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time systems

All the times given in this booklet are South African Standard Time. This is also the Standard Time in use in Rhodesia, Zambia, Lesotho, Botswana and Mozambique.

Local Mean Time

Local mean time is a uniform time system taken from the local meridian. South African Standard Time (S.A.S.T.) is the local mean time for the meridian 30° , or two hours, east of Greenwich. The local mean time for points not on the 30° E meridian can be found by applying a longitude correction to S.A.S.T. as given in Table I.

TABLE I
Reduction From S.A.S.T. To Local Mean Time

Bloemfontein	- 15 ^m	Johannesburg	- 08 ^m
Bulawayo	- 06	Kimberley	- 21
Cape Town	- 46	Kitwe	- 07
Durban	+ 04	Port Elizabeth	- 18
East London	- 08	Pretoria	- 07
Grahamstown	- 14	Salisbury	+ 04

Conversely to obtain S.A.S.T. from local mean time, the same table can be used with the sign reversed. For example, at Johannesburg, local mean noon (i.e. 12h 00m local mean time) occurs at 12h 08m S.A.S.T.

Local Apparent Solar Time

This is the local time taken directly from the Sun (i.e. the time shown by a sundial). At noon in this system a shadow cast by the Sun will lie exactly in a north-south line.

The Equation of Time

Owing to the fact that the Earth does not go round the Sun with uniform circular motion in the plane of the Earth's equator, the local apparent solar time differs from the mean solar time by a quantity which is usually referred to as the "Equation of Time". The Equation of Time must be added to the mean solar time to give the apparent solar time. Its effect is shown in the second column of Table II which gives the S.A.S.T. of apparent noon, that is, of the Sun's transit over the 30° E meridian.

For example, on January 1, the S.A.S.T. of apparent noon at Longitude 30° E is 12.03; thus the S.A.S.T. of apparent noon at Johannesburg is 12.11, found by applying the longitude correction of Table I with the sign reversed.

Sidereal Time

For many purposes sidereal time, that is local time as measured by the stars, is extremely useful. The sidereal time can be found by applying the S.A.S.T. (on a 24 hour basis) to the corresponding "Sidereal Time at 0 hours S.A.S.T." which is given in the third column of Table II, and correcting for longitude by mean of Table I. A further small correction is needed to allow for the four-minute difference in length between the solar and sidereal days.

The correction is +1m for times between 03.00 and 09.00 S.A.S.T., +2m between 09.00 and 15.00, +3m between 15.00 and 21.00, and +4m between 21.00 and 23.59.

Example: Find the sidereal time at 8.15 p.m. on November 7 at Durban

Sidereal time at 00h 00m S.A.S.T. on November 7	3 04
S.A.S.T. elapsed	20 15
	<hr/>
	23 19
Correction for longitude	-04
Interval correction	-03
	<hr/>
Required sidereal time	23 26

Had this final result exceeded 24 hours, then of course 24 hours would have had to be subtracted.

The position of a star in the sky is fixed by its right ascension and declination, much as the position of a point on the Earth is fixed by its longitude and latitude. Latitude and declination are always measured in degrees north or south of the equator. Longitude and right ascension are measured either in degrees or in time, 360° being equal to 24 hours (1° equals 4 minutes; 15' equals 1 minute). Right ascension is always measured eastwards from the zero celestial meridian, and thus is the equivalent of the longitude measured eastwards from the Greenwich meridian.

The right ascension and declination of any star are the longitude and latitude of the point on the Earth directly beneath it at zero hours sidereal time at Greenwich. Hence the right ascension of a star crossing the local meridian at a particular time is given by the corresponding local sidereal time.

The Julian Day Calendar

For recording the time of variable star observations, the Julian Day calendar is usually used. This numbers the days consecutively from the beginning of the Julian era in 4713 B.C. The Julian day begins at Greenwich mean noon, that is, at 14^h00 (2.00 p.m.) S.A.S.T.

Note

The tabulated data in the table are given at intervals of 10 days. It is necessary to interpolate to find values for intermediate days.

TABLE II

Date 1969	S. A. S. T. of Sun's transit Longitude 30° E			Sidereal Time for Longitude 30° E				
				S.A.S.T. 0 hours		S.A.S.T. 18 hours		
	h.	m.	s.	h.	m.	h.	m.	
January	1	12	03	35	6	42	0	44
	11	12	07	57	7	21	1	24
	21	12	11	22	8	00	2	03
	31	12	13	31	8	40	2	43
February	10	12	14	18	9	19	3	22
	20	12	13	49	9	59	4	02
March	2	12	12	14	10	38	4	41
	12	12	09	51	11	18	5	20
	22	12	06	59	11	57	6	00
April	1	12	03	57	12	36	6	39
	11	12	01	05	13	16	7	19
	21	11	58	44	13	55	7	58
May	1	11	57	04	14	35	8	38
	11	11	56	18	15	14	9	17
	21	11	56	29	15	54	9	56
	31	11	57	33	16	33	10	36
June	10	11	59	17	17	12	11	15
	20	12	01	24	17	52	11	55
	30	12	03	30	18	31	12	34
July	10	12	05	13	19	11	13	14
	20	12	06	15	19	50	13	53
	30	12	06	21	20	29	14	32
August	9	12	05	27	21	09	15	12
	19	12	03	36	21	48	15	51
	29	12	00	56	22	28	16	31
September	8	11	57	42	23	07	17	10
	18	11	54	12	23	47	17	50
	28	11	50	43	0	26	18	29
October	8	11	47	36	1	05	19	08
	18	11	45	14	1	45	19	48
	28	11	43	51	2	24	20	27
November	7	11	43	43	3	04	21	07
	17	11	45	00	3	43	21	46
	27	11	47	37	4	23	22	26
December	7	11	51	27	5	02	23	05
	17	11	56	06	5	41	23	44
	27	12	01	03	6	21	0	24

	CAPE TOWN		DURBAN		BLOEMFONTEIN	
	SUNRISE	SUNSET	SUNRISE	SUNSET	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Jan 1	05 ^h 38 ^m	20 ^h 01 ^m	04 ^h 58 ^m	19 ^h 01 ^m	05 ^h 21 ^m	19 ^h 18 ^m
11	05 46	20 02	05 06	19 02	05 29	19 18
21	05 55	19 59	05 14	19 00	05 37	19 17
Feb 1	06 07	19 52	05 24	18 55	05 46	19 13
11	06 17	19 44	05 32	18 48	05 54	19 06
21	06 26	19 33	05 41	18 39	06 02	18 57
Mar 1	06 33	19 23	05 46	18 30	06 08	18 48
11	06 41	19 11	05 53	18 19	06 13	18 38
21	06 49	18 58	05 59	18 08	06 18	18 27
Apr 1	06 58	18 41	06 06	17 53	06 25	18 13
11	07 04	18 30	06 11	17 43	06 30	18 03
21	07 13	18 17	06 17	17 31	06 35	17 52
May 1	07 20	18 05	06 24	17 22	06 42	17 44
11	07 28	17 57	06 31	17 14	06 49	17 36
21	07 34	17 50	06 36	17 08	06 54	17 30
Jun 1	07 43	17 45	06 43	17 04	07 01	17 27
11	07 48	17 44	06 48	17 03	07 05	17 26
21	07 51	17 44	06 51	17 04	07 08	17 27
Jul 1	07 53	17 48	06 53	17 07	07 10	17 30
11	07 51	17 52	06 51	17 11	07 08	17 34
21	07 47	17 58	06 48	17 16	07 05	17 39
Aug 1	07 39	18 06	06 42	17 22	07 00	17 45
11	07 30	18 13	06 34	17 29	06 53	17 51
21	07 19	18 20	06 24	17 35	06 42	17 55
Sep 1	07 06	18 27	06 12	17 40	06 31	18 01
11	06 52	18 34	06 00	17 46	06 19	18 06
21	06 38	18 41	05 48	17 51	06 07	18 10
Oct 1	06 25	18 48	05 37	17 57	05 57	18 16
11	06 12	18 55	05 25	18 03	05 45	18 22
21	05 58	19 04	05 12	18 09	05 33	18 27
Nov 1	05 46	19 13	05 02	18 17	05 24	18 35
11	05 38	19 23	04 55	18 26	05 17	18 44
21	05 31	19 33	04 49	18 34	05 12	18 52
Dec 1	05 29	19 43	04 48	18 42	05 11	19 00
11	05 28	19 50	04 48	18 50	05 11	19 07
21	05 32	19 57	04 52	18 57	05 15	19 14

The table gives for five typical places in Southern Africa the S.A.S.T. of Sunrise and Sunset, i.e. the times when the upper limb of the Sun, as affected by refraction, is on the horizon. The last three columns give the approximate duration of Twilight at Durban, Bloemfontein and Johannesburg. For Cape Town the durations given must be increased by 2, 4, and 6 minutes for Civil, Nautical and Astronomical Twilight respectively, while for Luanshya they must be decreased by 3, 6, and 9 minutes.

JOHANNESBURG			LUANSHYA		DURATION OF TWILIGHT		
	SUNRISE	SUNSET	SUNRISE	SUNSET	CIVIL	NAUTICAL	ASTRON
Jan 1	05 ^h 18 ^m	19 ^h 04 ^m	05 ^h 44 ^m	18 ^h 38 ^m	27 ^m	59 ^m	94 ^m
11	05 25	19 05	05 50	18 42	27	59	92
21	05 33	19 04	05 55	18 42	26	57	90
Feb 1	05 42	19 00	05 59	18 40	25	55	87
11	05 49	18 55	06 03	18 37	25	54	85
21	05 56	18 47	06 06	18 34	25	53	83
Mar 1	06 00	18 39	06 09	18 31	25	53	81
11	06 06	18 29	06 10	18 25	24	52	80
21	06 11	18 19	06 11	18 18	24	52	79
Apr 1	06 17	18 06	06 12	18 09	24	52	79
11	06 21	17 56	06 13	18 04	24	52	79
21	06 25	17 47	06 14	17 58	24	52	79
May 1	06 31	17 38	06 15	17 53	24	52	80
11	06 37	17 31	06 17	17 50	25	53	81
21	06 41	17 26	06 20	17 48	25	54	83
Jun 1	06 47	17 23	06 23	17 47	25	55	84
11	06 52	17 22	06 26	17 47	25	55	84
21	06 55	17 24	06 28	17 48	26	55	85
Jul 1	06 57	17 27	06 31	17 51	26	55	85
11	06 55	17 30	06 31	17 54	26	55	84
21	06 53	17 35	06 30	17 57	25	54	84
Aug 1	06 48	17 41	06 27	18 00	25	54	83
11	06 41	17 46	06 24	18 01	25	53	81
21	06 32	17 50	06 19	18 02	25	52	80
Sep 1	06 21	17 54	06 13	18 03	24	52	79
11	06 11	17 59	06 05	18 03	24	52	79
21	05 59	18 03	05 57	18 03	24	52	79
Oct 1	05 50	18 08	05 51	18 04	25	52	80
11	05 39	18 12	05 44	18 05	25	52	81
21	05 27	18 17	05 38	18 06	25	54	83
Nov 1	05 19	18 24	05 33	18 09	25	55	85
11	05 13	18 32	05 30	18 13	25	55	87
21	05 08	18 39	05 29	18 17	26	57	89
Dec 1	05 07	18 46	05 31	18 22	26	59	92
11	05 08	18 53	05 33	18 27	27	60	94
21	05 12	19 00	05 37	18 32	27	60	94

