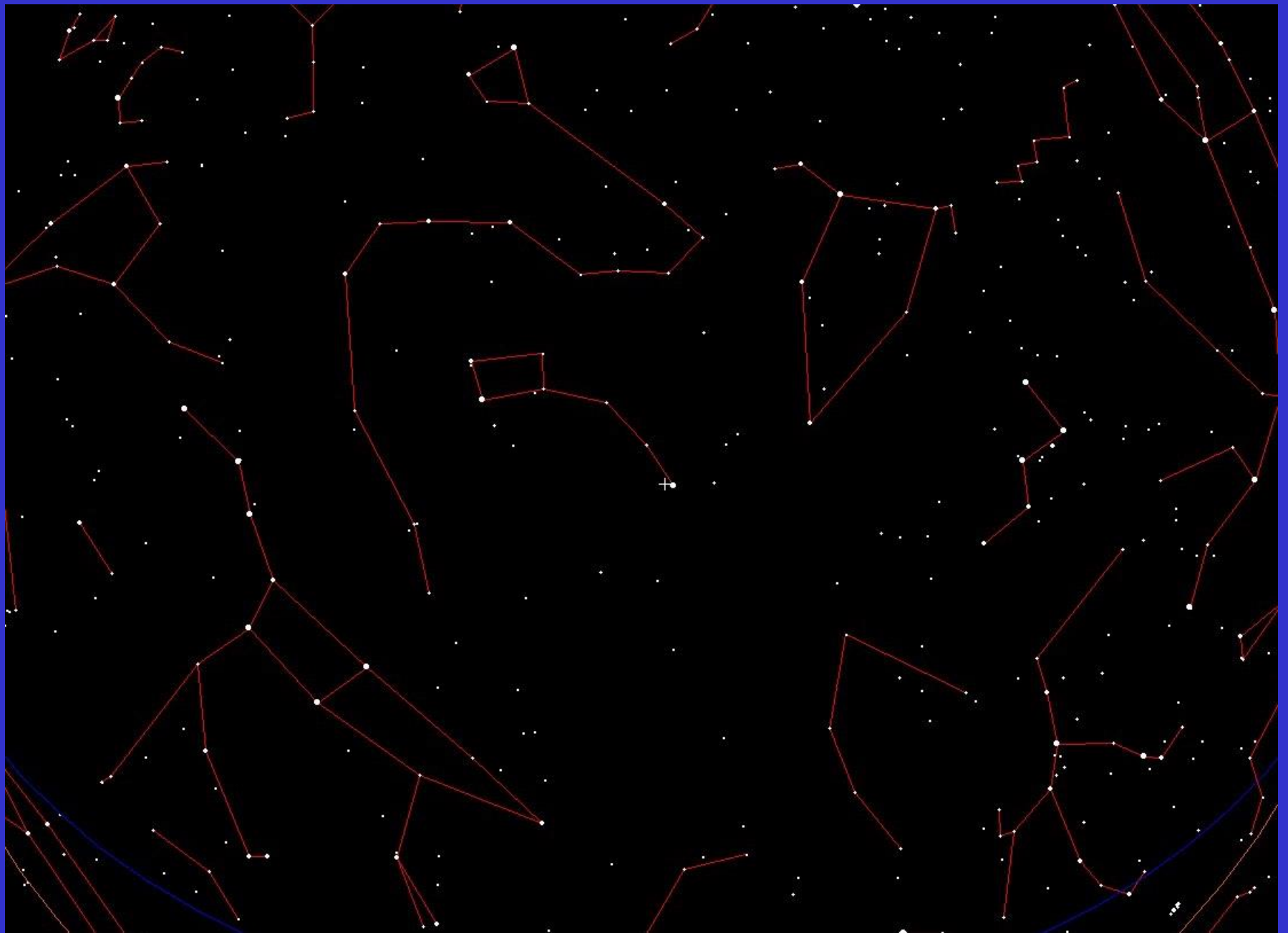
Direction of
Moon's Orbital Path

South

Southwest

West





The Evening Sky Map

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Sky Calendar – May 2026



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- Full Moon at 17:24 UT.
 - Moon near Antares at 1h UT (morning sky). Occultation visible from Antarctica, Argentina, Chile and Bolivia.
 - Moon at apogee (farthest from Earth) at 22h UT (distance 405,839km; angular size 29.4').
 - Eta Aquariid meteor shower peaks. Most active for 7 days around this date. Associated with Comet Halley. Very fast, bright meteors, up to 50 per hour. Best seen from the tropics and southern hemisphere a few hours before dawn. In 2026 a waning gibbous Moon will adversely affect the visibility of this shower.
 - Last Quarter Moon at 21:13 UT.
 - Moon near Saturn at 18h UT (morning sky). Mag. 0.9.
 - Mercury at superior conjunction with the Sun at 14h UT (not visible). The innermost planet passes into the evening sky.
 - Moon near Mars at 22h UT (27° from Sun, morning sky). Mag. 1.2.
 - New Moon at 20:02 UT. Start of lunation 1279.
 - Moon at perigee (closest to Earth) at 13:45 UT (distance 358,075km; angular size 33.4').
 - Moon near Venus at 3h UT (evening sky). Mag. -4.0.
