

# The Moon and Jupiter at Dusk

A very slender, waxing crescent Moon glides along the ecliptic, past Jupiter at dusk early this month – on **February 2 & 3**.

Jupiter, with the zodiac constellation Aquarius in its background, is now descending toward the horizon, as it approaches *conjunction* with the Sun on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Jupiter is the last of the 3 bright planets (along with Saturn and Venus), that highlighted our evening skies in the fall and early winter of 2021, to depart.

To observe Jupiter and this lovely crescent Moon, find a site with an unobstructed view low to the southwest horizon. Jupiter will be about 12° above the horizon, shortly after sunset, during this first week of February.

By March 21<sup>st</sup>, Jupiter will join Mercury, Mars, Venus, and Saturn for a gathering of all the “naked-eye” planets in the dawn skies.

