

## Conjunction of the Moon with the Planet Mars

On the nights of **April 24-26**, orange-colored Mars and the Moon will form a striking juxtaposition in the zodiac constellation Gemini, the Twins.

As the Moon proceeds eastward along the ecliptic each night, watch its illuminated disk grow (wax). It reaches the first-quarter phase on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and then onward, another week later, to the full Moon phase on May 5<sup>th</sup>. On that night the full moon will rise at sunset in the E-SE and set at sunrise in the W-SW – with us all night.

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

