Subject: Telescopes?
Posted by Mr Vinyl on Wed, 24 May 2006 13:53:22 GMT
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Anybody here know anything about Telescopes? I would like to buy a good one but know nothing about them. Any suggestions for a beginner? Thanks in advance.

Subject: Re: Telescopes?
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 24 May 2006 14:06:46 GMT
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Why; did you spot a liberal out in space?

Subject: Re: Telescopes?
Posted by colinhester on Wed, 24 May 2006 14:56:39 GMT
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I enjoyed astronomy for many years, and it was my first major in college. In high school I pieced together a 6" f/8 reflector that I still have after many years. Do you need it to be portable, and what is your budget (sorry, had to ask)? Are you willing to DIY? Using for casual viewing or do you plan on doing astrophotography or CCD capture?

Subject: All liberals are out in space IMO. (NT)
Posted by Mr Vinyl on Wed, 24 May 2006 18:12:07 GMT
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Subject: Re: Telescopes?
Posted by Mr Vinyl on Wed, 24 May 2006 18:17:09 GMT
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Hi,Thanks for your response. I am not looking to DIY. I was trying to keep in under $1000. It's

mostly for my wife for casual looking. I had heard Celestron was the best. Do you agree with this? I was looking to get something good even if it is for casual looking. Who knows maybe it could be a new hobby. Although I do want something that is relatively easy to use. I was briefly looking at the Celestron C6S. See link below if interested. It doesn't have to be portable.Thanks in advance.

http://celestron.telescopes.com/products/celestron-c6-s-gt-schmidt-cassegrain-wxlt-coatings-38338.html

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Subject: Re:Anything to escape from this administration.
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 24 May 2006 18:25:24 GMT
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Subject: Not a bad come back you're getting better. (NT)
Posted by Mr Vinyl on Wed, 24 May 2006 18:32:55 GMT
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Subject: Re: Telescopes?
Posted by colinhester on Wed, 24 May 2006 18:34:38 GMT
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There are four items I would suggest to start you on your way:1) Subscription to Astronomy and after a year Sky and Telescope2) A good star chart. Learn the stars3) A nice pair of binoculars. You'd be amazed what can see. This might really be all you need for casual gazing.http://celestron.telescopes.com/products/celestron-skymaster-15x70-center-focus-14955.html 4) A Dobsonian is going to be your best bang-for-the-buck. If you are not doing photography, then a star drive is really over kill. The new drives are nice in that they don't need polar alignment and catalogue objects can be brought in to the field of view with the push of a button, but for me that really takes the fun out. My rec for a Dob is actually being closed out. This 12" Dob is going to have about 2x the light gathering power of the Celestron http://celestron.telescopes.com/products/zhumell-12-inch-dobsonian-reflector-telescope-44098.htmlPS You think audio gets expensive, well.....

Subject: Thanks colinhester I appreciate the input. (NT)
Posted by Mr Vinyl on Wed, 24 May 2006 18:45:52 GMT
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Subject: Re:I was always better. But thanks anyway.
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 24 May 2006 18:57:59 GMT
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Subject: Correction
Posted by colinhester on Thu, 25 May 2006 13:59:02 GMT
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The 12" dob is going to have 4x the light gathering power of the 6" Celestron. The dob is a very easy to use scope, if low power eyepieces are used. Again, best of luck and please let us know what you get.....Colin