

The Moon and 5 Planets Align at Dusk

On the night of **March 27th**, the waxing crescent Moon joins 5 planets along the ecliptic in the early evening skies.

Looking west about a half-hour after sunset with an unobstructed view low to the horizon, you should spot Mercury and Jupiter in Pisces. Then climb up the ecliptic (the approximate path of the Sun, Moon, and the planets across our skies), and find brilliant Venus in Aries, the Moon in Taurus, and Mars in Gemini.

You will need binoculars or a telescope to locate faint and distant Uranus (above Venus in Aries); look for its small pale blue-green dot. You may also need some optical aid to locate Mercury low in the glow of twilight.

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