



2020 April Celestial Timings

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Why we have April Fool's <https://cayelincastell.com/why-do-we-have-april-fools/>

Short form is it had to do with a Calendar change. Longer story at the link above including origins of the other months and their names. AND as already mentioned Easter Sunday is April 12 providing us with an opportunity to begin consciously resurrecting our crumbling world?

Happy Easter on Sunday, April 12 this year. Ancient cultures around the planet including the Christian observance of Easter has marked the spring season for eons of time with high ceremony and celebration.
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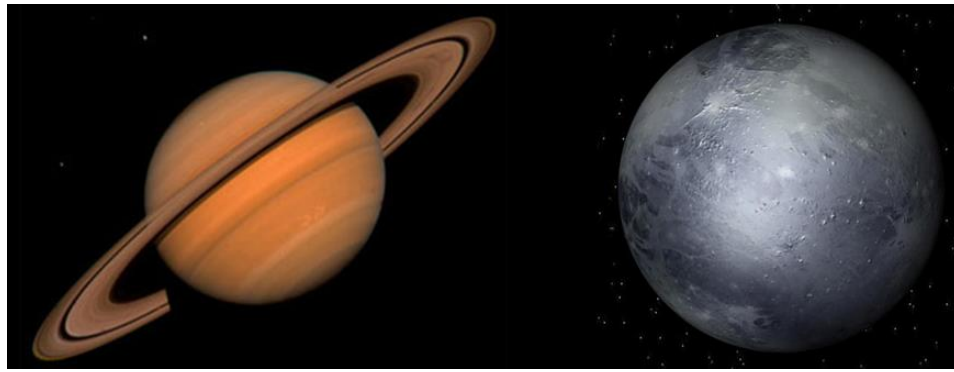
This is a potent time of year to find ways to connect with the seasonal energy in ways that work for you.

Some will find their family traditions help them to remember their connection to the Earth and to Great Spirit. Others will find it is time to create their own traditions and ways to honor this time. Connecting to your heart knowing and remembering we are in relationship to the Earth is the leading edge of working with this time. This means that no one tradition, old or new, is better than any other. The key is to follow our hearts and engage the traditions and practices that inspire feelings of love and connection with Great Mystery.



Easter Sunday from 2020 to 2049								
April	12	2020	April	21	2030	April	01	2040
April	04	2021	April	13	2031	April	21	2041
April	17	2022	March	28	2032	April	06	2042
April	09	2023	April	17	2033	March	29	2043
March	31	2024	April	09	2034	April	17	2044
April	25	2025	March	25	2035	April	09	2045
April	05	2026	April	13	2036	March	25	2046
March	28	2027	April	05	2037	April	14	2047
April	16	2028	April	25	2038	April	05	2048
April	01	2029	April	10	2039	April	18	2049

Saturn Pluto and the Global Pandemic



The Global Pandemic, affecting all our lives, is currently the biggest thing in our collective awareness. Here is an article I wrote about **Saturn Pluto and The Corona Virus Gift** <https://cayelincastell.com/the-corona-virus-a-gift/> that explores some of the historic connections to what happens when Pluto and Saturn come together. Pandemics is one of the ways this combination manifests as something that gets our attention. With a new table on Corona Virus deaths and Seasonal Flu (and other causes of death that far outstrip the Corona Virus) from January 1 to March 25, 2020. Meaning you are far more likely to die from the seasonal flu than the Corona Virus.

Yes, this Corona Virus pandemic is an event beyond our control. The only thing we have control over is our response and our willingness to be aware and notice how this brings up the places within us that feel disempowered, where we are at the affect of something beyond our control that is dismantling the old, no longer sustainable, forms. Yes, there are forces that may have planned this either for the nefarious or constructive reasons or both???

As I write this (late March) the United States government has passed a bill to help out financially. It is unlikely it will be enough to help those who need it through this precarious time but its something and perhaps a start of something more? Some are affected health wise, others financially and some will be affected by both.

