

Astronomy Software - For Moon Phases and General Night-Sky Navigation

Post by “Godfrey” of January 24, 2023 at 2:15 PM

Admin Edit: This thread was split off from an earlier thread concerning Epicurus' Birthday. In this case I left a copy of the posts in the original location, but let's use this thread to discuss "Astronomy Software." I've previously intended to post about "orreries" (and maybe that exists somewhere, and I just can't find it at the moment). At any rate there's plenty of precedent for Epicureans being interesting in the night sky, so we can talk here about software or other technology to assist in that.

For several years my son and I have looked at the moon most evenings that it's visible. This discussion of the lunar calendar has me intrigued as to what it might be like to tune in more closely to the lunar cycles as another way of being in nature. To that end, I found an app! Oh, the irony....

At any rate, Daff Moon gets my vote as an excellent tool. I've been using it for a few weeks now; my favorite features are a chart showing the phases of the moon, and a "sphere" feature that shows the sun and the moon in a simple 3D view in relation to the ground plane at my location. It has lots more: the sun, the planets, orbits, if those are of interest. Two thumbs up!

Post by “Don” of January 25, 2023 at 8:16 AM

Downloaded Daff Moon. Very cool! I especially like - from an Epicurean perspective - that it gives the age of the moon at the bottom. Now, all I have to do is check when it turns over to 20 days and tahdah! It's the eikas... aka protera dekatē! 😊

Post by “Cassius” of January 25, 2023 at 8:52 AM

I got it now too. Mr. Daff is going to wonder how this turned out to be a big day for his program



Post by “Pacatus” of January 26, 2023 at 4:28 PM

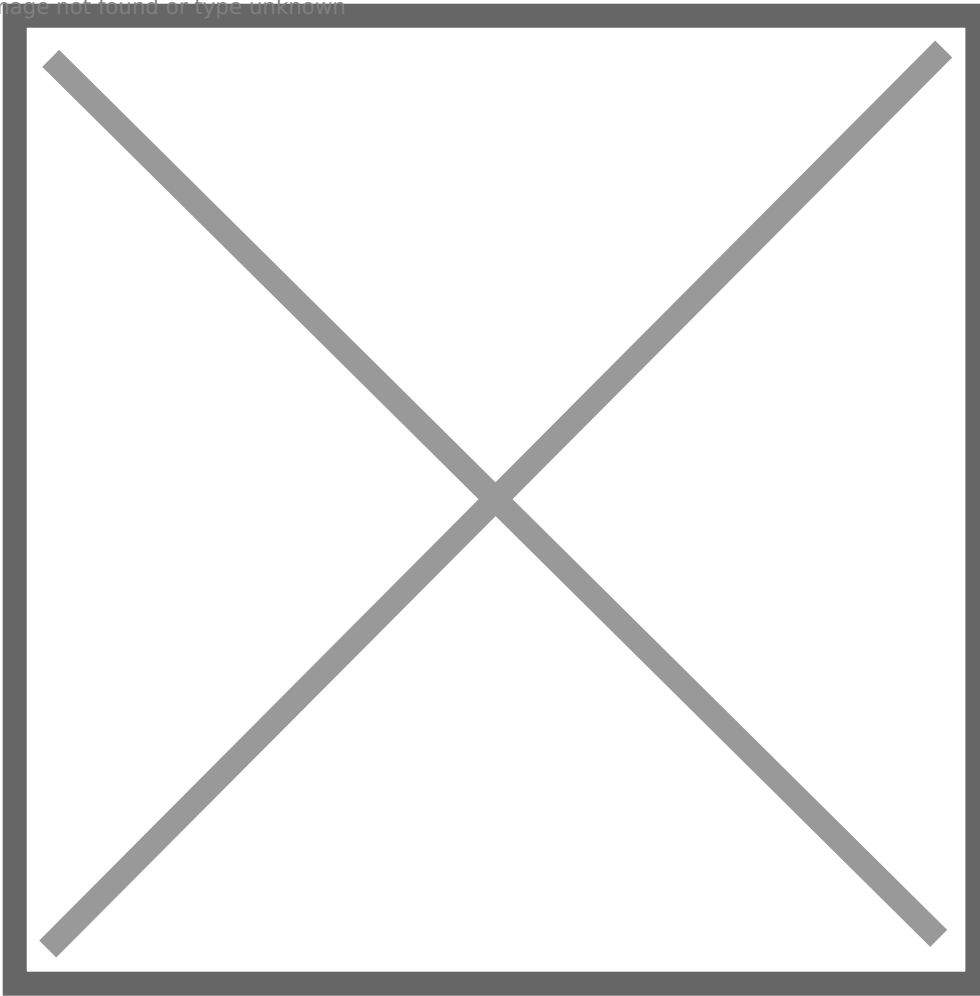
[Don](#) Wow! Impressive work, to say the least! 😊

Post by “Cassius” of October 10, 2024 at 7:42 PM

We might need to split off the "Daff Moon" appreciation society to a different thread, especially if we add many comments unrelated to Epicurus' birthday like i am about to make.

