



July 2018 Sky Events – the Planets

The Moon, Saturn and a Teapot

On the evening of **Tuesday, July 24th**, the waxing gibbous **Moon** accompanies the planet **Saturn**, separated by about 2 degrees and found in the constellation Sagittarius, the Archer.

Situated in the south-southwest, above Sagittarius' well-known “**teapot**” asterism, these two celestial objects appear close in our 2-dimensional view. Saturn is, however, positioned some **851 million miles** behind the Moon.

While reflected sunlight from the Moon reaches the Earth in just over one second, Saturn is some 76 light-*minutes* distant!

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