Civil Twilight is defined as beginning or ending when the Sun's centre is 6° below the horizon and includes the time during which operations requiring day-light may still continue. Nautical Twilight begins and ends when the Sun's centre is 12° below the horizon which, for all practical purposes, is the time when it is "dark". The limit of Astronomical Twilight corresponds to the Sun's centre being 18° below the horizon, at which time there is no light from the Sun whatever.

the moon 1969

DATE	At 0 ^h S.A.S.T.		JOHANNESBURG		CAPE TOWN	
	J.D. 2440000+	AGE	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
			S.A.S.T.	S.A.S.T.	S.A.S.T.	S.A.S.T.
Jan						
1 W	222.4	12.2	17 ^h 30 ^m	3 ^h 02 ^m	18 ^h 33 ^m	3 ^h 19 ^m
2 T	223.4	13.2	18 23	3 48	19 27	4 04
3 F	224.4	14.2	19 13	4 39	20 16	4 55
4 S	225.4	15.2	19 58	5 34	20 59	5 52
5 S	226.4	16.2	20 39	6 31	21 36	6 51
6 M	227.4	17.2	21 15	7 28	22 08	7 51
7 T	228.4	18.2	21 48	8 24	22 36	8 52
8 W	229.4	19.2	22 19	9 20	23 03	9 52
9 T	230.4	20.2	22 49	10 15	23 29	10 52
10 F	231.4	21.2	23 19	11 11	23 54	11 53
11 S	232.4	22.2	23 53	12 10	.....	12 57
12 S	233.4	23.2	.....	13 11	0 23	14 03
13 M	234.4	24.2	0 29	14 17	0 55	15 13
14 T	235.4	25.2	1 12	15 26	1 34	16 27
15 W	236.4	26.2	2 04	16 37	2 21	17 41
16 T	237.4	27.2	3 04	17 46	3 20	18 50
17 F	238.4	28.2	4 12	18 48	4 29	19 50
18 S	239.4	29.2	5 24	19 41	5 44	20 38
19 S	240.4	0.7	6 36	20 25	7 00	21 18
20 M	241.4	1.7	7 44	21 04	8 13	21 51
21 T	242.4	2.7	8 47	21 38	9 21	22 20
22 W	243.4	3.7	9 47	22 09	10 26	22 47
23 T	244.4	4.7	10 44	22 39	11 28	23 13
24 F	245.4	5.7	11 40	23 10	12 29	23 39
25 S	246.4	6.7	12 36	23 43	13 28	.....
26 S	247.4	7.7	13 31	.....	14 28	0 08
27 M	248.4	8.7	14 27	0 19	15 27	0 39
28 T	249.4	9.7	15 23	0 59	16 26	1 16
29 W	250.4	10.7	16 17	1 43	17 22	1 59
30 T	251.4	11.7	17 08	2 33	18 12	2 48
31 F	252.4	12.7	17 55	3 27	18 57	3 43
Feb						
1 S	253.4	13.7	18 38	4 23	19 36	4 42
2 S	254.4	14.7	19 15	5 21	20 10	5 43
3 M	255.4	15.7	19 50	6 18	20 40	6 45
4 T	256.4	16.7	20 21	7 15	21 07	7 46
5 W	257.4	17.7	20 52	8 11	21 33	8 47

Date	J.D.	Age	Johannesburg		Cape Town	
			Rise	Set	Rise	Set
6 T	258.4	18.7	21 ^h 22 ^m	9 ^h 07 ^m	21 ^h 58 ^m	9 ^h 48 ^m
7 F	259.4	19.7	21 54	10 04	22 25	10 50
8 S	260.4	20.7	22 29	11 04	22 55	11 54
9 S	261.4	21.7	23 08	12 07	23 31	13 02
10 M	262.4	22.7	23 55	13 13	.....	14 13
11 T	263.4	23.7	.....	14 21	0 13	15 25
12 W	264.4	24.7	0 49	15 29	1 06	16 33
13 T	265.4	25.7	1 52	16 32	2 08	17 35
14 F	266.4	26.7	3 01	17 27	3 19	18 27
15 S	267.4	27.7	4 12	18 15	4 34	19 11
16 S	268.4	28.7	5 21	18 56	5 47	19 47
17 M	269.4	0.2	6 27	19 32	6 59	20 17
18 T	270.4	1.2	7 29	20 05	8 06	20 45
19 W	271.4	2.2	8 29	20 36	9 11	21 11
20 T	272.4	3.2	9 26	21 07	10 13	21 38
21 F	273.4	4.2	10 23	21 40	11 14	22 07
22 S	274.4	5.2	11 20	22 15	12 16	22 37
23 S	275.4	6.2	12 17	22 54	13 16	23 12
24 M	276.4	7.2	13 14	23 37	14 16	23 53
25 T	277.4	8.2	14 09	.....	15 13	.....
26 W	278.4	9.2	15 02	0 25	16 06	0 40
27 T	279.4	10.2	15 50	1 17	16 52	1 33
28 F	280.4	11.2	16 34	2 13	17 34	2 30
Mar						
1 S	281.4	12.2	17 14	3 10	18 10	3 31
2 S	282.4	13.2	17 49	4 08	18 41	4 33
3 M	283.4	14.2	18 22	5 06	19 09	5 35
4 T	284.4	15.2	18 53	6 03	19 35	6 37
5 W	285.4	16.2	19 24	7 00	20 02	7 38
6 T	286.4	17.2	19 56	7 58	20 29	8 41
7 F	287.4	18.2	20 30	8 58	20 58	9 46
8 S	288.4	19.2	21 08	10 00	21 32	10 54
9 S	289.4	20.2	21 52	11 06	22 12	12 05
10 M	290.4	21.2	22 44	12 14	23 00	13 16
11 T	291.4	22.2	23 43	13 20	23 59	14 25
12 W	292.4	23.2	.....	14 24	.....	15 27
13 T	293.4	24.2	0 48	15 20	1 05	16 21
14 F	294.4	25.2	1 57	16 09	2 16	17 06
15 S	295.4	26.2	3 05	16 52	3 29	17 43
16 S	296.4	27.2	4 10	17 28	4 39	18 15
17 M	297.4	28.2	5 12	18 02	5 46	18 44
18 T	298.4	29.2	6 13	18 33	6 52	19 11
19 W	299.4	0.7	7 11	19 05	7 55	19 38

Date	J.D.	Age	Johannesburg		Cape Town	
			Rise	Set	Rise	Set
20 T	300.4	1.7	8 ^h 09 ^m	19 ^h 36 ^m	8 ^h 58 ^m	20 ^h 05 ^m
21 F	301.4	2.7	9 06	20 11	10 00	20 35
22 S	302.4	3.7	10 04	20 49	11 02	21 08
23 S	303.4	4.7	11 02	21 30	12 03	21 47
24 M	304.4	5.7	11 59	22 16	13 02	22 32
25 T	305.4	6.7	12 52	23 07	13 57	23 22
26 W	306.4	7.7	13 43	.....	14 46	.....
27 T	307.4	8.7	14 28	0 02	15 30	0 18
28 F	308.4	9.7	15 09	0 58	16 07	1 17
29 S	309.4	10.7	15 47	1 55	16 40	2 18
30 S	310.4	11.7	16 20	2 53	17 09	3 20
31 M	311.4	12.7	16 52	3 50	17 36	4 21
Apr						
1 T	312.4	13.7	17 ^h 23 ^m	4 ^h 47 ^m	18 ^h 03 ^m	5 ^h 23 ^m
2 W	313.4	14.7	17 54	5 45	18 29	6 27
3 T	314.4	15.7	18 28	6 45	18 58	7 33
4 F	315.4	16.7	19 06	7 48	19 31	8 41
5 S	316.4	17.7	19 49	8 55	20 10	9 52
6 S	317.4	18.7	20 39	10 04	20 57	11 05
7 M	318.4	19.7	21 37	11 13	21 53	12 17
8 T	319.4	20.7	22 41	12 18	22 57	13 22
9 W	320.4	21.7	23 48	13 16	.....	14 19
10 T	321.4	22.7	.....	14 07	0 07	15 06
11 F	322.4	23.7	0 56	14 51	1 18	15 45
12 S	323.4	24.7	2 01	15 28	2 28	16 17
13 S	324.4	25.7	3 03	16 02	3 35	16 46
14 M	325.4	26.7	4 02	16 33	4 39	17 13
15 T	326.4	27.7	5 00	17 04	5 42	17 38
16 W	327.4	28.7	5 57	17 35	6 44	18 05
17 T	328.4	0.2	6 54	18 08	7 45	18 34
18 F	329.4	1.2	7 52	18 44	8 48	19 06
19 S	330.4	2.2	8 50	19 24	9 50	19 43
20 S	331.4	3.2	9 47	20 09	10 50	20 25
21 M	332.4	4.2	10 43	20 59	11 47	21 13
22 T	333.4	5.2	11 35	21 51	12 39	22 08
23 W	334.4	6.2	12 22	22 47	13 24	23 05
24 T	335.4	7.2	13 05	23 43	14 04	.....
25 F	336.4	8.2	13 43	.....	14 38	0 05
26 S	337.4	9.2	14 17	0 40	15 08	1 05
27 S	338.4	10.2	14 49	1 36	15 36	2 05
28 M	339.4	11.2	15 20	2 32	16 02	3 06
29 T	340.4	12.2	15 51	3 29	16 28	4 08
30 W	341.4	13.2	16 23	4 28	16 56	5 12