I imagine everyone has been affected by this virus in a personal way. For me, several events I was either a participant in or co-facilitating have been postponed or outright cancelled. This means I am feeling the financial effect as I am sure many are. Our opportunity is to stay in the flow of love – hence why I love this song I heard at the end of March and it so uplifted my energy I thought I would share it as a theme song to raise our vibration because as I love to remind myself - LOVE is the answer to our questions around how to navigate these crazy times. Plus, it takes me back to the year I turned 20...🥰 https://youtu.be/J4Bl_VQ2inM The lyrics are in the video link and also here:

"Let Your Love Flow"

There's a reason for the sunshine sky
And there's a reason why I'm feelin' so high
Must be the season when that love light shines
All around us

So let that feelin' grab you deep inside
And send you reelin' where your love can't hide
And then go stealin' through the moonlit nights
With your lover

Just let your love flow like a mountain stream
And let your love grow with the smallest of dreams
And let your love show and you'll know what I mean
It's the season

Let your love fly like a bird on a wing
And let your love bind you to all living things
And let your love shine and you'll know what I mean
That's the reason

There's a reason for the warm sweet nights
And there's a reason for the candle lights
Must be the season when those love rites shine
All around us

So let that wonder take you into space
And lay you under its loving embrace
Just feel the thunder as it warms your face
You can't hold back

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Shelter In Place and Social Distancing

This is our opportunity to do our part to stop the spread of the Virus. I already work from home so that has less of impact on me than it may on many of you. My four grown children are all affected by the closing of schools, offices, restaurants, bars and borders impacting their work and financial wherewithal. So even if you are not feeling concern for your own situation you may have concern those around you who are being impacted by this.

Pondering our Role:

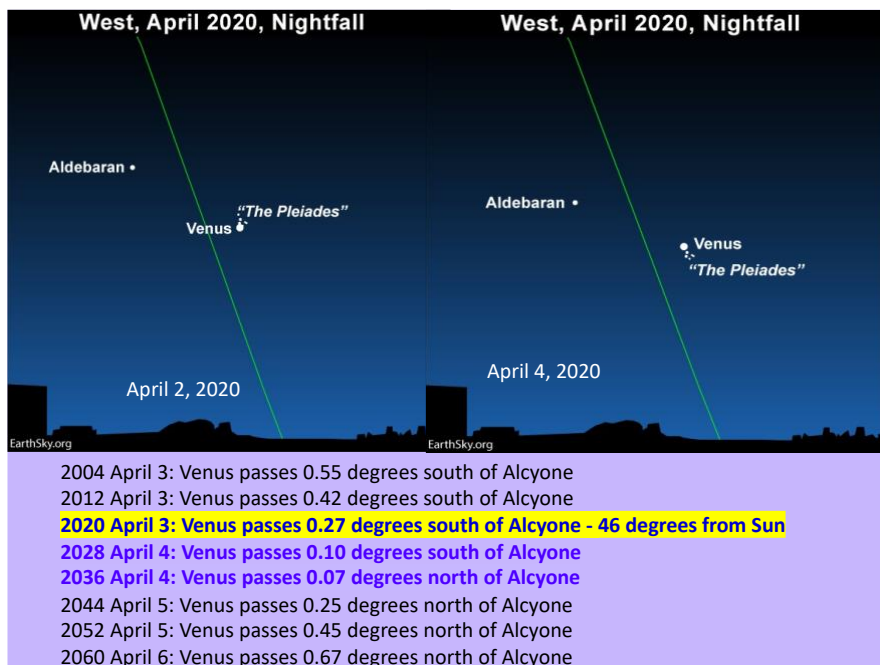
I am asking myself how I can be part of the solution and movement forward rather than going into panic and fear about all the losses I have already experienced. I have been practicing my mantra (shared in the article) when fear starts to enter my field to bring myself back to the higher vibration of love - mentioned in the article - because this is our opportunity to be conscious of what we are putting into the collective consciousness through what we are thinking, feeling, saying and doing. Here again is the link with more insights: <https://cayelincastell.com/the-corona-virus-a-gift/>

Venus and the Pleiades

Perhaps one of the most stunning events in April is the close passage of Venus by the magical asterism known as the Pleiades <https://cayelincastell.com/behenian-stars/> exact on April 3, 2020.

As shown in the star maps to the right Venus is visible sitting super close to the Pleiades April 2 and April 4 with the closest pass on April 3 for observers from the Americas.

