

Close Juxtaposition of the Planets Jupiter & Mars

During the early hours of **August 14th**, the neighboring planets of Mars and Jupiter will appear rather close as they join the bright star Aldebaran in the zodiac constellation Taurus, the Bull. During this conjunction from about 2:30 a.m. to dawn on Aug. 14th, the two planets are separated by a mere $1/3^\circ$ -- a rather close pairing!

On its inside orbital lane, Earth will overtake both its outer lane neighbors, Jupiter and Mars, in Dec. 2024 and Jan. 2025, respectively. This will place both Mars and Jupiter in great evening viewing position for us Earthlings during the upcoming winter months.

