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*In general very good and well worth £10. It would be nice to have some more basic definitions e.g. What is a planet, a moon, a star etc right at the start of the course. A light year is mentioned a lot - self explanatory yes - but does everyone know how fast light actually travels in order to realise the actual distance involved.*

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→ Handouts good - but would have liked guidance on how to take photos included.

- Expected more information on identifying constellations.

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 P.S. Any chance of starting later - if you do these again? - 7pm perhaps?

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Presuming the course was aimed at a wide audience, you have succeeded, I feel. I am interested in this and more difficult talks too. Well done!

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more notes could be useful for the serious student.

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many thanks to the society

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Astrology is 'nonsense' according to Patrick Moore - and of course <sup>we</sup> all agree. But everyone knows their Star Signs. The links between astrology & astronomy (the constellations and current movements of sun) link these two subjects and are good from both the scientific and less scientific audience!!

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would appreciate next level to continue with my 'black holes'  
not really interested in photography - is too soon, too technical! maybe have as a separate session for those interested.

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