Maybe I'll turn this into an "Astronomy Software" thread, because I just downloaded the Android app "The Sky Live" and it appears to be both totally free (and without advertising) and very usable for navigating the night sky.

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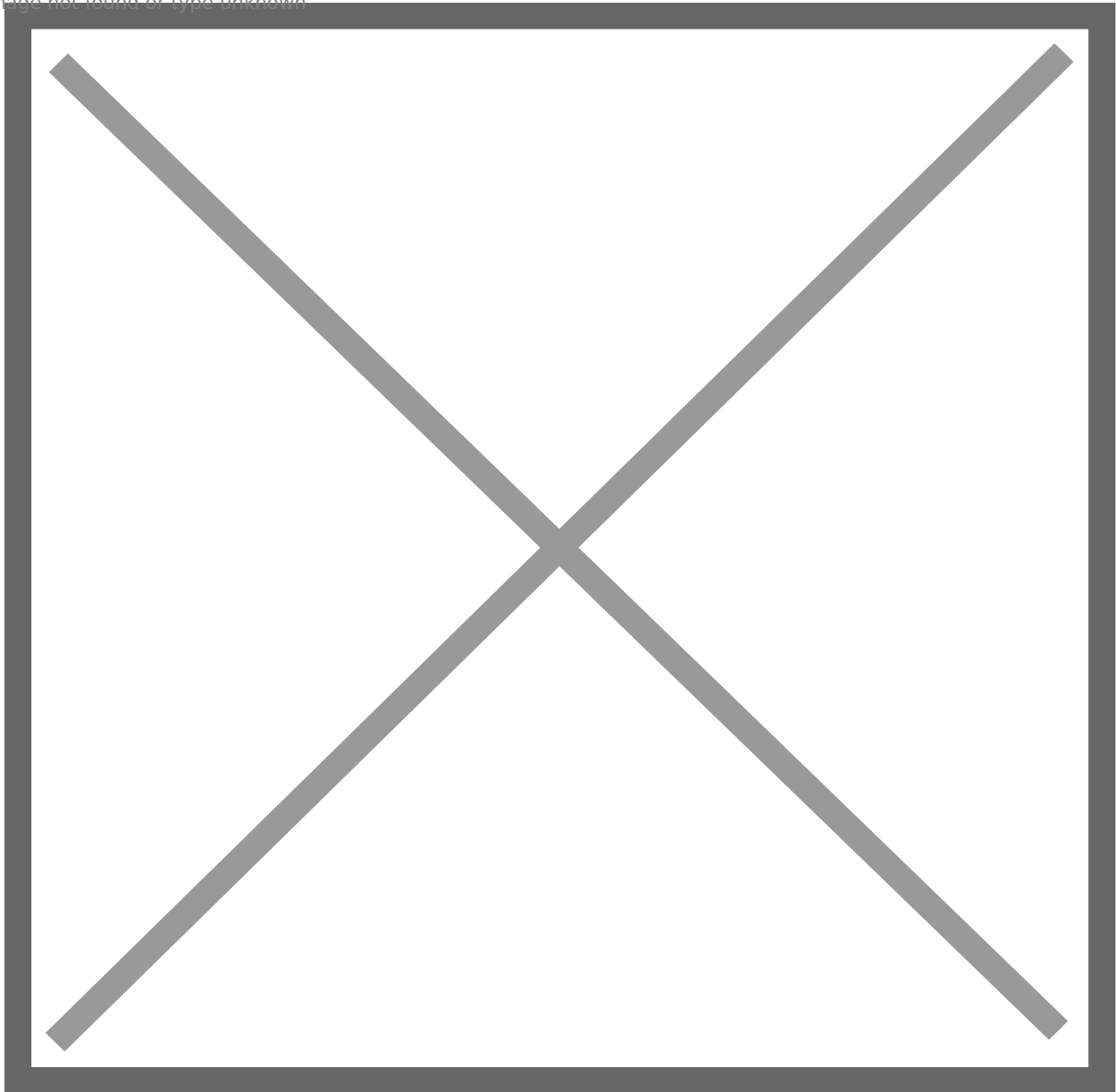
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