 - Moon, Venus and M35 within 3.7° circle at 5h UT (33° from Sun, evening sky). Mag. -4.0.
 - Moon near Jupiter at 15h UT (evening sky). Mag. -1.9.
 - Venus 0.76° N of M35 cluster at 1h UT (evening sky).
 - Moon near Beehive Cluster (M44) at 17h UT (evening sky).
 - Venus at northernmost declination (25.1°) at 18h UT.
 - Moon near Regulus at 5h UT (evening sky). Occultation visible from parts of Oceania.
 - First Quarter Moon at 11:11 UT.
 - Moon near Spica at 14h UT (evening sky).
 - Moon near Antares at 7h UT (midnight sky). Occultation visible from Chile, Argentina, eastern Australia and New Zealand.
 - Full Moon at 8:46 UT. A "Blue Moon" – the second Full Moon in a month.
- More sky events and links at <http://Skymaps.com/skycalendar/>
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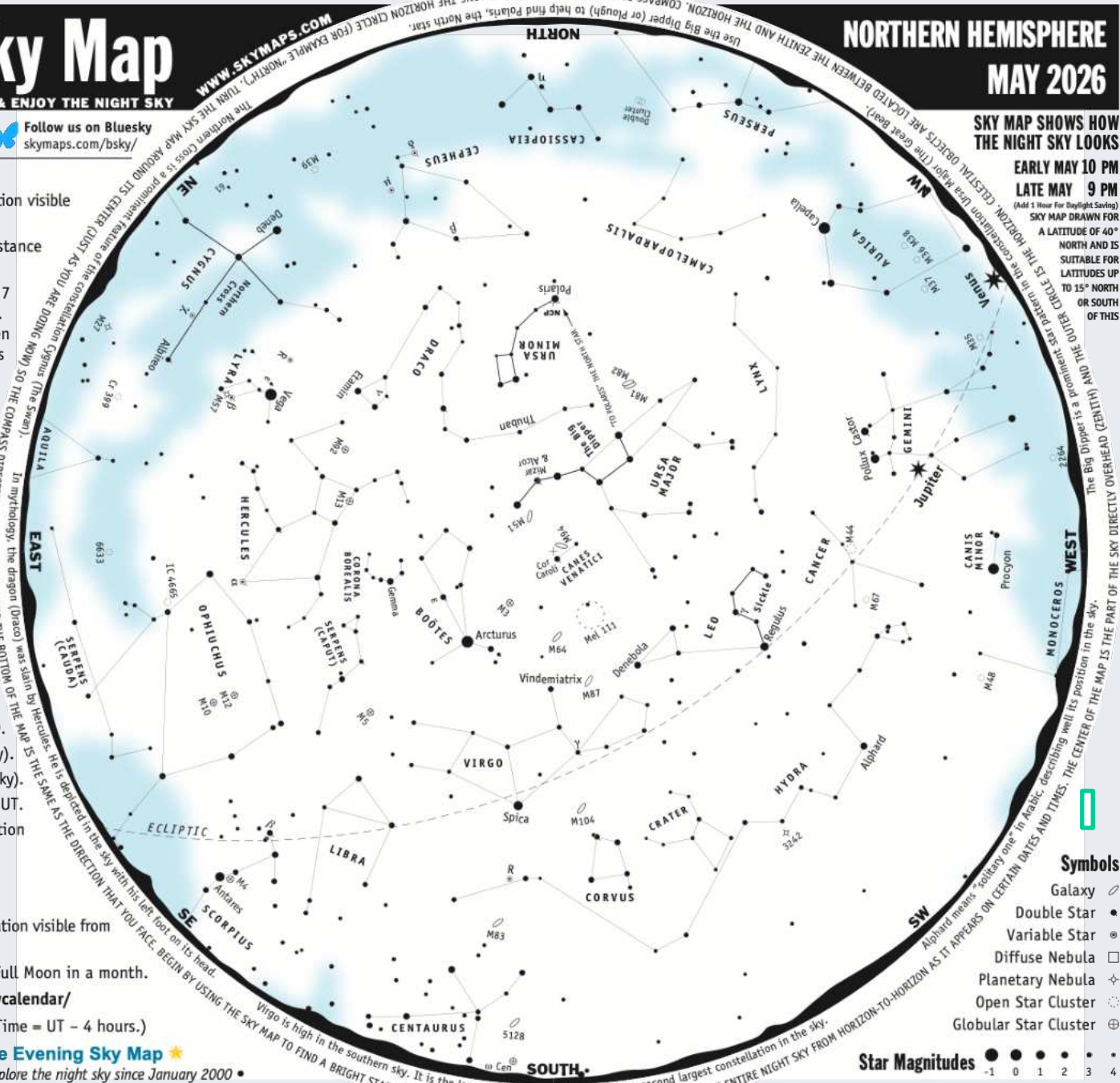
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE MAY 2026

SKY MAP SHOWS HOW THE NIGHT SKY LOOKS

EARLY MAY 10 PM

LATE MAY 9 PM

(Add 1 Hour For Daylight Savings)
SKY MAP DRAWN FOR A LATITUDE OF 40° NORTH AND IS SUITABLE FOR LATITUDES UP TO 15° NORTH OR SOUTH OF THIS



Symbols

- Galaxy
- Double Star
- Variable Star
- Diffuse Nebula
- Planetary Nebula
- Open Star Cluster
- Globular Star Cluster

Star Magnitudes -1 0 1 2 3 4

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