I got to see Venus with the Pleiades in 2012 and was stunned to see how close they were. To me, it looked like Venus was sitting inside the Pleiades and will likely look very much the same on April 3 of 2020.



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The 2020 close conjunction is possible because Venus is Out of Bounds from Apr 01, 2020 at 11:14 pm PDT until Jun 01, 2020 at 04:48 pm PDT, meaning that Venus is at its greatest declination while passing the Pleiades and this is something that can only happen every 8 years. This link has more on Out of Bounds Planets <https://cayelincastell.com/wild-cards-or-the-out-of-bounds-planets/>

More on Venus with Pleiades <https://cayelincastell.com/venus-and-the-pleiades-2020/> with 9 minute video
Find out more about Pleiades Star Lore <https://cayelincastell.com/the-pleiades/>

The Moon passes the Pleiades once each month about every 27.3 days. This is happening on April 25 most exact at 12:52 am PDT.

Venus is brightening from an already bright magnitude -4.5 at the beginning of April to its maximum brightness of -4.7 by the end of April. During time the interval between sunset and Venus set lessens from four hours to less than 3 1/2 hours for those around 40° North latitude.

And the altitude of Venus decreases from its maximum of 46° from the Sun last month on March 24. Beginning April around 43° and ending the month around 36° from the Sun. This means Venus will appear to be dropping back toward the western horizon over this month.

Every year Venus passes by the star cluster the Pleiades. This year just so happens to be the closest passage of Venus in eight years on April 3 as already mentioned and is just 1/4° south east of Alcyone the brightest star in this cluster.

This is an even closer than what occurred in 2012. It will be an even closer passage in 2028. Definitely worth checking out as it'll be eight years before we will have another chance to see Venus this close - literally appearing inside the Pleiades cluster.

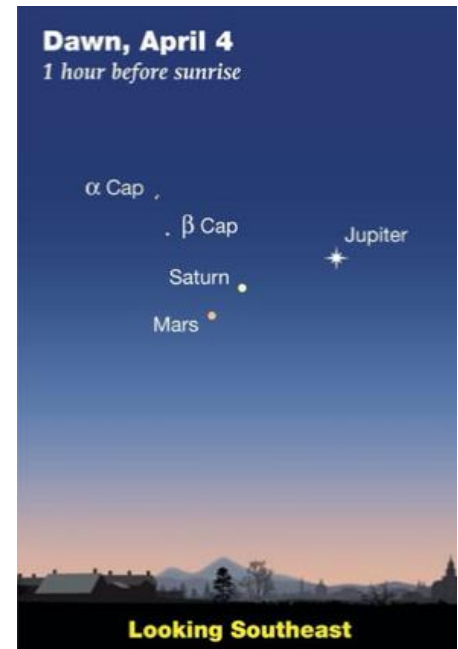
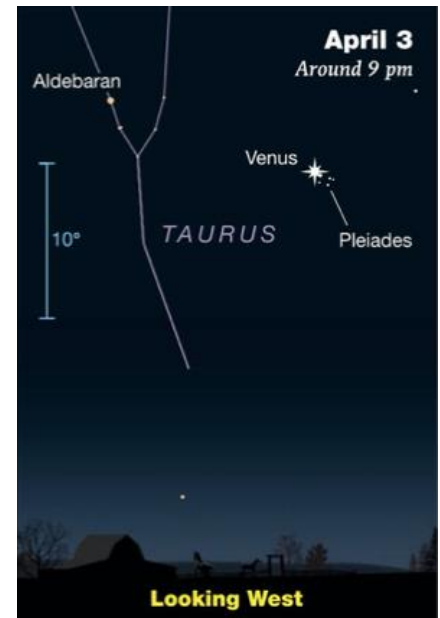
It is interesting to note that Venus orbits the Sun almost exactly 13 times every eight years. This 8:13 ratio means that Earth and Venus return to nearly the exact same position in their orbits every eight years, hence why this event now.

Fingers crossed for clear skies on April 3 to see the closest pass but even if you can't see it that night Venus will be within 2° of the Pleiades from March 31 through April 6. The Crown Chakra Gate of Venus was March 27, 28 and 29 with the Moon and Venus on March 28.