Date	J.D.	Age	Johannesburg		Cape Town	
			Rise	Set	Rise	Set
May						
1 T	342.4	14.2	16 ^h 59 ^m	5 ^h 30 ^m	17 ^h 27 ^m	6 ^h 19 ^m
2 F	343.4	15.2	17 41	6 36	18 04	7 31
3 S	344.4	16.2	18 30	7 46	18 49	8 45
4 S	345.4	17.2	19 27	8 57	19 43	10 01
5 M	346.4	18.2	20 31	10 07	20 46	11 11
6 T	347.4	19.2	21 39	11 10	21 57	12 13
7 W	348.4	20.2	22 48	12 04	23 09	13 04
8 T	349.4	21.2	23 54	12 50	.....	13 46
9 F	350.4	22.2	.....	13 30	0 20	14 20
10 S	351.4	23.2	0 57	14 04	1 28	14 50
11 S	352.4	24.2	1 57	14 36	2 32	15 17
12 M	353.4	25.2	2 54	15 06	3 35	15 42
13 T	354.4	26.2	3 50	15 37	4 35	16 08
14 W	355.4	27.2	4 46	16 09	5 36	16 36
15 T	356.4	28.2	5 43	16 43	6 38	17 06
16 F	357.4	29.2	6 41	17 22	7 39	17 41
17 S	358.4	0.6	7 38	18 04	8 40	18 21
18 S	359.4	1.6	8 35	18 52	9 38	19 07
19 M	360.4	2.6	9 28	19 44	10 32	20 00
20 T	361.4	3.6	10 17	20 38	11 19	20 56
21 W	362.4	4.6	11 01	21 34	12 01	21 55
22 T	363.4	5.6	11 40	22 30	12 37	22 54
23 F	364.4	6.6	12 15	23 26	13 08	23 54
24 S	365.4	7.6	12 47	.....	13 35	.....
25 S	366.4	8.6	13 18	0 20	14 01	0 53
26 M	367.4	9.6	13 48	1 15	14 27	1 52
27 T	368.4	10.6	14 19	2 12	14 53	2 54
28 W	369.4	11.6	14 52	3 12	15 23	3 59
29 T	370.4	12.6	15 31	4 14	15 56	5 07
30 F	371.4	13.6	16 16	5 22	16 37	6 20
31 S	372.4	14.6	17 10	6 34	17 27	7 36
Jun						
1 S	373.4	15.6	18 13	7 46	18 28	8 51
2 M	374.4	16.6	19 22	8 54	19 39	9 58
3 T	375.4	17.6	20 34	9 55	20 54	10 56
4 W	376.4	18.6	21 44	10 45	22 08	11 42
5 T	377.4	19.6	22 49	11 28	23 19	12 20
6 F	378.4	20.6	23 51	12 05	.....	12 52
7 S	379.4	21.6	.....	12 38	0 26	13 20
8 S	380.4	22.6	0 49	13 09	1 29	13 46
9 M	381.4	23.6	1 46	13 39	2 30	14 12
10 T	382.4	24.6	2 42	14 10	3 30	14 39

Date	J.D.	Age	Johannesburg		Cape Town	
			Rise	Set	Rise	Set
11 W	383.4	25.6	3 ^h 38 ^m	14 ^h 44 ^m	4 ^h 31 ^m	15 ^h 09 ^m
12 T	384.4	26.6	4 35	15 21	5 31	15 41
13 F	385.4	27.6	5 32	16 02	6 32	16 20
14 S	386.4	28.6	6 28	16 48	7 31	17 04
15 S	387.4	29.6	7 22	17 38	8 27	17 54
16 M	388.4	1.0	8 13	18 33	9 16	18 50
17 T	389.4	2.0	8 59	19 28	10 00	19 47
18 W	390.4	3.0	9 39	20 24	10 37	20 47
19 T	391.4	4.0	10 15	21 19	11 09	21 45
20 F	392.4	5.0	10 47	22 13	11 37	22 44
21 S	393.4	6.0	11 18	23 06	12 03	23 42
22 S	394.4	7.0	11 47	.....	12 28	.....
23 M	395.4	8.0	12 17	0 01	12 53	0 41
24 T	396.4	9.0	12 49	0 57	13 20	1 42
25 W	397.4	10.0	13 23	1 56	13 50	2 47
26 T	398.4	11.0	14 04	3 01	14 27	3 55
27 F	399.4	12.0	14 53	4 09	15 12	5 08
28 S	400.4	13.0	15 51	5 21	16 07	6 24
29 S	401.4	14.0	16 58	6 32	17 14	7 36
30 M	402.4	15.0	18 10	7 36	18 28	8 39
Jul						
1 T	403.4	16.0	19 ^h 24 ^m	8 ^h 34 ^m	19 ^h 46 ^m	9 ^h 33 ^m
2 W	404.4	17.0	20 34	9 21	21 01	10 16
3 T	405.4	18.0	21 39	10 02	22 12	10 51
4 F	406.4	19.0	22 41	10 37	23 18	11 21
5 S	407.4	20.0	23 39	11 09	.....	11 49
6 S	408.4	21.0	.....	11 41	0 21	12 15
7 M	409.4	22.0	0 36	12 12	1 24	12 42
8 T	410.4	23.0	1 33	12 45	2 25	13 11
9 W	411.4	24.0	2 30	13 21	3 26	13 43
10 T	412.4	25.0	3 26	14 01	4 26	14 19
11 F	413.4	26.0	4 23	14 45	5 26	15 01
12 S	414.4	27.0	5 18	15 35	6 22	15 50
13 S	415.4	28.0	6 10	16 27	7 13	16 44
14 M	416.4	29.0	6 57	17 23	7 59	17 41
15 T	417.4	0.3	7 39	18 19	8 37	18 41
16 W	418.4	1.3	8 16	19 14	9 11	19 40
17 T	419.4	2.3	8 50	20 09	9 41	20 39
18 F	420.4	3.3	9 20	21 02	10 07	21 36
19 S	421.4	4.3	9 50	21 56	10 31	22 34
20 S	422.4	5.3	10 18	22 50	10 56	23 33
21 M	423.4	6.3	10 48	23 46	11 22	.....
22 T	424.4	7.3	11 21	.....	11 50	0 35

Date	J.D.	Age	Johannesburg		Cape Town	
			Rise	Set	Rise	Set
23 W	425.4	8.3	11 ^h 58 ^m	0 ^h 47 ^m	12 ^h 22 ^m	1 ^h 40 ^m
24 T	426.4	9.3	12 41	1 52	13 01	2 49
25 F	427.4	10.3	13 33	2 59	13 50	4 01
26 S	428.4	11.3	14 35	4 09	14 51	5 13
27 S	429.4	12.3	15 44	5 16	16 01	6 20
28 M	430.4	13.3	16 57	6 17	17 17	7 18
29 T	431.4	14.3	18 10	7 09	18 35	8 06
30 W	432.4	15.3	19 19	7 53	19 50	8 45
31 T	433.4	16.3	20 24	8 32	21 00	9 18
Aug						
1 F	434.4	17.3	21 26	9 06	22 07	9 47
2 S	435.4	18.3	22 25	9 39	23 11	10 15
3 S	436.4	19.3	23 24	10 11	.....	10 43
4 M	437.4	20.3	.....	10 44	0 14	11 11
5 T	438.4	21.3	0 22	11 20	1 17	11 43
6 W	439.4	22.3	1 20	11 59	2 19	12 18
7 T	440.4	23.3	2 17	12 42	3 20	12 58
8 F	441.4	24.3	3 13	13 30	4 17	13 45
9 S	442.4	25.3	4 06	14 22	5 10	14 38
10 S	443.4	26.3	4 55	15 16	5 57	15 34
11 M	444.4	27.3	5 38	16 13	6 38	16 33
12 T	445.4	28.3	6 17	17 09	7 13	17 33
13 W	446.4	29.3	6 52	18 04	7 44	18 32
14 T	447.4	0.7	7 23	18 58	8 11	19 31
15 F	448.4	1.7	7 53	19 52	8 36	20 29
16 S	449.4	2.7	8 22	20 46	9 01	21 28
17 S	450.4	3.7	8 51	21 42	9 25	22 29
18 M	451.4	4.7	9 23	22 40	9 52	23 32
19 T	452.4	5.7	9 57	23 41	10 23	.....
20 W	453.4	6.7	10 37	.....	10 58	0 38
21 T	454.4	7.7	11 24	0 46	11 42	1 47
22 F	455.4	8.7	12 20	1 54	12 36	2 58
23 S	456.4	9.7	13 24	3 00	13 39	4 05
24 S	457.4	10.7	14 34	4 02	14 52	5 05
25 M	458.4	11.7	15 46	4 57	16 08	5 56
26 T	459.4	12.7	16 56	5 44	17 24	6 38
27 W	460.4	13.7	18 03	6 25	18 36	7 14
28 T	461.4	14.7	19 07	7 01	19 46	7 45
29 F	462.4	15.7	20 09	7 35	20 52	8 13
30 S	463.4	16.7	21 09	8 08	21 57	8 42
31 S	464.4	17.7	22 09	8 41	23 03	9 10
Sep						
1 M	465.4	18.7	23 09	9 16	.....	9 41

Date	J.D.	Age	Johannesburg		Cape Town	
			Rise	Set	Rise	Set
2 T	466.4	19.7	..... h m	9 ^h 55 ^m	0 ^h 06 ^m	10 ^h 15 ^m
3 W	467.4	20.7	0 08	10 36	1 09	10 54
4 T	468.4	21.7	1 05	11 24	2 09	11 39
5 F	469.4	22.7	1 59	12 14	3 04	12 30
6 S	470.4	23.7	2 50	13 09	3 53	13 26
7 S	471.4	24.7	3 35	14 05	4 37	14 24
8 M	472.4	25.7	4 16	15 01	5 13	15 24
9 T	473.4	26.7	4 52	15 56	5 45	16 23
10 W	474.4	27.7	5 25	16 51	6 14	17 22
11 T	475.4	28.7	5 55	17 46	6 40	18 22
12 F	476.4	0.1	6 24	18 40	7 05	19 21
13 S	477.4	1.1	6 54	19 36	7 30	20 22
14 S	478.4	2.1	7 25	20 34	7 57	21 24
15 M	479.4	3.1	7 59	21 35	8 26	22 30
16 T	480.4	4.1	8 37	22 40	9 00	23 39
17 W	481.4	5.1	9 22	23 45	9 40	.....
18 T	482.4	6.1	10 13	.....	10 30	0 48
19 F	483.4	7.1	11 13	0 51	11 29	1 56
20 S	484.4	8.1	12 20	1 53	12 37	2 57
21 S	485.4	9.1	13 29	2 48	13 49	3 49
22 M	486.4	10.1	14 38	3 37	15 03	4 33
23 T	487.4	11.1	15 45	4 19	16 15	5 10
24 W	488.4	12.1	16 49	4 56	17 24	5 42
25 T	489.4	13.1	17 51	5 30	18 32	6 11
26 F	490.4	14.1	18 52	6 04	19 38	6 39
27 S	491.4	15.1	19 53	6 37	20 43	7 08
28 S	492.4	16.1	20 53	7 11	21 48	7 37
29 M	493.4	17.1	21 54	7 49	22 53	8 11
30 T	494.4	18.1	22 53	8 30	23 55	8 48
Oct						
1 W	495.4	19.1	23 50	9 16	.....	9 32
2 T	496.4	20.1	.....	10 06	0 53	10 21
3 F	497.4	21.1	0 43	10 59	1 47	11 15
4 S	498.4	22.1	1 30	11 54	2 32	12 12
5 S	499.4	23.1	2 12	12 51	3 11	13 12
6 M	500.4	24.1	2 50	13 46	3 45	14 11
7 T	501.4	25.1	3 24	14 41	4 15	15 10
8 W	502.4	26.1	3 55	15 36	4 42	16 10
9 T	503.4	27.1	4 25	16 31	5 07	17 09
10 F	504.4	28.1	4 54	17 27	5 32	18 10
11 S	505.4	29.1	5 25	18 26	5 59	19 13
12 S	506.4	0.5	5 58	19 26	6 27	20 20
13 M	507.4	1.5	6 36	20 31	7 00	21 29

