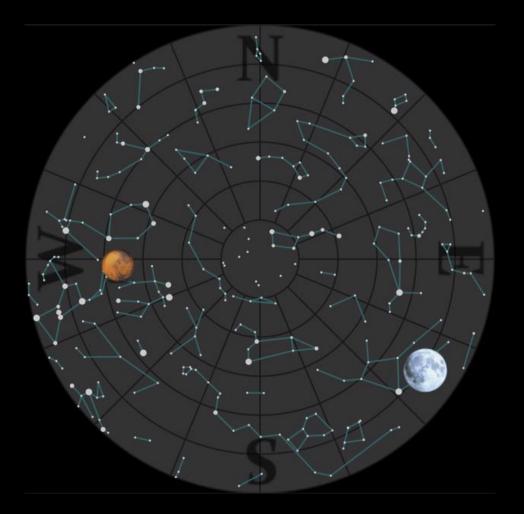
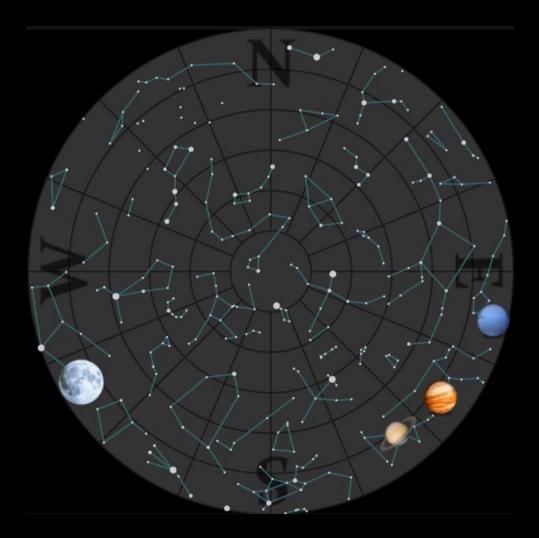
## What's Up?

#### 2021 April 26 to May 24

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#### •The Sky 21:00 Tonight



#### •The Sky 05:00 Tomorrow

# Inner Solar System

- Sun
  - Declination increasing, solstice June 21, aphelion July 05
- Mercury
  - Superior conjunction was on April 19, current elongation  $7^{\circ}$
  - In evening sky, greatest eastern elongation May 17 (22  $^{\circ}$  )
  - One of the best observing opportunities of this year
  - Today, rise 05:50, transit 13:20, set 20:55
- Venus
  - Superior conjunction was on March 26, current elongation 8°
  - In the evening sky with greatest eastern elongation October 29  $(47^\circ\ )$
  - Today, rise 06:00, transit 13:20, set 20:50

# Earth

- Time
  - 00:00UT ≈ 14:15ST today
  - Today, sunrise 05:35, transit 12:55, sunset 20:15
  - End of period, sunrise 04:50, transit 12:50, sunset 21:00
- Moon
  - • Full, 27 (Seed or sprouting grass Moon)
  - East Quarter, 03
  - 😨 New, 11
  - 🚯 First Quarter, 19
- Meteors
  - η Aquarids, April 19-May 28, ZHR at max 40

# Occultations

- Lunar
  - θ Ophiuchi mag 3.3, 30 April
  - Disappearance bright limb 01:46 (UT), reappearance dark limb 02:56 (UT)
  - ε Geminorium, mag 3.1, 15 May
  - Disappearance dark limb 22:37 (UT)

# Outer Solar System

- Mars
  - Solar conjunction October 8. Today, rise 08:10, transit 16:40, set 01:15
- Jupiter
  - Opposition August 20. Today, rise 03:45, transit 08:40, set 13:30
- Saturn
  - Opposition August 2. Today, rise 03:10, transit 07:40, set 12:10
- Uranus
  - Solar conjunction April 30, opposition November 4. Today, rise 05:50, transit 13:10, set 20:30
- Neptune
  - Opposition September 14. Today, rise 04:30, transit 10:15, set 15:50

## **OASI** Events

• Only routine meetings

### Societies Events

- Physical Events Cancelled or Postponed due to Coronavirus
- Virtual Meetings or Webinars