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June 2021 Sky Events

The Moon Passes Venus and Mars

On the nights of **June 11-13**, the waxing crescent Moon appears to pass nearby the planets Venus and Mars. This action takes place in the zodiac constellations of Gemini and Cancer. Look also for the two bright stars that represent the heads of the Gemini twins, Pollux and Castor.

As the Moon proceeds eastward along the ecliptic each night, watch its illuminated disk grow (wax), as it approaches the first-quarter phase on June 17th, and then onward, another week later, to the full Moon phase on June 24th.

The Moon moves eastward about 13° along the ecliptic from one night to the next, or about ½° per hour. Try following its movement during these late spring nights.

