

24 – 26 August 2017 – the Planets

A Crescent Moon Hangs Near Jupiter and Spica

On the evenings of **Thursday, August 24th through Saturday the 26th**, the waxing crescent Moon joins the planet **Jupiter** and bluish-white **Spica**, the brightest star in the constellation Virgo.

Look towards the west-southwest about 9:00 p.m. EDT to locate this trio of appealing celestial objects.

Although the 3 objects appear close in our 2-dimensional view, Jupiter is some **564 million miles** behind the Moon, while Spica lies **250 light years** behind Jupiter!



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