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Tabl	Table-A Calculation Formula for Astronomical Easter Calculation, Gregorian Year JD# Method									
Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	ı	J	
YR	pEpact	JD#1Jan	JD#JanNM	JD#PFM1	JD#Eqnx	JD#PFM	WkDy	JD# Easter	D#ck	
-4000	24.3	260090.45	260113.8	260187.8	260170.2	260187.8	7	260188.8	1	
2019	6.0	2458484.8	2458489.8	2458563.8	2458563.4	2458563.8	5	2458566.8	1	
Yr	pEPCT	JD#Jan1.3	(B-1)+C	74.02+ D	F.3 or F.7	IF(E>=F,E,E+29.5)	f.6(G)	IF(H=1,G+7,8- INT(H)+G)	f.6(i)	

The above Table-A is a tabulation of <u>calculation</u> steps for <u>finding Astronomical date</u> of Easter. The example calculations use formula-2 of Table-B to determine moment of <u>January New Moon</u> for selected year, expressed as astronomical Julian Day number, JD#. Alternatively one could use any number of resources to arrive at a value for column B. Just be sure to express the moment as an <u>Astronomical</u> formatted Julian Day Number, JD#. Julian calendar or Gregorian calendar dates may be verified by the day of week. The numbers in column F, JD#.Equinox, are for <u>equinox</u> moment by formula 4 of Table B. The month number and day-of-month may be determined in a spreadsheet by adding two more columns and using formula 8 and 9, Table B, given that Year, **Yr**, is stated as input in column-A. Alternatively, the Easter JD# may be converted back to Gregorian Date by several <u>free programs</u>. This routine was compared by 70 dates. If using JMT in place of GMT (UT), then add an offset of 0.098 days to step "I" and "J".

A check was made against the <u>WCC</u> Easter dates <u>table</u> for years 2025 to 2001. Against that Table this method using formula 2 and 4 reproduced their result. Other <u>checked</u> instances returned results that matched either the <u>Catholic Easter dates</u> or alternative astronomical calculation results. However the data of <u>Ovidiu Vaduvescu</u> did not confirm the astronomical values set forth in the WCC document nor results of this calculation. If Equinox and PFM dates are closer than one (1) day, verification by a more precise routine is advised on slide-9. NEXT N3

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Name (Nu)	TABLE-B Excel Astronomical Name Formula: Yr-year; JD#-Julian Day					
pEpact.Cassidy.f1	29.09-MOD (MOD (Yr, 19)*11-INT ((Yr-1502.57-12*MOD (Yr, 19))/228),29.983)					
pEpact.Cassidy.0.f1b	29.5-MOD (MOD (Yr, 19)*11-INT ((Yr-1584-12*MOD (Yr, 19))/228),30)					
pEpact.Lunation#.f2	IF((1+MOD((365.242454*(-4006-\frac{\					
JD# Jan1.f3	257898.52-365.242454*(-4006-Yr)					
JD# Equinox.f4 1 st Page	(2457102.448+(Yr-2015)*365.2422)+((-0.0005947871)*((Yr-2015)/1000)^4+(-0.00392591)*((Yr-2015)/1000)^3+(0.013808751)*((Yr-2015)/1000)^2+(0.1590901)*((Yr-2015)/1000))					
March 1st Moon.f5	JD#.Jan1 + pEpact + 59					
Day of Week.f6	(1+INT(MOD((1.5+JD#),7))) one is Sunday and 7 is Saturday, etc					
JD#21March.f7	257978.00-365.242454*(-4006-Yr)					
Day of Month.f8	1+INT(MOD(((INT(MOD(((INT(JD#+0.5)+(- 37+INT(0.5+0.75*INT((INT(JD#+0.5)-4479.5)/36524.25))))-					