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The temple of Apollo at Delphi was the seat of one of the most influential oracles in the Hellenistic World. Its orientation is puzzling, but may be related to the heliacal rising of Vega (α Lyr) and its appearance above the Faidriades in December, which coincided with Apollo's departure for Hyperborea. How this might be related to seasonal variations in the emission of hallucinogenic gas, and other annual astronomical events, is described by Ioannis Liritzis and Belén Castro in their paper starting on page 184.