



29 September 2018 Sky Events – the Planets

Conjunction of Aldebaran and the Moon

On the evening of **Saturday, September 29th**, around 11:00 p.m. EDT, a waning gibbous Moon will hover over the watchful “eye” of Taurus, the Bull. Find the orange star **Aldebaran** located below its lunar companion.

Aldebaran is the brightest star along the ecliptic and is frequently occulted by the Moon; this time the two objects merely pass within **one degree** of each other in our sky and form a charming conjunction.

While peering at the Bull’s eye with its lunar annoyance, also take some time to enjoy the hazy cluster of stars above, known as the **Pleades**. Binoculars (or a telescope at low power) will greatly enhance your appreciation of this fine celestial gem.

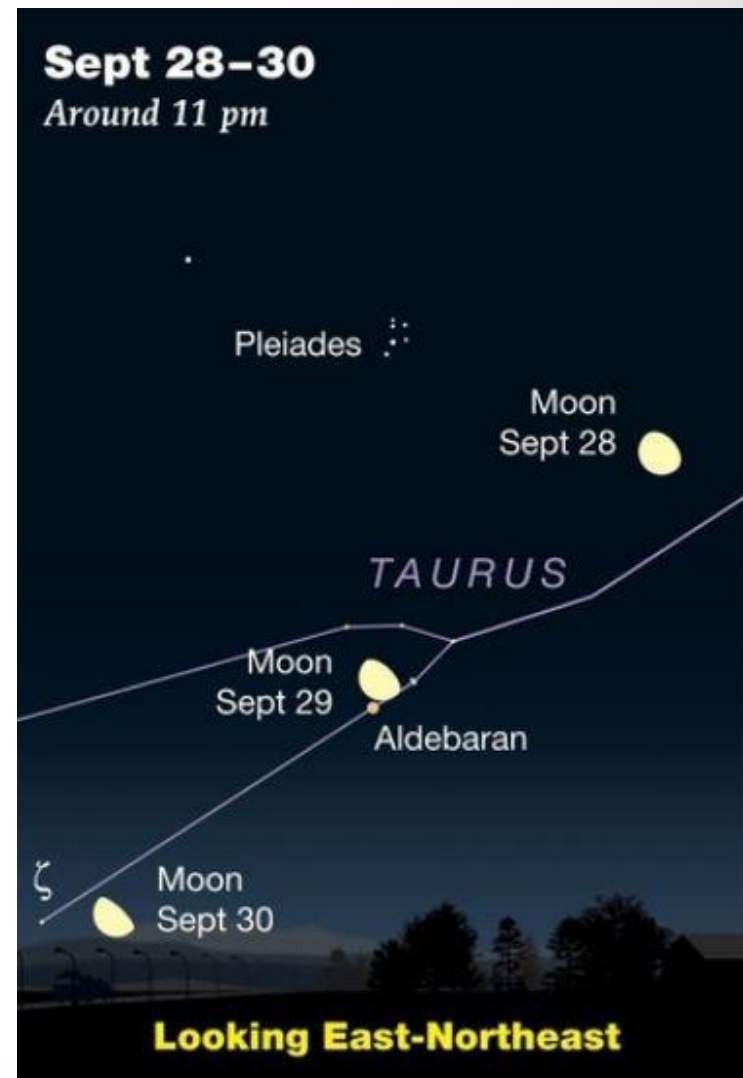


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