

Commencement of the Seasons.

Spring commences March 20—Sun enters γ .
 Summer commences June 21—Sun enters α .
 Autumn commences September 22—Sun enters β .
 Winter commences December 21—Sun enters δ .

Mean obliquity of the Ecliptic, at noon at Washington, January 1st, 1855— $23^{\circ} 27' 28''.21$.

Eclipses.

In the year 1856 there will be four Eclipses—two of the Sun and two of the Moon, viz.:

I.—A total eclipse of the Sun, April 4th, 1856, invisible on the continent of America.

II.—A partial eclipse of the Moon, April 20th, 1856.

Moon enters the penumbra, 2h. 0.6m. morning.

Moon enters the shadow, 3h. 19m. 4s. "

Greatest eclipse, 4h. 52m. 0s. "

Moon leaves the shadow, 6h. 24m. 6s. "

Moon leaves the penumbra, 7h. 43m. 4s. "

First contact of shadow with Moon's limb, 79° from North Point towards the East.

Last contact of shadow with Moon's limb, 25° from North Point towards the West.

Magnitude of Eclipse, 0.712 (Moon's diameter—1.)

III.—An annular eclipse of the Sun, September 28, 1856, invisible in Nova Scotia.

IV.—A partial eclipse of the Moon, October 13th, 1856.

Moon enters penumbra, 4h. 9m. 4s. evening.

Moon enters shadow, 5h. 6m. 5s. "

Greatest eclipse, 6h. 3'm 8s. "

Moon leaves shadow, 8h. 13m. 1s. "

Moon leaves penumbra, 9h. 10m. 2s. "

First contact of shadow with Moon's limb, 91° from North Point towards the East.

Last contact of shadow with Moon's limb, 145° from North Point towards the West.

Magnitude of Eclipse, 0.998 (Moon's diameter—1.)

Morning and Evening Stars.

VENUS will be a Morning Star till the 15th of July, and then an Evening Star till the end of the year.

MARS will be a Morning Star till the 3rd of April, and then an Evening Star till the end of the year.

JUPITER will be an Evening Star till the 9th of March, and then a Morning Star till 25th September; then an Evening Star till the end of the year.

SATURN will be an Evening Star till the 25th of June, and then a Morning Star till the end of the year.

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 Epiphany,
 Septuagesima,
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 Shrove Sunday,
 Ash Wednesday,
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