Date	J.D.	Age	Johannesburg		Cape Town	
			Rise	Set	Rise	Set
14 T	508.4	2.5	7 ^h 19 ^m	21 ^h 37 ^m	7 ^h 39 ^m	22 ^h 39 ^m
15 W	509.4	3.5	8 09	22 44	8 26	23 48
16 T	510.4	4.5	9 07	23 48	9 23	.....
17 F	511.4	5.5	10 12	.....	10 28	0 51
18 S	512.4	6.5	11 20	0 45	11 39	1 46
19 S	513.4	7.5	12 28	1 34	12 51	2 32
20 M	514.4	8.5	13 33	2 17	14 02	3 10
21 T	515.4	9.5	14 37	2 55	15 10	3 43
22 W	516.4	10.5	15 38	3 29	16 17	4 12
23 T	517.4	11.5	16 38	4 02	17 21	4 40
24 F	518.4	12.5	17 38	4 34	18 26	5 08
25 S	519.4	13.5	18 38	5 07	19 32	5 36
26 S	520.4	14.5	19 38	5 44	20 36	6 08
27 M	521.4	15.5	20 39	6 24	21 41	6 43
28 T	522.4	16.5	21 37	7 07	22 41	7 24
29 W	523.4	17.5	22 33	7 56	23 37	8 12
30 T	524.4	18.5	23 23	8 49	.....	9 04
31 F	525.4	19.5	.....	9 44	0 25	10 01
Nov						
1 S	526.4	20.5	0 07	10 40	1 07	11 00
2 S	527.4	21.5	0 47	11 36	1 44	11 59
3 M	528.4	22.5	1 21	12 30	2 14	12 58
4 T	529.4	23.5	1 53	13 24	2 42	13 56
5 W	530.4	24.5	2 23	14 18	3 08	14 54
6 T	531.4	25.5	2 52	15 13	3 33	15 54
7 F	532.4	26.5	3 22	16 10	3 58	16 56
8 S	533.4	27.5	3 55	17 10	4 26	18 01
9 S	534.4	28.5	4 31	18 14	4 57	19 10
10 M	535.4	29.5	5 13	19 22	5 34	20 22
11 T	536.4	1.0	6 01	20 31	6 19	21 35
12 W	537.4	2.0	6 58	21 38	7 15	22 42
13 T	538.4	3.0	8 02	22 39	8 19	23 42
14 F	539.4	4.0	9 11	23 32	9 30	.....
15 S	540.4	5.0	10 20	.....	10 43	0 31
16 S	541.4	6.0	11 27	0 17	11 54	1 11
17 M	542.4	7.0	12 30	0 56	13 03	1 45
18 T	543.4	8.0	13 31	1 31	14 08	2 15
19 W	544.4	9.0	14 30	2 03	15 12	2 43
20 T	545.4	10.0	15 29	2 35	16 15	3 09
21 F	546.4	11.0	16 27	3 07	17 19	3 37
22 S	547.4	12.0	17 27	3 41	18 22	4 08
23 S	548.4	13.0	18 27	4 19	19 27	4 41
24 M	549.4	14.0	19 26	5 01	20 28	5 20

Date	J.D.	Age	Johannesburg		Cape Town	
			Rise	Set	Rise	Set
25 T	550.4	15.0	20 ^h 23 ^m	5 ^h 48 ^m	21 ^h 26 ^m	6 ^h 04 ^m
26 W	551.4	16.0	21 15	6 39	22 18	6 55
27 T	552.4	17.0	22 02	7 34	23 03	7 51
28 F	553.4	18.0	22 43	8 30	23 41	8 49
29 S	554.4	19.0	23 19	9 25	.....	9 48
30 S	555.4	20.0	23 51	10 20	0 13	10 46
Dec						
1 M	556.4	21.0	.....	11 14	0 42	11 44
2 T	557.4	22.0	0 21	12 07	1 08	12 41
3 W	558.4	23.0	0 51	13 00	1 32	13 39
4 T	559.4	24.0	1 19	13 54	1 57	14 38
5 F	560.4	25.0	1 50	14 52	2 23	15 41
6 S	561.4	26.0	2 23	15 53	2 52	16 47
7 S	562.4	27.0	3 02	16 59	3 26	17 58
8 M	563.4	28.0	3 48	18 08	4 07	19 11
9 T	564.4	29.0	4 42	19 19	4 59	20 23
10 W	565.4	0.5	5 45	20 24	6 00	21 28
11 T	566.4	1.5	6 55	21 23	7 12	22 23
12 F	567.4	2.5	8 06	22 13	8 27	23 08
13 S	568.4	3.5	9 17	22 55	9 42	23 45
14 S	569.4	4.5	10 23	23 32	10 54	.....
15 M	570.4	5.5	11 25	.....	12 01	0 18
16 T	571.4	6.5	12 25	0 06	13 06	0 46
17 W	572.4	7.5	13 23	0 37	14 09	1 13
18 T	573.4	8.5	14 21	1 09	15 12	1 40
19 F	574.4	9.5	15 20	1 42	16 15	2 09
20 S	575.4	10.5	16 19	2 19	17 18	2 41
21 S	576.4	11.5	17 18	2 59	18 20	3 18
22 M	577.4	12.5	18 15	3 44	19 18	4 00
23 T	578.4	13.5	19 09	4 33	20 12	4 49
24 W	579.4	14.5	19 57	5 26	20 59	5 43
25 T	580.4	15.5	20 40	6 22	21 39	6 40
26 F	581.4	16.5	21 18	7 18	22 14	7 39
27 S	582.4	17.5	21 52	8 13	22 44	8 38
28 S	583.4	18.5	22 23	9 06	23 10	9 36
29 M	584.4	19.5	22 51	9 59	23 34	10 32
30 T	585.4	20.5	23 19	10 51	23 58	11 29
31 W	586.4	21.5	23 48	11 43	.....	12 26

LUNAR OCCULTATIONS

Occultations of all stars down to magnitude 7.5, visible from the three stations whose coordinates are tabulated below, are given in the following lists.

	Longitude	Latitude
Cape Town	-18.475	-33.933
Johannesburg	-28.075	-26.182
Salisbury	-31.040	-17.788

Explanation:

- Z.C. - is the number in the "Catalogue of 3539 Zodial Stars for the equinox 1950.0" by James Robertson (U.S. Naval Observatory 1939). This is the catalogue most generally used by occultation observers. An "m" after the Z.C. number indicates that a star is not single.
- Sp - is the spectral classification of the star.
- Mag - is the visual magnitude.
- Dec - is the Declination in 1950.0 coordinates.
- Ph - is the Phase. D = Disappearance; R = Reappearance.
- h. m. - is the time of the occultation in S. A. S. T.

The approximate time of an occultation at a place $\Delta\lambda$ degrees west and $\Delta\phi$ degrees north of one of the standard stations given above may be found from:

$$\text{Approximate time} = \text{predicted time} + a. \Delta\lambda + b. \Delta\phi$$

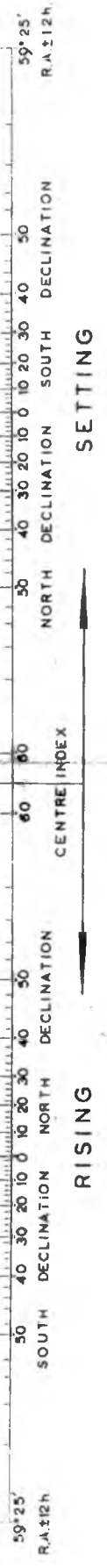
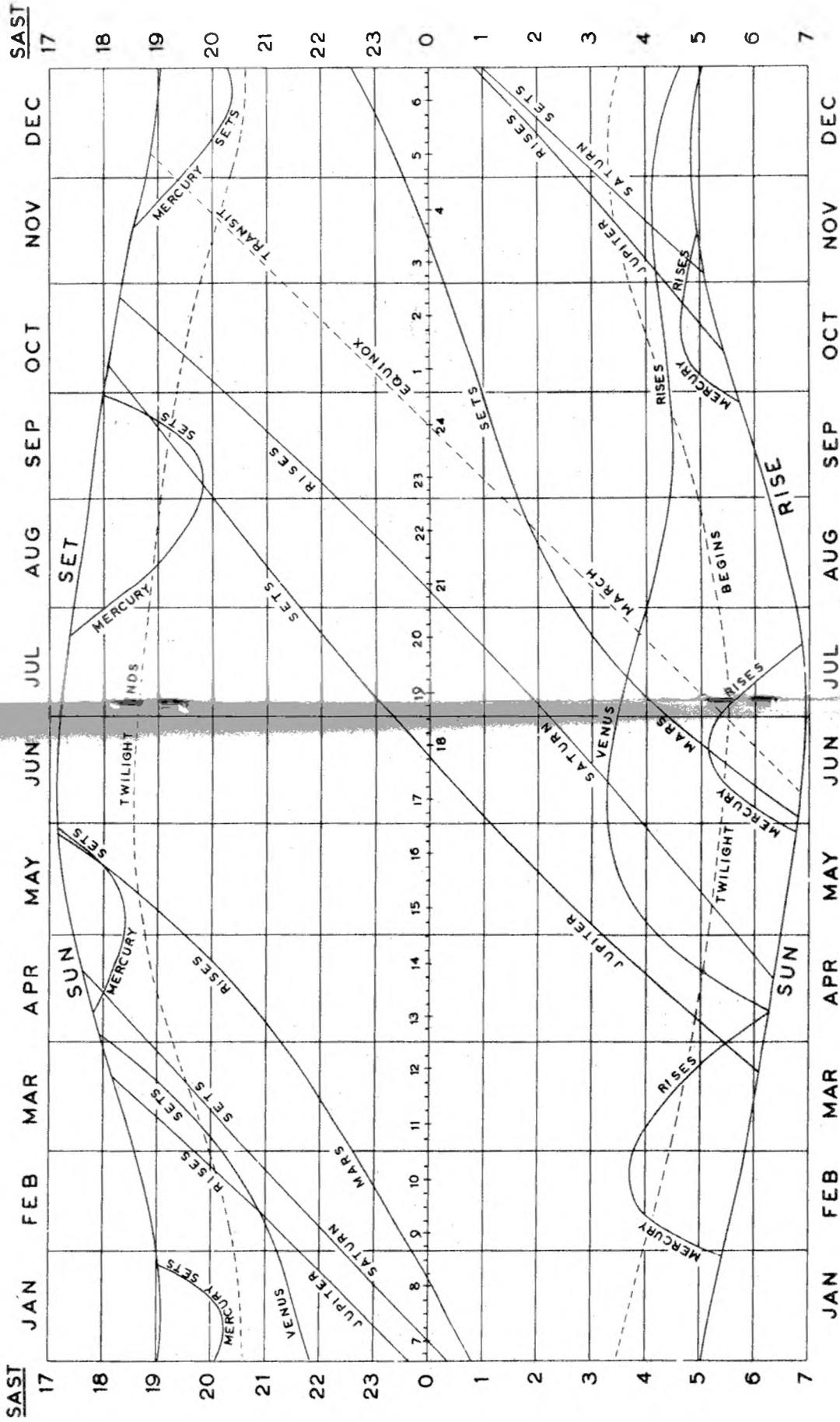
where a and b are in minutes of time.

