

# The Moon Joins Venus at Dawn

Looking east-northeast at dawn on **July 25-27**, the slender, waning crescent Moon appears to pass nearby the planet Venus. This action takes place in the zodiac constellation of Gemini, the Twins.

Brilliant Venus will continue as our “morning star” for most of the remainder of 2022, as it glides along the ecliptic in our skies. This brightest solar system planet, as seen from Earth, will not return to our early evening skies, and be easily visible, until December 2022 -- when it appear as our “evening star” alongside the planet Mercury.

Although the Moon will appear particularly close to Venus on July 26<sup>th</sup>, Venus is actually some 142 million miles behind the Moon.