Jupiter is shining at -2.1 magnitude brightening to a -2.3 by months end and is rising 3 1/2 hours before the Sun followed by Saturn and Mars about a half hour later. Mars has passed Jupiter and Saturn as April begins though Mars was just 1° from Saturn on March 31.

Mars and Saturn are nearly the same brightness at the beginning of the month with Saturn at +0.7 magnitude brightening to +0.6 magnitude by end of April.

Mars is at +0.8 magnitude brightening more than Saturn to a +0.4 by the end of the month. If you get a chance to see Saturn and Mars in the morning sky while they are so close together notice their color. Mars (red) is moving quickly away from Saturn (white) this month starting the month around 1° away and moving to 19° away by the end of April.



Jupiter and Saturn are inching closer - coming within 5° this month. At the end of April Jupiter is rising around 1:30 AM and Saturn is rising around 1:50 AM. Mars is rising about 90 minutes later.

Jupiter on April 15 and Saturn on April 21 reach their square to the Sun (meaning they are 90° west of the Sun rising before the Sun).

Moon Magic

April 7 Full Moon is the closest Full Moon to Earth (perigee) in 2020 just about 8 1/2 hours before it reaches full.

The Perigee Full Moon is known for activating weather patterns, extra high tides, and other The perigee full moon is known for activating weather patterns, extra high tides, and other unexpected features such as earthquakes and volcanic activity.

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April 14 The Last Quarter Moon is to the right of Jupiter on April 14 and below Saturn on April 15.

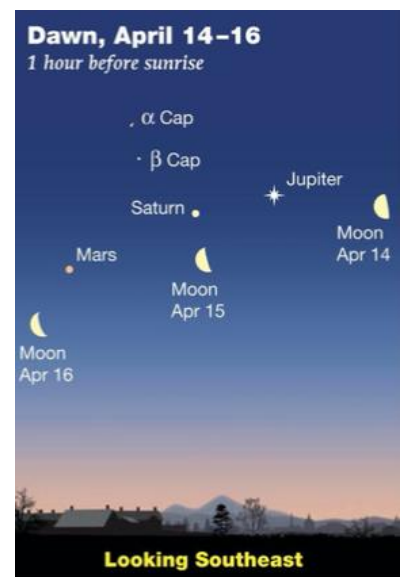
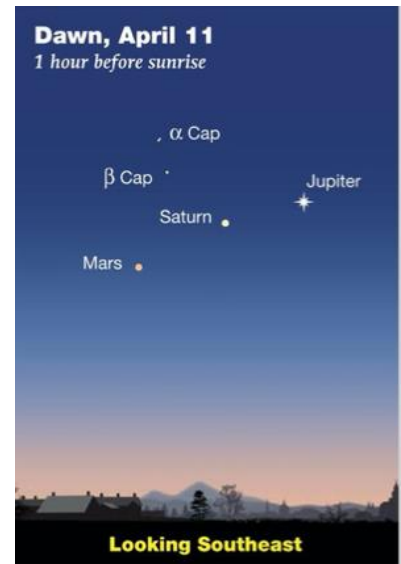
April 16 the Moon is to the lower left of Mars.

After the April New Moon it will return to the evening sky passing the Hyades is to the right of Aldebaran on April 25 and sitting far to the left of Venus the following night presaging some of the amazing Venus events that will be happening in June 2020.

Lyrid meteor shower (star map on last page) features about 20 meteors per hour on the peak nights of April 21-22. This year features a moonless sky five and creates ideal conditions to see these meteors from the debris trail of the comet Bacher. This meteor shower is the one that often produces shooting stars.

The first recorded observations of this meteor shower date back to 687 BC making this the oldest recorded meteor shower.

Juno is reaching opposition to the Sun on April 2. Shining at 9.5 magnitude it is not visible without a telescope. This is the center point of a long transit of Juno through the sign of Libra and the constellation of the Virgin Priestess. Juno was discovered by astronomer Carl Harding German astronomer Carl Harding In 1804 at a time that asteroids were still considered planets. Around 1850 asteroids were reclassified as minor planets.



