

2.1: Module Introduction

Night comes leaking out of the sky.
Stars come peeking.
Moon comes sneaking silvery-sly.
Who is shaking, shivery – quaking?
Who is afraid of the night?
Not I.

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As Night Comes

This module, Historical Astronomy, looks at some of the earliest history of astronomy and sky gazing, the contributions of the Greeks, and the individuals whose contributions to modern astronomy stands upon.

Objectives

Upon completion of this module, the student will be able to:

- Identify the processes of science
- Identify historical contributions to astronomy by civilizations
- Describe how astronomy has effected such things as the days of the week and the month
- Differentiate between the geocentric and the heliocentric solar system models and their contributions
- Differentiate between astronomy and astrology
- Discuss the contributions by Copernicus, Brahe, Kepler, Galilei, and Newton to modern astronomy
- Define Newton's 3 Laws of Motion

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