



# June 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> 2018 – the Planets

## Dusk's Venus, Mercury and Sliver of Moon

On the evening of **Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**, bright **Venus** will be your guidepost to find two challenging objects low to the W-NW horizon: a 1 day-old **crescent Moon**, and **Mercury**, which is emerging into dusk's skies from its *superior conjunction* (passing behind the Sun as seen from Earth) the previous week.

While the -4.0 magnitude beacon of Venus will grab your attention, binoculars may be necessary to discern fainter Mercury and the sliver of Moon through twilight's glow.

With a low view to the W-NW, **try your luck about 9:15 p.m.**, some 30 minutes after sunset, or again on the following night, Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>, when the Moon will be higher and thus easier to find.

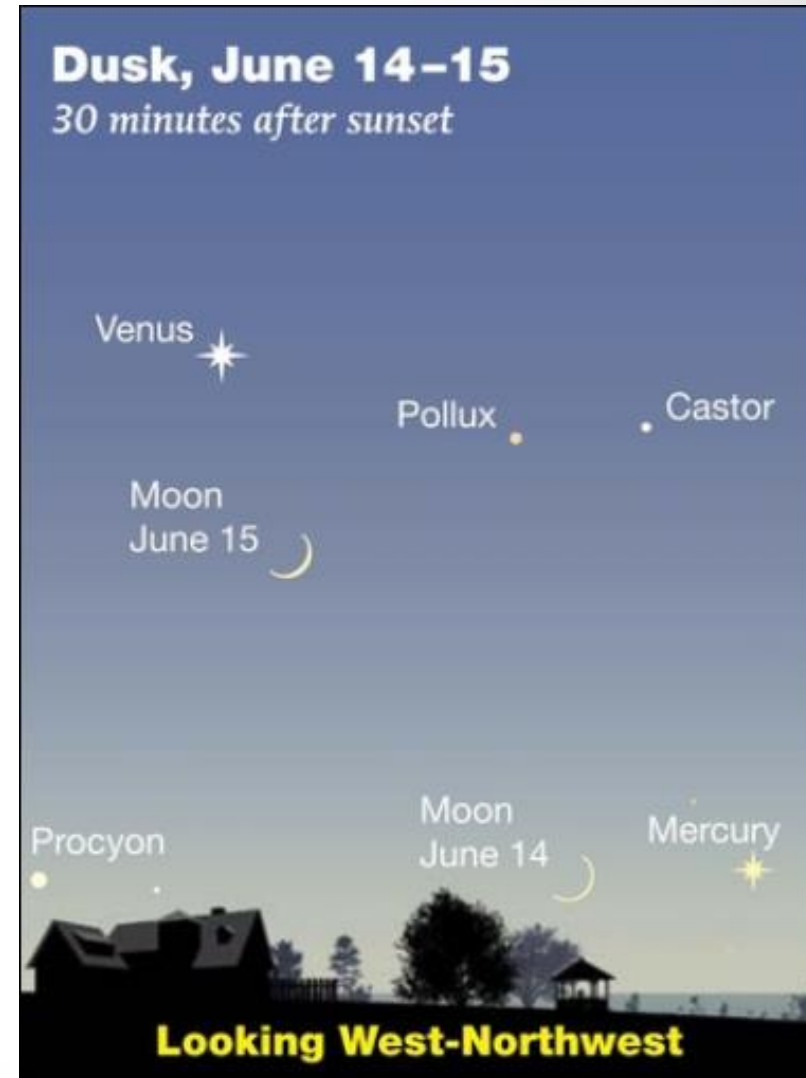


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