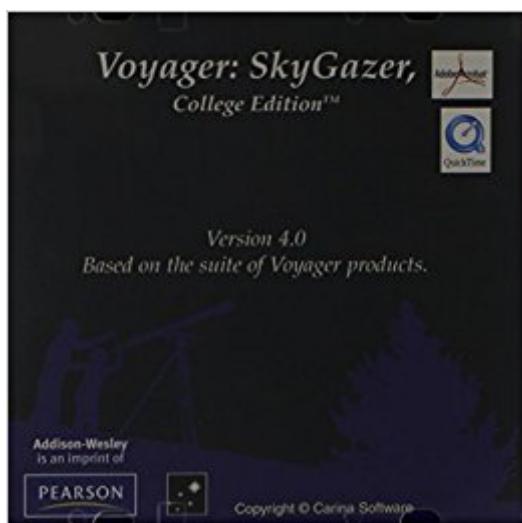


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Very fascinating what you are capable of finding scientifically here. I would say that a course in Astronomy is helpful to supplement this. I do weekly labs for school with this software, which I enjoy. I will keep it for future reference. You can set the time and location anywhere you like to find out what is in the sky, plus many other things, like traveling around our solar system.

I am very disappointed that accumulating error in all astronomy programs is not reduced by making first calculations in sidereal years, and then precessing the axis to tropical years. Carina programs will show Venus in Leo and say it is in Gemini because it calculated tropical before precessing. This program precesses both tropical grid and stars together. In a fixed tropical grid (calculation of tropical years) the stars precess without the grid, and in a sidereal map of stars with a yet-to-be invented sidereal grid the tropical grid precesses without the stars. They do not precess together, and to do so is to appease astrologers who wish to see their astrology signs. Well 4000 year old

stars ARE NOT the astrology signs. What is lost is the fact that accumulation of decimal fraction will be different for tropical years than for sidereal years. The distance and angle of a star should not be trusted to whatever axis Earth has. Earth can be destroyed and still the constellations exist. Even units of elliptical orbital years would be better than relying on the axis as the foundation unit. I stick with Carina due to teh fact that for book print purposes, the simple is better than other very detailed programs. But i am betting they all calculate the same process as tropical first, and then convert. Preventing precession to sell to astrologers will also shift the sky so that rising stars havent risen, and making others rise that havent. Another reason to stick to real astronomy and start calculating AND MAPPING by sidereal years first, then precess just the axis grid, not the stars with it.

This CD helped me a great deal with Astronomy. Without this CD, I would not have pasted Astronomy with an A+.

Assisted greatly in my Astronomomy class.

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Thank you

Had to use this for an astronomy class. The class was a bit boring, but this software was really neat.

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