

Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.

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Lyrid Meteor and Milky Way

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Explanation: On April 22nd, the Lyrid Meteor Shower visited planet Earth's sky, an [annual shower](#) produced as the Earth plows through dust from the tail of comet [Thatcher](#). Usually Lyrid meteor watchers see only a drizzle. Just a few meteors per hour stream away from the shower's [radiant point](#) near bright star Vega in the constellation Lyra. But photographer Tony Rowell still managed to catch one bright Lyrid meteor. Recorded in early [morning hours](#), his well-composed image looks toward the [south](#) from White Mountains of eastern California, USA. During the time exposure, he briefly illuminated an old mining cabin in the region's Ancient [Bristlecone Pine](#) Forest in the foreground. The rich starfields and dust clouds of our own Milky Way [galaxy](#) stretch across the background, along the meteor's [glowing trail](#) .

ignoble

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adjective

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Meaning

- 1 : of low birth or common origin : plebian
- *2 : characterized by baseness, lowness, or meanness

Example Sentence

"Ever the opportunist, Luthor has been hanging around Superman's arctic fortress ... while devising plans for world dictatorship and other ignoble acts." (Kevin Canfield, The Journal News, June 27, 2006)

Did you know?

The word "noble," in addition to referring to someone born to aristocratic ranks, can also be used to describe someone of outstanding character. That word first appeared in English in the 13th century, and its antonym, "ignoble," came about two centuries later. "Ignoble" derives via Middle English and Middle French from the Latin prefix "in-" ("not") and the Old Latin "gnobilis" ("noble"). Originally, "ignoble" described someone born to common or plebian origins, but by the late 16th century it had come to describe people of dishonorable character, or the actions performed by such people.

*Indicates the sense illustrated in the example sentence.

Best Regards,

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