- P.A. - the position angle measured from the Moon's north point eastward around the limb.

Index of occulted stars, brighter than magnitude 5.0					
Z.C.			Z.C.		
810	β	Tau	2366	α	Sco
1122	ι	Gem	2554	χ	Sgr
1149	υ	Gem	2617	38B	Sgr
1609	χ	Leo	3078	η	Cap
1644	σ	Leo	3190	δ	Cap
1712	β	Vir	3237	ι	Aqr
1925	α	Vir	3307	σ	Aqr
2268	A	Sco			

THE PLANETS AS SEEN FROM SOUTH AFRICA 1969

FOR EXPLANATION SEE NOTES ON PLANETS



Date	Z. C.	Sp	Mag	(1950.0) Dec.	Ph	Cape Town			Johannesburg			Salisbury							
						P. A.	h. m.	a b	P. A.	h. m.	a b	P. A.	h. m.	a b					
May																			
1	1925	B2	1.2	-11° 00'	D	159°	01 07.2	-0.9 -2.3	118°	01 10.1	-1.7 -0.6	82°	01 17.2	-2.4 +1.0					
1	1925	B2	1.2	-11 00	R	272	02 10.6	-1.8 +0.9	308	02 25.3	-1.2 -0.6	343	02 15.5	-0.9 -2.7					
4	2366	MO, A3	1.2	-26 22	D	67	04 56.9	-1.4 +1.8	41	05 26.5	-0.3 +3.3	-	-	-					
4	2366	MO, A3	1.2	-26 22	R	305	06 00.6	-1.4 -0.3	325	06 08.7	-1.7 -1.6	-	-	-					
4	2505	K2	5.4	-28 07	R	217	23 11.2	-	270	23 28.7	-1.4 -0.7	301	23 22.8	-0.9 -1.5					
9	3190	A5	3.0	-16 16	D	0	06 17.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
18	810	B8	1.8	+28 35	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	147	16 38.7	-0.3 -2.2					
18	810	B8	1.8	+28 35	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	229	17 31.3	-2.4 +2.7					
22	1342	G5	7.5	+21 17	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	172	18 37.4	+0.1 -3.0					
Jun																			
2	2617	KO	4.7	-28 28	R	244	01 22.4	-2.2 +0.9	274	01 47.7	-2.4 -0.1	307	01 47.9	-2.9 -2.0					
6	3268	KO	5.6	-12 59	R	267	01 59.8	-0.9 -1.0	302	01 57.4	-1.8 -3.6	-	-	-					
9	98	G5	6.2	+06 34	R	190	05 57.1	-0.1 +2.2	-	-	-	-	-	-					
20	1506	GO	7.1	+12 47	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	176	18 52.0	+0.3 -3.1					
21	1609	FO	4.7	+07 30	D	128	18 57.4	-1.6 -0.9	81	19 18.7	-3.2 +1.4	-	-	-					
22	1716	A5	6.4	+00 43	D	120	22 10.8	-0.9 0.0	80	22 25.7	-1.0 -1.6	-	-	-					
23	1817	K2	6.9	-05 56	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	148	22 46.0	-0.7 -1.6					
24	1925	B2	1.2	-11 00	D	121	19 33.9	-1.8 -1.3	70	19 58.3	-	-	-	-					
24	1925	B2	1.2	-11 00	R	319	20 54.9	-1.5 -1.5	8	20 42.2	-	-	-	-					
26	2183	K2	5.7	-22 17	D	141	20 33.5	-1.1 -2.2	100	20 38.8	-2.4 -0.6	58	20 53.4	-					
28	2366	MO, A3	1.2	-26 22	D	67	01 38.7	-1.2 +1.8	44	02 05.3	-0.2 +2.9	-	-	-					
28	2373	KO	6.2	-26 29	D	82	02 32.0	-0.9 +1.2	67	02 49.4	-0.3 +1.5	39	03 05.9	+0.5 +2.6					
28	2366	MO, A3	1.2	-26 22	R	302	02 40.9	-1.3 -0.1	320	02 49.3	-1.4 -1.1	-	-	-					
28	2505	K2	5.4	-28 07	D	-	-	-	143	18 46.9	+0.1 -2.3	112	18 32.9	-0.4 -1.1					
Jul																			
2	3078	A3	4.9	-19 59	R	233	05 30.8	-0.9 +1.8	232	05 52.5	-0.6 +1.7	-	-	-					
10	538	B8	5.6	+24 45	R	-	-	-	240	04 49.9	-0.5 0.0	259	04 52.0	-1.2 -0.2					

Jul	21	1887	KO	6.4	-09 ⁰ 33'	D	97 ⁰ 19	47.5	-2.2	+0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	21	1888	K2	6.2	-10 10	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	21	1900	K5	7.2	-10 13	D	103	23 26.1	-0.3	+0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	22	2018	A2	6.4	-16 12	D	138	00 02.8	-0.6	-0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	23	2134f	K5	6.1	-21 17	D	169	23 17.9	-	-	135 ⁰	23	16.7	-1.2	-0.9	106	23	16.5	-0.9	0.0
	24	2268	B3	4.8	-25 14	D	187	21 34.4	-	-	131	21	22.3	-2.1	-1.6	99	21	22.5	-2.4	-0.1
	24	2273	B8	5.9	-25 09	D	133	21 35.4	-1.9	-1.6	101	21	49.9	-2.1	0.0	69	22	03.0	-2.0	+1.6
	26	2470	B9	6.1	-27 44	D	103	03 30.3	-0.2	+0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	26	2474	F2	6.6	-27 46	D	117	04 07.2	-0.2	+0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	26	2617	KO	4.7	-28 28	D	104	21 31.7	-1.9	-1.0	73	21	52.6	-2.4	+0.7	38	22	15.4	-2.2	+3.2
	27	2644	F8	6.3	-28 18	D	125	02 19.9	-1.8	-0.4	117	02	32.9	-1.2	-0.1	96	02	37.3	-0.7	+0.3
	31	3307	AO	4.9	-10 50	R	190	04 05.1	-0.2	+2.8	186	04	28.8	+0.1	+3.0	201	04	52.5	-0.2	+2.5
Aug	15	1658	FO	6.4	+04 02	D	131	19 15.0	-0.3	-0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	18	1968	GO	6.9	-14 04	D	127	19 48.4	-1.3	-0.5	95	20	01.6	-1.1	+0.6	56	20	18.3	-0.8	+3.2
	19	2095	KO	7.2	-19 48	D	114	22 38.0	-0.6	+0.2	97	22	45.5	-0.1	+0.6	-	-	-	-	-
	20	2220f	A3	7.0	-24 23	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	173	21	13.9	-	-
	22	2536	F5	7.4	-28 24	D	74	19 51.2	-2.3	+0.5	38	20	29.4	-2.1	+3.7	-	-	-	-	-
	22	2540	B8	7.0	-28 55	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	129	21	21.1	-3.0	-1.9
	23	2727	B9	7.2	-28 19	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	117	21	18.1	-3.2	-1.4
	23	2743m	A5	7.4	-27 48	D	118	23 47.3	-2.3	-0.5	109	24	06.0	-1.8	0.0	88	24	13.5	-1.2	+0.6
	26	3078	A3	4.9	-19 59	D	90	01 31.8	-1.9	+0.7	91	01	55.4	-1.6	+0.7	76	02	07.0	-1.1	+1.0
Sep	18	2505	K2	5.4	-28 07	D	60	21 23.9	-0.9	+2.0	47	21	46.5	-0.1	+2.3	14	22	11.2	-	-
	19	2660	A2	6.1	-28 27	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	18	38.9	-	-
	23	3307	AO	4.9	-10 50	D	82	22 56.2	-2.4	+0.3	83	23	24.7	-2.6	+0.6	68	23	40.0	-2.1	+1.2
	29	518m	A2	5.9	+24 22	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	275	22	42.8	-1.1	-0.8
	30	529	AO	6.2	+25 14	R	263	02 39.2	-2.2	-0.3	263	03	03.7	-2.8	+0.2	270	03	13.2	-3.6	-0.3

