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The civil twilight starts (ends) when the centre of the sun is 6 ° below the true horizon. From that moment on it becomes possible (impossible) before sunrise (after) sunset for someone to read an ordinary printed text in clear weather and in the open air and with his back to the point of sunrise (sunset) turned.
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