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The bright stars of winter are still prominent in the evening April sky. Looking west 1 hour after sunset is Orion, the Hunter, and his shimmering belt of three main stars. Orange Betelgeuse, the shoulder of Orion the Hunter, shines upper left of Orion's 3 distinct belt stars and blue white Rigel shines below.

In early April 2020 Venus is to the right of Orion. Venus is slowing her movement through the stars so will be in this part of the sky returning to Aldebaran by June 09 when a new Venus Cycle begins.

The Gemini Twins, the bright stars Castor and slightly brighter Pollux, shine to the left of Orion. From Orion's belt, looking down and to the left is Sirius, the brightest fixed star in the sky. Sirius marks the nose of the Greater Dog, Canis Major, the faithful companion to Orion.

Look for the Big Dipper high in the northeast about one to two hours after sunset. Following the two ends stars marking the bowl of the dipper, these are the pointer stars Dubhe and Merak that point to Polaris, the current North Star. Polaris marks the end of the handle of the Little Dipper and is also a direct indicator of latitude. This means Polaris is the same number of degrees above the horizon as the degrees of the observer's latitude.

For example, in Tucson, Arizona Polaris is about 30 degrees (one fist at arms length measures 10 degrees, so 3 fists) above the northern horizon. Polaris does not move from the Earth's perspective because the Earth's north pole axis is pointed toward Polaris and it is actually the Earth that is rotating through space causing the stars to appear to rotate around Polaris.

This is why Polaris is one of the primary stars for navigating at this time because it always remains at almost exactly the same point over the Northern Hemisphere landscape, day and night, and is always there to mark due north. Coming back to the Big Dipper and following the curve of the Dipper's handle across the sky it is arcing around to one of the brightest stars known as Arcturus. Drawing a straight line from Arcturus it is possible to "spike" to Spica as these two stars traveling fairly close together.

The Milky Way is Prominent in the Morning!

The Milky Way shines brightly in the April pre-dawn around 4:45 a.m. and in late April at around 3:45 a.m.

Reminder: All the events listed in the Celestial Timings have a minimum three-day impact including the day before and the day after. In many cases, the planetary effects extend into weeks, months and even years. Noting the sign and degree of the aspects and planets helps you to know if these events are directly affecting your own natal chart.

The Celestial Timings then are a great guide to sensing into how these energies affect us collectively and also when to pay extra close attention to the personal initiations we all go through.

All our life activities are structured by the day, month, year cycles but we forget that these cycles are founded on astronomical data used by astrologers since very ancient times. ~ Cycles of Becoming by Alexander Ruperti



Sunrise and Moon set in Tucson - find your location

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Tucson, Arizona

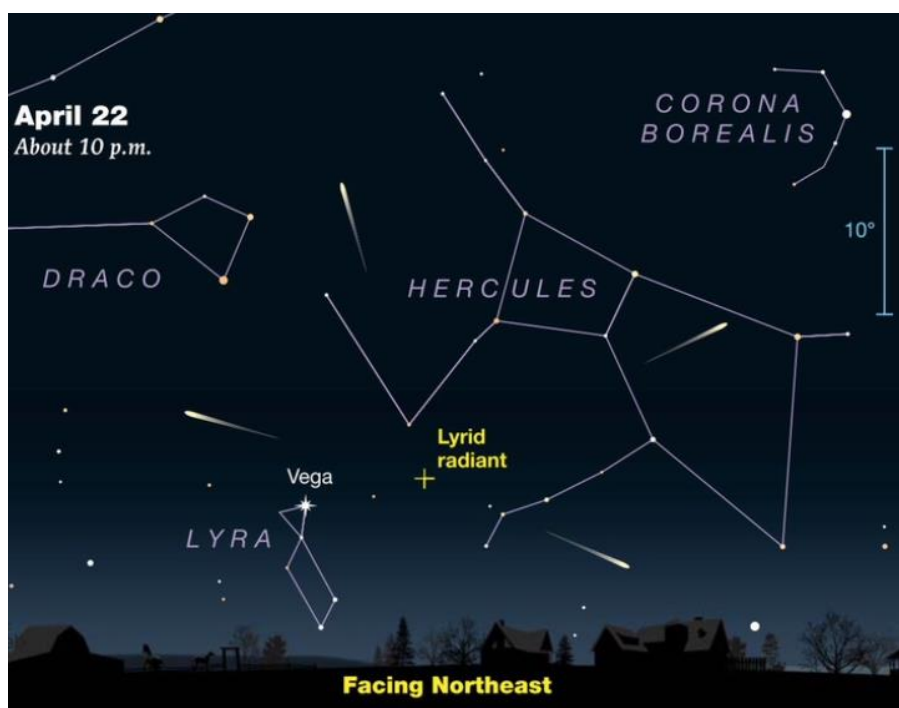
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April