Date	Z. C.	Sp	Mag	(1950.0) Dec.	Ph	Cape Town			Johannesburg			Salisbury				
						P. A. h. m.	a	b	P. A. h. m.	a	b	P. A. h. m.	a	b		
Oct																
1	810	B8	1.8	+28° 35'	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	214 ⁰	23 51.3	+0.5	+1.3	
2	824	F5	6.2	+29 10	R	-	-	-	278	02 06.5	-2.0	-1.0	298	02 01.9	-3.0	-1.9
16	2417	KO	4.7	-28 28	D	-	-	-	90	19 28.1	-1.6	+0.7	69	19 40.8	-1.0	-1.2
16	2643	KO	6.7	-27 44	D	31 ⁰	23 21.4	+0.8 +2.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	2796	KO	6.8	-27 10	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	18 22.2	-0.9	+4.2
17	2805	FO	7.0	-26 56	D	77	19 49.1	-1.8 +1.0	70	20 14.4	-1.3 +1.3	1.3	52	20 30.8	-0.7	+1.7
17	2824	K2	7.4	-26 14	D	69	23 39.1	0.0 +1.4	66	23 48.0	+0.2 +1.2	1.2	-	-	-	-
20	3237	B8	4.4	-14 01	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	18 21.2	-2.2	+0.8
20	3245	F5	6.9	-13 27	D	71	19 40.6	-2.0 +0.3	65	20 07.1	-2.2 +1.0	1.0	48	20 25.6	-1.8	-1.8
21	3267	G5	7.2	-11 48	D	46	01 22.2	-0.3 +1.9	43	01 37.9	0.0 +1.7	1.7	-	-	-	-
21	3383	MO	6.5	-06 44	D	90	21 18.5	-2.8 -0.2	92	21 47.8	-3.3 -0.1	0.1	77	22 01.4	-2.7	+0.9
27	616	FO	5.6	+26 24	R	177	23 51.4	-	179	24 06.9	-	-	205	24 32.3	-1.0	+2.4
Nov																
8	1925	B2	1.2	-11 00	D	124	05 15.1	0.0 -1.6	104	05 04.3	-0.2 -1.2	1.2	80	04 58.2	-0.5	-0.3
8	1925	B2	1.2	-11 00	R	299	06 12.4	-0.2 -1.6	323	06 00.9	-0.2 -2.0	2.0	348	05 41.7	+0.2	-2.6
11	2366	MOA3	1.2	-26 22	D	52	12 11.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	2366	MOA3	1.2	-26 22	R	347	12 54.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	3222	F5	7.1	-13 10	D	0	00 10.3	+0.6 +2.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	1022m	B8	5.8	+28 18	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	1026	KO	6.5	+28 14	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	211	01 51.0	-	-
28	1149	K5	4.2	+26 58	D	38	02 27.4	-	-	-	-	-	224	03 26.8	-	-
28	1149	K5	4.2	+26 58	R	351	03 06.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	1251	AO	5.9	+24 07	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	382	23 07.1	-1.9	-3.4
Dec																
12	3014	G5	7.3	-21 06	D	-	-	-	353	19 31.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	3181	A5	5.9	-14 53	D	44	22 37.1	+0.1 +1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	30	AO	7.0	+04 05	D	96	23 00.5	-1.3 +1.0	87	23 18.8	-0.7 +1.0	1.0	68	23 30.4	-0.5	+1.2
19	387	G5	6.9	+20 27	D	-	-	-	31	19 52.7	-1.1 +1.6	1.6	17	20 13.7	-0.8	+2.7
23	810	B8	1.8	+28 35	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	146	01 08.8	-	-
23	810	B8	1.8	+28 35	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	224	02 08.5	-	-

PERIGEE

Date	S. D.	H. P.
Jan 17 ^d 02 ^h	16' 38"	61' 02"
Feb 14 06	16 24	60 11
Mar 13 04	16 10	59 22
Apr 7 02	16 14	59 33
May 4 13	16 28	60 24
Jun 1 17	16 39	61 07
Jun 30 02	16 44	61 26
Jul 28 11	16 42	61 16
Aug 25 17	16 32	60 40
Sep 22 13	16 18	59 49
Oct 18 06	16 09	59 15
Nov 13 04	16 19	59 52
Dec 11 02	16 34	60 47

APOGEE

Date	S. D.	H. P.
Jan 1 ^d 17 ^h	14' 42"	53' 58"
Jan 29 05	14 44	54 04
Feb 26 00	14 46	54 11
Mar 25 20	14 47	54 14
Apr 22 16	14 46	54 10
May 20 07	14 44	54 03
Jun 16 17	14 42	53 57
Jul 13 20	14 42	53 56
Aug 10 03	14 43	54 00
Sep 6 17	14 45	54 08
Oct 4 11	14 47	54 14
Nov 1 08	14 46	54 13
Nov 29 03	14 45	54 07
Dec 26 19	14 43	54 00

S.D. = Semi-diameter

H.P. = Horizontal Parallax

The distance of the Moon from the Earth in miles may be found by dividing 817,500,000 by the H.P. in seconds of arc. The Moon is at Perigee when it is closest to the Earth in its orbit, and at Apogee when it reaches its furthest point.

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Longitude		Latitude	
+ West Limb exposed		+ North Limb exposed	
- East Limb exposed		- South Limb exposed	
Jan 10 -7.0	Jul 6 +7.6	Jan 3 -6.6	Jun 29 +6.5
Jan 22 +7.2	Jul 22 -7.5	Jan 16 +6.5	Jul 12 -6.6
Feb 7 -5.8	Aug 3 +7.5	Jan 30 -6.7	Jul 26 +6.6
Feb 19 +6.0	Aug 18 -6.4	Feb 12 +6.7	Aug 8 -6.7
Mar 5 -5.1	Aug 31 +6.7	Feb 26 -6.8	Aug 22 +6.7
Mar 19 +4.9	Sep 14 -5.2	Mar 12 +6.8	Sep 4 -6.8
Apr 1 -5.5	Sep 28 +5.7	Mar 25 -6.8	Sep 18 +6.8
Apr 14 +4.8	Oct 11 -5.0	Apr 8 +6.7	Oct 1 -6.8
Apr 28 -6.6	Oct 25 +5.0	Apr 21 -6.8	Oct 16 +6.7
May 11 +5.8	Nov 7 -5.7	May 5 +6.6	Oct 29 -6.7
May 26 -7.5	Nov 20 +5.2	May 19 -6.6	Nov 12 +6.6
Jun 7 +7.0	Dec 5 -6.9	Jun 1 +6.5	Nov 25 -6.6
Jun 24 -7.9	Dec 17 +6.4	Jun 15 -6.6	Dec 9 +6.5
			Dec 22 -6.6

PHASES OF THE MOON

Lunation	New Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter
569	-	-	Jan 3 ^d 20 ^h 28 ^m	Jan 11 ^d 16 ^h 01 ^m
570	Jan 18 ^d 06 ^h 59 ^m	Jan 25 ^d 10 ^h 24 ^m	Feb 2 14 56	Feb 10 02 09
571	Feb 16 18 26	Feb 24 06 31	Mar 4 07 18	Mar 11 09 45
572	Mar 18 06 52	Mar 26 02 49	Apr 2 20 46	Apr 9 15 59
573	Apr 16 20 16	Apr 24 21 45	May 2 07 14	May 8 22 12
574	May 16 10 27	May 24 14 16	May 31 15 19	Jun 7 05 40
575	Jun 15 01 09	Jun 23 03 45	Jun 29 22 04	Jul 6 15 18
576	Jul 14 16 12	Jul 22 14 10	Jul 29 04 46	Aug 5 03 39
577	Aug 13 07 17	Aug 20 22 04	Aug 27 12 33	Sep 3 18 58
578	Sep 11 21 56	Sep 19 04 25	Sep 25 22 22	Oct 3 13 06
579	Oct 11 11 40	Oct 18 10 32	Oct 25 10 45	Nov 2 09 14
580	Nov 10 00 12	Nov 16 17 46	Nov 24 01 54	Dec 2 05 51
581	Dec 9 11 43	Dec 16 03 10	Dec 23 19 36	-

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The Chart (Centre pages) shows the S.A.S.T. of the rising and setting of the Sun and planets for position 30° E, 30° S. The approximate times for other places can be found by applying the longitude differences shown in Table I with the sign reversed, e.g. for Cape Town add 46 minutes, for Durban subtract 4 minutes. The correction for latitude will, in general, be sufficiently small to be ignored and in no case will it exceed 15 minutes.

Along the midnight line are numerals that indicate the sidereal time at midnight; in other words, the right ascension of an object on the meridian at midnight on the date in question.

The scale at the bottom of the chart is for finding rising or setting times of any object whose right ascension and declination are known. Set dividers or a strip of

paper from the index at the centre of the scale to the object's declination and in the direction desired for either rising or setting. Measure this same distance and direction along the midnight line, beginning at the object's right ascension indicated by the numerals. Should this end point fall outside the chart, 12 hours should be added to or subtracted from the right ascension. Reset the dividers using the end of the scale instead of the centre index, and measuring in the opposite direction to that first used. Through the point established draw a line parallel to the March Equinox transit line (indicated by the dashed line on the chart). ~~The point of intersection of this line with the time scale down the sides of the diagram~~ will show the time of rising or setting of the object at latitude 30° South. The approximate positions of the planets in the constellations, given in the table overleaf, are intended for identification purposes.

Mercury can best be seen near its greatest elongation, (see *Astronomical Diary*). The largest western elongation occurs on February 23 when the planet will rise about two hours before sunrise (mag 0.3). The best evening visibility will occur on September 3 (mag 0.4) setting about two hours after sunset. The planet will be brightest about August 9 (mag -1.7). Close conjunction with the Moon takes place on March 16 and August 15.

Venus reaches greatest elongation east on January 27. It then moves westward relative to the Sun reaching inferior conjunction on April 8. Its greatest brilliancy occurs on March 3 (mag -4.3). About mid-April it appears as a morning object in the east, rising progressively earlier than the Sun and reaching greatest brilliancy on May 14 (mag -4.2) and greatest western elongation on June 17. An occultation will occur on January 21.

Mars will be very prominent during the year as opposition occurs on May 31 (mag -1.9). The nearest approach to the Earth takes place on June 9 when the planet will be at a distance of 0.48 astronomical units. (semi-diameter $9.76''$). This opposition will be particularly favourable to southern hemisphere observers, because of the planet's large southern declination at the time. The planet then recedes from the Earth and at the end of the year sets about $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours after sunset.

Jupiter is at opposition on March 21 (mag -2.0). The polar disc will then subtend an angle of $41''$ and the planet will be 414 million miles away. Thereafter Jupiter appears to move closer to the Sun and at the end of September will be lost in the evening twilight. Conjunction with the Sun takes place on October 10 after which it rises before sunrise.

At the beginning of the year Saturn sets about midnight. Early in April it will be lost in the evening twilight, conjunction with the Sun taking place on April 18. After this it rises before sunrise and increases in brightness, reaching a maximum of 0.1 magnitude at opposition on October 29. The polar diameter will then subtend an angle of $18''$ and the planet will be 766 million miles away. The rings will appear widest ($13.94''$) at the end of September, their southern surface being observed.

Optical aid is required to observe Uranus and Neptune. The opposition of the former occurs on March 22 (mag 5.7) and the opposition of the latter occurs on May 18 (mag 7.7).

