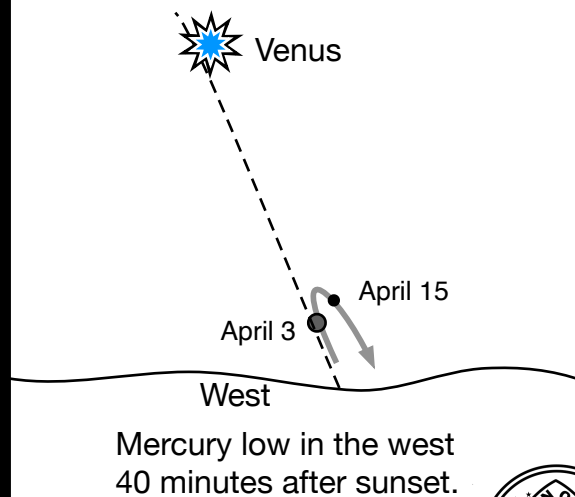
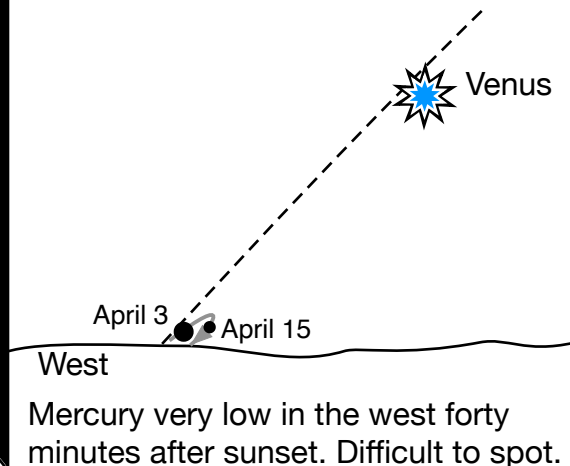


Northern Hemisphere Observers



Southern Hemisphere Observers



Spotting Mercury

a naked eye or binocular activity

Mercury is found low in the western sky shortly after sunset in the first half of April. After April 15, the little planet will be too dim to easily spot.

Northern hemisphere observers have an easier time at spotting Mercury than do southern observers because the tilt of the ecliptic appears steeper for folks in the northern hemisphere. Hence, the planet climbs higher above the horizon making it easier to spot in the evening twilight.



Relative orbital positions of Earth and Mercury showing Mercury's phases as seen from Earth.

