

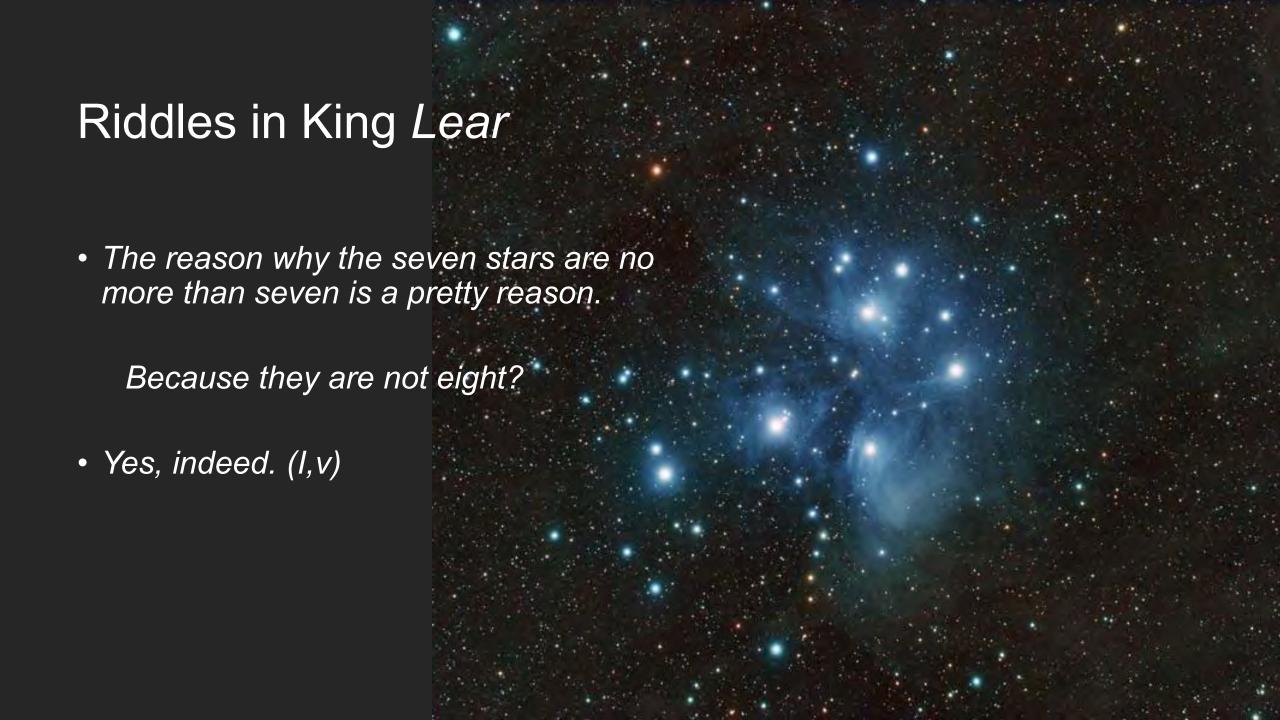






Astronomy in Shakespeare's King Lear, (c. 1606)

- These late eclipses in the sun and moon portend no good to us ... we make guilty of our disasters the sun, the moon, and the stars (I, ii)
- It is the stars above that govern us (IV iii)
- Smite flat the thick rotundity o' the world (III, ii)



Comets: good, bad?