THE PLANETS IN THE CONSTELLATIONS

MONTH	VENUS	MARS	JUPITER	SATURN
January	Aquarius	Libra	Virgo	Pisces
February	Pisces	Libra	Virgo	Pisces
March	Pisces	Ophiuchus	Virgo	Pisces
April	Pisces	Ophiuchus	Virgo	Pisces
May	Pisces	Ophiuchus	Virgo	Pisces
June	Aries	Scorpio	Virgo	Aries
July	Taurus	Scorpio	Virgo	Aries
August	Gemini	Scorpio	Virgo	Aries
September	Leo	Sagittarius	Virgo	Aries
October	Virgo	Sagittarius	Virgo	Aries
November	Virgo	Capricornus	Virgo	Aries
December	Ophiuchus	Aquarius	Virgo	Aries

EPIHEMERIDES FOR URANUS AND NEPTUNE

DATE	URANUS		NEPTUNE	
	R. A.	Dec.	R. A.	Dec.
Jan 1	12 ^h 15.8 ^m	- 0° 54'	15 ^h 43.6 ^m	- 18° 02'
21	12 15.6	- 0 52	15 45.8	- 18 08
Feb 10	12 14.2	- 0 42	15 47.1	- 18 12
Mar 2	12 11.7	- 0 25	15 47.5	- 18 12
22	12 08.6	- 0 05	15 47.0	- 18 09
Apr 11	12 05.5	+ 0 15	15 45.7	- 18 04
May 1	12 02.9	+ 0 31	15 43.8	- 17 58
21	12 01.2	+ 0 42	15 41.7	- 17 50
Jun 10	12 00.7	+ 0 44	15 39.5	- 17 43
30	12 01.5	+ 0 38	15 37.7	- 17 38
Jul 20	12 03.6	+ 0 23	15 36.5	- 17 35
Aug 9	12 06.7	+ 0 02	15 36.2	- 17 35
29	12 10.6	- 0 24	15 36.6	- 17 38
Sep 18	12 15.0	- 0 53	15 38.0	- 17 44
Oct 8	12 19.6	- 1 23	15 40.1	- 17 51
28	12 24.1	- 1 51	15 42.7	- 18 01
Nov 17	12 28.0	- 2 16	15 45.7	- 18 11
Dec 7	12 31.0	- 2 35	15 48.8	- 18 21
27	12 32.9	- 2 46	15 51.6	- 18 29

The coordinates are apparent geocentric positions for the equinox of date.

THE SATELLITES OF JUPITER

Details of phenomena, occurring between the end of Astronomical Twilight and Midnight, and when the planet is above the horizon in Southern Africa, are tabulated below. The predicted times are for mid-phenomena and are not instantaneous.

Explanation of Table:

The date and time of the phenomenon are given.

Sat. - is the satellite concerned: I - Io III - Ganymede
II - Europa IV - Callisto

Phen. - is the particular phenomenon. The first column gives the type.

Ec - Eclipse: the satellite passes through the shadow of Jupiter.

Oc - Occultation: the satellite is obscured by the disc of Jupiter.

Tr - Transit: the satellite crosses the disc of Jupiter.

Sh - Shadow transit: the shadow of the satellite transits the disc.

The second column gives the phase of the phenomenon.

D - Disappearance R - Reappearance
I - Ingress E - Egress

S. A. S. T.		Sat	Phen	S. A. S. T.		Sat	Phen
Jan 16	22 ^h 49 ^m	I	Tr I	Feb 20	22 ^h 51 ^m	II	Oc R
16	23 54	I	Sh E	23	22 43	I	Ec D
23	23 33	I	Sh I	24	20 40	I	Tr I
25	23 02	III	Oc R	24	22 18	I	Sh E
31	22 35	I	Ec D	24	22 52	I	Tr E
Feb 1	22 10	I	Sh E	26	21 42	III	Sh I
1	22 50	III	Ec R	27	21 26	II	Ec D
1	23 07	I	Tr E	Mar 3	21 58	I	Sh I
1	23 51	III	Oc D	3	22 24	I	Tr I
4	21 17	II	Sh E	4	21 43	I	Oc R
4	23 06	II	Tr E	8	20 50	II	Sh E
8	21 49	I	Sh I	8	21 26	II	Tr E
8	22 42	I	Tr I	10	23 52	I	Sh I
8	23 42	III	Ec D	11	20 59	I	Ec D
9	22 02	I	Oc R	11	23 27	I	Oc R
11	21 10	II	Sh I	12	20 34	I	Sh E
11	22 51	II	Tr I	12	20 47	I	Tr E
11	23 51	II	Sh E	15	20 44	II	Sh I
15	23 42	I	Sh I	15	21 04	II	Tr I
16	23 48	I	Oc R	15	23 25	II	Sh E
17	21 07	I	Tr E	15	23 41	II	Tr E
18	23 44	II	Sh I	16	22 55	III	Oc R
19	20 39	III	Tr I	18	22 53	I	Ec D
19	20 48	III	Sh E	19	20 14	I	Sh I
19	23 23	III	Tr E	19	20 18	I	Tr I

Mar 19	22 ^h 28 ^m	I	Sh	E	Apr 26	23 ⁿ 37 ^m	I	Ec	R
19	22 30	I	Tr	E	27	20 07	I	Tr	E
20	19 37	I	Oc	R	27	20 55	I	Sh	E
22	23 19	II	Tr	I	28	19 00	III	Oc	R
22	23 20	II	Sh	I	28	19 23	III	Ec	D
23	23 25	III	Oc	D	28	22 20	III	Ec	R
24	21 09	II	Ec	R	30	23 54	II	Tr	I
26	22 01	I	Tr	I	May 2	18 54	II	Oc	D
26	22 08	I	Sh	I	2	23 19	II	Ec	R
27	21 30	I	Ec	R	3	22 23	I	Oc	D
31	20 36	II	Oc	D	4	19 42	I	Tr	I
31	23 44	II	Ec	R	4	20 37	I	Sh	I
Apr 2	23 45	I	Tr	I	4	21 55	I	Tr	E
3	20 33	III	Sh	E	4	22 49	I	Sh	E
3	20 52	I	Oc	D	5	19 34	III	Oc	D
3	23 24	I	Ec	R	5	20 00	I	Ec	R
4	20 24	I	Tr	E	5	22 32	III	Oc	R
4	20 44	I	Sh	E	5	23 23	III	Ec	D
7	22 51	II	Oc	D	9	21 16	II	Oc	D
9	19 35	II	Tr	E	11	20 13	II	Sh	E
9	20 30	II	Sh	E	11	21 31	I	Tr	I
10	19 43	III	Tr	I	11	22 31	I	Sh	I
10	21 33	III	Sh	I	11	23 43	I	Tr	E
10	22 34	III	Tr	E	12	21 55	I	Ec	R
10	22 37	I	Oc	D	12	23 08	III	Oc	D
11	19 56	I	Tr	I	13	19 12	I	Sh	E
11	20 25	I	Sh	I	16	20 20	III	Sh	E
11	22 09	I	Tr	E	16	23 40	II	Oc	D
11	22 38	I	Sh	E	18	20 10	II	Sh	I
12	19 48	I	Ec	R	18	20 36	II	Tr	E
16	19 44	II	Tr	I	18	22 50	II	Sh	E
16	20 25	II	Sh	I	18	23 20	I	Tr	I
16	21 52	II	Tr	E	19	20 28	I	Oc	D
16	23 06	II	Sh	E	19	23 50	I	Ec	R
17	23 03	III	Tr	I	20	18 55	I	Sh	I
18	21 42	I	Tr	I	20	20 01	I	Tr	E
18	22 19	I	Sh	I	20	21 07	I	Sh	E
18	23 54	I	Tr	E	23	19 43	III	Tr	E
19	21 42	I	Ec	R	23	21 26	III	Sh	I
20	19 01	I	Sh	E	25	20 24	II	Tr	I
23	21 33	II	Tr	I	25	22 48	II	Sh	I
23	23 02	II	Sh	I	25	23 05	II	Tr	E
25	20 44	II	Ec	R	26	22 20	I	Oc	D
25	23 28	I	Tr	I	27	19 39	I	Tr	I
26	20 35	I	Oc	D	27	20 20	II	Ec	R

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Date	Shower	Radiant R.A. Dec	Maximum		
			Date	Hourly Rate	Transit of Radiant
Jan 3	Quadrantids	227 ^o + 46 ^o	Jan 3	40	08 ^h 30 ^m
Mar 12	Hydraids	184 - 27	Mar 25	?	00 00
-Apr 25					
Mar 1	Virginids	200 - 6	Apr 3	?	00 00
-May 10					
Apr 2	Lyrids	273 + 35	Apr 21	12	04 00
-Apr 24					
Apr 29	Eta Aquarids	338 - 1	May 3	10	07 36
-May 21					
Apr 20	Sco - Sgr System	270 - 30	Jun 14	?	00 30
-Jul 30					
Jul 25	Delta Aquarids	343 - 17	Jul 28	20	02 00
-Aug 10					
Jul 18	Alpha Capricornids	304 - 12	?	?	.....
-Jul 30					
Jul 20	Perseids	43 + 56	Aug 12	50	05 36
-Aug 19					
Aug 16	Piscids	0 + 14	Sep 12	?	00 30
-Oct 8					
Oct 11	Orionids	94 + 16	Oct 21	20	04 24
-Oct 30					
Sep 24	Taurids	58 + 21	Nov 13	6	00 36
-Dec 10					
Nov 16	Leonids	151 + 21	Nov 16	6	06 32
Dec 5	Geminids	113 + 30	Dec 13	30	02 00
-Dec 13					
Dec 5	Velaids	149 - 51	Dec 29	?	03 30
-Jan 7					

The hourly rates would apply if the radiants were in the observer's zenith. The orbits of the cometary currents are closely related to the orbits of the comets named: the orbits of ecliptical currents to those of certain minor planets.

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Recommended SAST of watch	Conditions at Maximum	Nature of current	Appearance
Difficult in SA.			
22h - 24h	Unfavourable	Unknown	
22h - 24h	Unfavourable	Ecliptical	
02h - 04h	Favourable	Cometary: Comet 1861 I	Swift with streaks
03h - dawn	Unfavourable	Cometary: Halley	Very swift, long paths
20h - 24h	Favourable	Ecliptical	
23h - 02h	Unfavourable	Ecliptical	Slow, long paths
22h - 02h	-	Cometary: Comet 1881 IV	Very slow, bright
03h - dawn	Favourable*	Cometary: Comet 1862 III	
22h - 24h	Favourable	Ecliptical	
02h30m - 04h30m	Favourable	Cometary: Halley	Swift, with streaks
22h - 24h	Favourable	Ecliptical	
03h - dawn	Favourable	Cometary: Comet 1866 I	
23h - 02h	Favourable	Ecliptical	Medium speed, white
23h - 03h30m	Unfavourable	Unknown	

* In view of the high northern declination of its radiant, this shower is difficult to observe from South Africa, and then only from low latitudes.

eclipses 1969

During 1969 there will be five eclipses, two of the Sun and three of the Moon.

1. March 18 Annular eclipse of the Sun - Partial phase visible in Eastern Zululand.
2. April 2 Penumbral eclipse of the Moon - visible in South Africa.
3. August 27 Penumbral eclipse of the Moon - not visible in South Africa.
4. September 11 Annular eclipse of the Sun - not visible in South Africa.
5. September 25/26 Penumbral eclipse of the Moon - visible in South Africa.