Apr 3 2020	Venus	00°Ge00' D	enters	Gemini	00°Ge00' D	10:10:27 AM	PDT
Apr 3 2020	Mercury	19°Pi23' D	Cnj	Neptune	19°Pi23' D	6:14:25 PM	PDT
Apr 4 2020	Venus	00°Ge54' D	Tri	Saturn	00°Aq54' D	10:09:21 AM	PDT
Apr 4 2020	Jupiter	24°Cp53' D	Cnj	Pluto	24°Cp53' D	7:44:46 PM	PDT
Apr 7 2020	Mars	05°Aq32' D	Sqr	Uranus	05°Ta32' D	11:50:20 AM	PDT
Apr 7 2020	Mercury	24°Pi55' D	Sxt	Pluto	24°Cp55' D	2:27:37 PM	PDT
Apr 7 2020	Mercury	25°Pi13' D	Sxt	Jupiter	25°Cp13' D	7:19:58 PM	PDT
Apr 8 2020	Mars	06°Aq11' D	Sxt	Chiron	06°Ar11' D	10:23:37 AM	PDT
Apr 10 2020	Venus	06°Ge19' D	Sxt	Chiron	06°Ar19' D	6:39:19 PM	PDT
Apr 10 2020	Mercury	00°Ar00' D	enters	Aries	00°Ar00' D	9:48:03 PM	PDT
Apr 11 2020	Mercury	01°Ar16' D	Sxt	Saturn	01°Aq16' D	4:57:49 PM	PDT
Apr 14 2020	Sun	24°Ar58' D	Sqr	Pluto	24°Cp58' D	4:06:34 AM	PDT
Apr 14 2020	Mercury	06°Ar33' D	Cnj	Chiron	06°Ar33' D	10:02:00 PM	PDT
Apr 15 2020	Sun	25°Ar56' D	Sqr	Jupiter	25°Cp56' D	3:58:31 AM	PDT
Apr 17 2020	Mercury	11°Ar47' D	Sxt	Venus	11°Ge47' D	10:36:06 PM	PDT
Apr 18 2020	Mercury	13°Ar26' D	Sxt	Mars	13°Aq26' D	8:55:03 PM	PDT
Apr 19 2020	Sun	00°Ta00' D	Cnj	Taurus	00°Ta00' D	7:45:21 AM	PDT
Apr 20 2020	Sun	01°Ta38' D	Sqr	Saturn	01°Aq38' D	11:59:58 PM	PDT
Apr 25 2020	Mercury	25°Ar00' D	Sqr	Pluto	25°Cp00' D	12:35:40 AM	PDT
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Apr 27 2020	Mercury	00°Ta00' D	enters	Taurus	00°Ta00' D	12:52:54 PM	PDT
Apr 28 2020	Mercury	01°Ta50' D	Sqr	Saturn	01°Aq50' D	10:27:39 AM	PDT
Apr 30 2020	Mercury	06°Ta52' D	Cnj	Uranus	06°Ta52' D	8:40:35 PM	PDT

MOON PHASES						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

 FIRST QUARTER	 FULL MOON
April 1 10:21 UT	April 8 02:35 UT
 LAST QUARTER	 NEW MOON
April 14 22:56 UT	April 23 02:26 UT
 FIRST QUARTER	
April 30 20:38 UT	
DISTANCES	
Perigee 356,907 km	April 7, 18 ^h UT Diameter 33' 29"
Apogee 406,462 km	April 20, 19 ^h UT Diameter 29' 24"



Lyrids peak April 21, 22 near Vega after midnight. As with nearly all meteor showers, it is not necessary to look at the radiant (where the meteors appear to originate from) to best see the shower. Meteors can appear almost anywhere in the sky.

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