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March 2023 Sky Events

Venus and Jupiter Meet at Dusk

At dusk on **March 1st**, look low to the west along the ecliptic, in the direction of the zodiac constellation Pisces (the Fishes), to watch an apparent close encounter of the bright planets Jupiter and Venus. Days before this juxtaposition, Jupiter was above the more brilliant Venus in the sky, and days after this, Jupiter will be below Venus, as they trade positions in a planetary dance.

Although the two planets will appear rather close, the gas giant Jupiter is some 409 million miles behind cloud-enshrouded Venus.

Jupiter will arrive at conjunction (opposite side of the Sun from Earth and unviewable) on April 11th, while the planet Venus will reach greatest elongation east of the Sun (as seen from Earth) on June 4th – at which time it will be even higher and brighter in our evening skies.

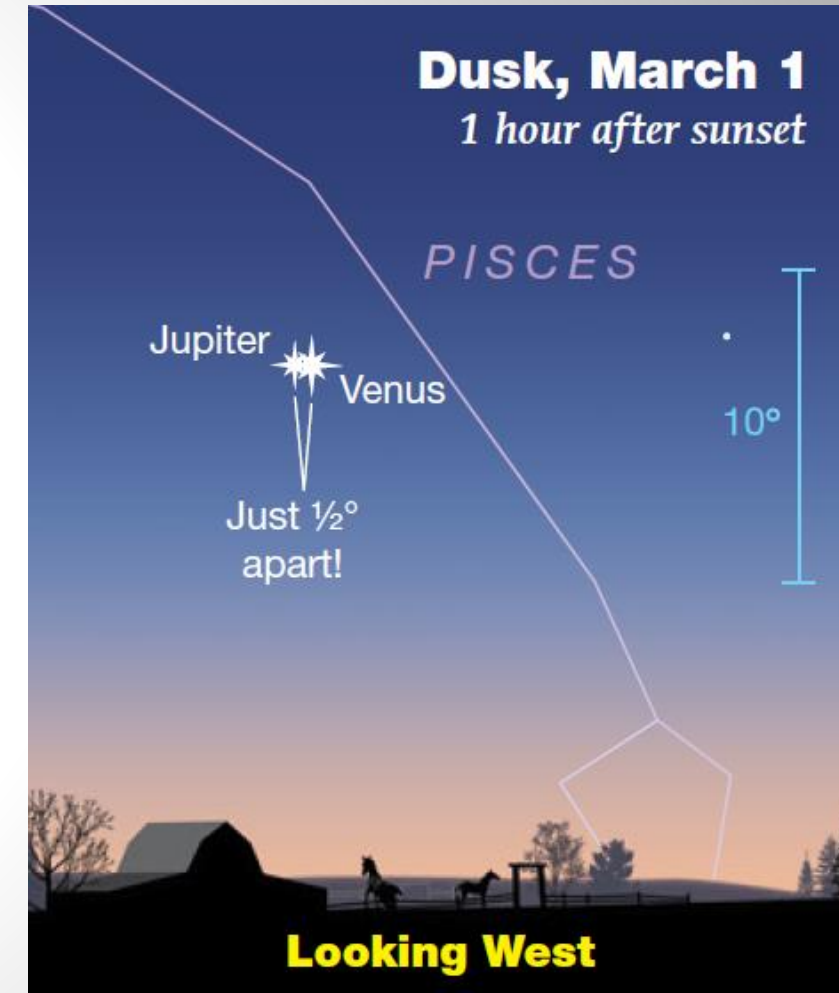


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