The eclipse of March 18 will end at sunrise along the east coast of Southern Africa from approximate latitude 15° S to 29° S. Partial phases will be seen in Eastern Mozambique.

Penumbral Eclipse of the Moon April 2

Moon enters penumbra	18 ^h 38. ^m 3
Middle of the eclipse	20 32.4
Moon leaves penumbra	22 26.5

Penumbral Eclipse of the Moon September 25/26

Moon enters penumbra	Sep 25	20 ^h 04. ^m 9
Middle of eclipse	Sep 25	22 09.6
Moon leaves penumbra	Sep 26	00 14.2

bright variable stars

Date	Star	Max Mag	Period	R.A.	Dec.
Sep 24	Mira	3.8	332	02 ^h 17 ^m	-03 ^o 07'
Feb 26	R Hor	6.3	402	02 53	-50 02
?	R Dor	5.3-6.4	338?	04 36	-62 09
?	L ₂ Pup	3.4	140?	07 12	-41 35
Aug 11	R Car	4.6	308	09 31	-62 38
Apr 15	S Car	5.8	149	10 08	-61 22
Oct 28	R Hyd	4.3	470	13 28	-23 06
Mar 14	T Cen	6.1	91	13 40	-33 45

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Jan	10 ^d 10 ^h	Uranus 1 ^o N of Moon	Mar 16 ^d 01 ^h	Jupiter 0.9 ^o N of Uranus
	10 14	Jupiter 2 ^o N of Moon	16 18	Mercury 0.05 ^o S of Moon
	11 20	Spica 0.3 ^o S of Moon		
	13 00	Mars 5 ^o N of Moon	17 09	Venus stationary
	13 17	Mercury greatest elongation 19 ^o E	17 23	Mars 6 ^o N of Antares
			18 07	Annular eclipse of the Sun
	14 09	Neptune 6 ^o N of Moon		
	15 02	Antares 0.06 ^o N of Moon	20 08	Venus 6 ^o N of Moon
	19 10	Mercury 5 ^o N of Moon	20 12	Saturn 5 ^o S of Moon
	21 05	Jupiter stationary	20 21	Equinox
	21 18	Venus 1 ^o N of Moon	22 01	Jupiter at Opposition
	24 08	Saturn 4 ^o S of Moon	22 21	Uranus at Opposition
	27 00	Venus greatest elongation 47 ^o E		
	29 11	Mercury in inferior conjunction	Apr 1 ^d 23 ^h	Jupiter 2 ^o N of Moon
			2 02	Uranus 1 ^o N of Moon
			2 21	Penumbral eclipse of the Moon
Feb	6 ^d 15 ^h	Uranus 1 ^o N of Moon	3 15	Spica 0.02 ^o N of Moon
	6 19	Jupiter 2 ^o N of Moon	6 05	Neptune 6 ^o N of Moon
	8 02	Spica 0.1 ^o S of Moon	6 21	Antares 0.4 ^o N of Moon
	10 08	Mars 6 ^o N of Moon	7 06	Mars 6 ^o N of Moon
	10 17	Neptune 6 ^o N of Moon	8 17	Venus in inferior conjunction
	11 09	Antares 0.3 ^o N of Moon		
	14 20	Mercury 6 ^o N of Moon	9 01	Mercury in superior conjunction
	20 04	Venus 2 ^o N of Moon	15 18	Venus 5 ^o N of Moon
	20 21	Saturn 5 ^o S of Moon	18 22	Saturn in conjunction with Sun
	22 18	Mars 0.5 ^o S of Neptune		
	23 13	Mercury greatest elongation 27 ^o W	27 05	Mars stationary
			27 09	Venus stationary
			29 03	Jupiter 1 ^o N of Moon
			29 09	Uranus 1 ^o N of Moon
Mar	3 ^d 12 ^h	Venus at greatest brilliancy		
	5 19	Uranus 1 ^o N of Moon		
	5 21	Jupiter 2 ^o N of Moon	May 1 ^d 01 ^h	Spica 0.03 ^o N of Moon
	7 07	Spica 0.03 ^o N of Moon	3 12	Neptune 6 ^o N of Moon
	9 23	Neptune 6 ^o N of Moon	4 05	Antares 0.3 ^o N of Moon
	10 10	Mars 6 ^o N of Moon	4 17	Mars 4 ^o N of Moon
	10 15	Antares 0.4 ^o N of Moon	6 01	Mercury greatest elongation 21 ^o E
	14 15	Pluto at Opposition		

May 11 ^d 19 ^h	Mercury 8° N of Aldebaran	Jul 22 ^d 04 ^h	Spica 0.7° N of Moon
13 03	Venus 1° S of Moon	22 17	Mercury in superior conjunction
14 11	Venus at greatest brilliancy	24 15	Neptune 7° N of Moon
14 17	Saturn 5° S of Moon	25 02	Mars 2° N of Moon
17 20	Mercury 4° S of Moon	25 11	Antares 0.4° N of Moon
18 14	Neptune at Opposition		
24 00	Jupiter stationary	Aug 5 ^d 01 ^h	Saturn 7° S of Moon
26 11	Jupiter 1° N of Moon	6 18	Mercury 0.9° N of Regulus
26 18	Uranus 1° N of Moon	9 16	Venus 7° S of Moon
28 11	Spica 0.2° N of Moon	12 03	Mars 1.3° N of Antares
29 12	Mercury in inferior conjunction	15 04	Mercury 0.3° S of Moon
30 21	Neptune 6° N of Moon	16 18	Uranus 2° N of Moon
31 14	Antares 0.2° N of Moon	17 01	Jupiter 3° N of Moon
31 16	Mars 3° N of Moon	18 09	Spica 0.8° N of Moon
31 18	Mars at Opposition	20 22	Neptune 7° N of Moon
		21 18	Antares 0.6° N of Moon
Jun 3 ^d 19 ^h	Mars 2° N of Antares	22 02	Mars 2° N of Moon
9 06	Mars nearest to Earth	22 03	Saturn stationary
11 04	Venus 6° S of Moon	24 04	Venus 7° S of Pollux
11 04	Saturn 6° S of Moon	27 13	Penumbral eclipse of Moon
11 16	Venus 0.3° S of Saturn	30 15	Mercury 3° S of Uranus
13 12	Mercury 9° S of Moon		
17 19	Venus greatest elongation 46° W	Sep 1 ^d 09 ^h	Saturn 7° S of Moon
21 16	Solstice	3 06	Mercury greatest elongation 27° E
22 22	Jupiter 2° N of Moon	7 18	Mercury 5° S of Jupiter
23 02	Uranus 1° N of Moon	8 21	Venus 3° S of Moon
23 13	Mercury greatest elongation 23° W	11 22	Annular eclipse of Sun
23 17	Mercury 2° N of Aldebaran	13 03	Uranus 2° N of Moon
24 20	Spica 0.4° N of Moon	13 18	Jupiter 3° N of Moon
27 07	Neptune 6° N of Moon	13 21	Mercury 2° S of Moon
27 15	Mars 2° N of Moon	14 15	Spica 0.9° N of Moon
28 01	Antares 0.3° N of Moon	17 04	Neptune 7° N of Moon
		18 00	Antares 0.6° N of Moon
Jul 8 ^d 12 ^h	Mars stationary	19 09	Mars 2° N of Moon
8 15	Saturn 6° S of Moon	19 22	Mercury 6° S of Jupiter
10 18	Venus 8° S of Moon	22 15	Venus 0.4° N of Regulus
13 16	Mercury 4° S of Moon	23 07	Equinox
16 03	Venus 3° N of Aldebaran	25 22	Penumbral eclipse of the Moon
18 08	Jupiter 0.6° N of Uranus	28 17	Saturn 7° S of Moon
20 10	Uranus 2° N of Moon	29 12	Mercury in inferior conj.
20 10	Jupiter 2° N of Moon		

Oct	9 ^d 09 ^h	Venus 1° N of Moon	Nov	8 ^d 07 ^h	Spica 0.9° N of Moon
	10 00	Jupiter in conjunction with Sun		8 08	Jupiter 4° N of Moon
	10 04	Mercury 2° N of Moon		8 17	Venus 5° N of Moon
	14 11	Neptune 7° N of Moon		11 13	Antares 0.4° N of Moon
	15 00	Mercury greatest elongation 18° W		15 13	Mars 2° N of Moon
	15 06	Antares 0.5° N of Moon		22 02	Saturn 7° S of Moon
	16 14	Mercury 1.3° N of Uranus	Dec	1 ^d 08 ^h	Regulus 1° S of Moon
	17 21	Mars 2° N of Moon		4 00	Venus 0.8° S of Neptune
	22 04	Venus 0.9° N of Uranus		4 15	Uranus 3° N of Moon
	25 22	Saturn 7° S of Moon		5 17	Spica 1° N of Moon
	26 13	Mercury 0.8° N of Jupiter		6 04	Jupiter 5° N of Moon
	27 21	Mercury 4° N of Spica		8 09	Neptune 7° N of Moon
	29 04	Saturn at Opposition		11 11	Venus 5° N of Antares
Nov	4 ^d 02 ^h	Venus 0.5° N of Jupiter		14 08	Mars 0.3° N of Moon
	4 09	Venus 4° N of Spica		19 05	Saturn 7° S of Moon
	5 17	Jupiter 3° N of Spica		22 03	Solstice
	7 02	Uranus 2° N of Moon		27 23	Mercury greatest elongation 20° E
				28 16	Regulus 0.9° S of Moon

society's calendar for 1969

Material and Notes for MNASSA by	15th of the month.
Nominations for Gill Medal by	April 8.
Essay Competition closes	May 31.
Nominations for Officers and Council by	June 15
Subscriptions due	July 1.
Annual General Meeting at all Centres	4th Wednesday in July.

THE GILL MEDAL

Medallists

1956	H. Knox Shaw	1960	W. H. van den Bos
1957	W. P. Hirst	1963	A. W. J. Cousins
1958	J. Jackson	1965	R. H. Stoy
	1967		W. S. Finsen

The Gill Medal commemorates Sir David Gill, H. M. Astronomer at the Cape (1879-1907) renowned for his numerous researches, especially in positional and mathematical astronomy and geodesy, and for his part in consolidating astronomical science in Southern Africa.

The medal was designed by Dr. P. Kirchhoff, President of the Society at the time, in 1955. The obverse carries a bas-relief portrait of Gill: the reverse incorporates a representation of the heliometer with which Gill undertook much of his positional work including a determination of the solar parallax. The medal which is struck in silver is awarded by Council for services to astronomy with special consideration to services in Southern Africa.

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1923	
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