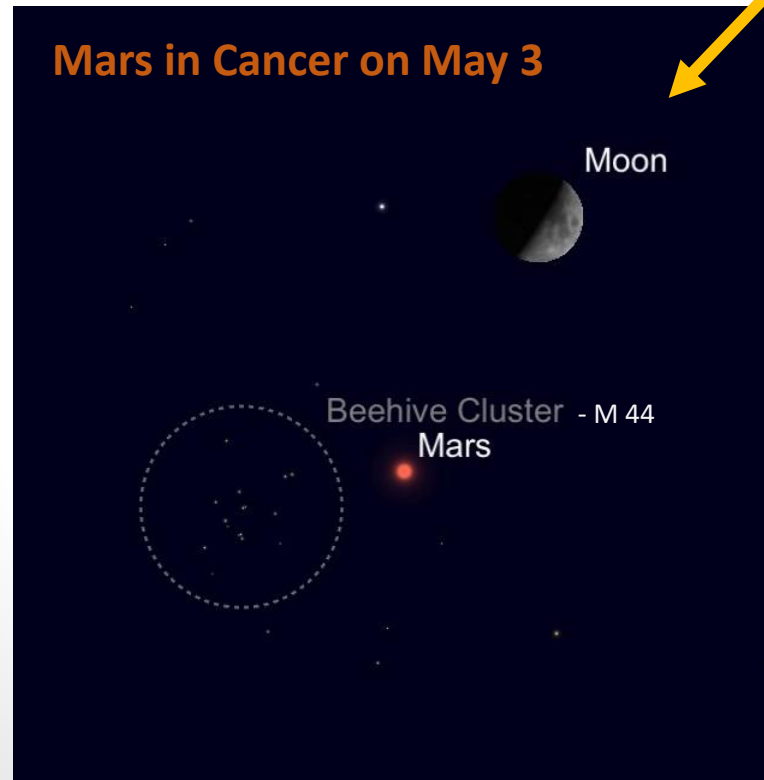


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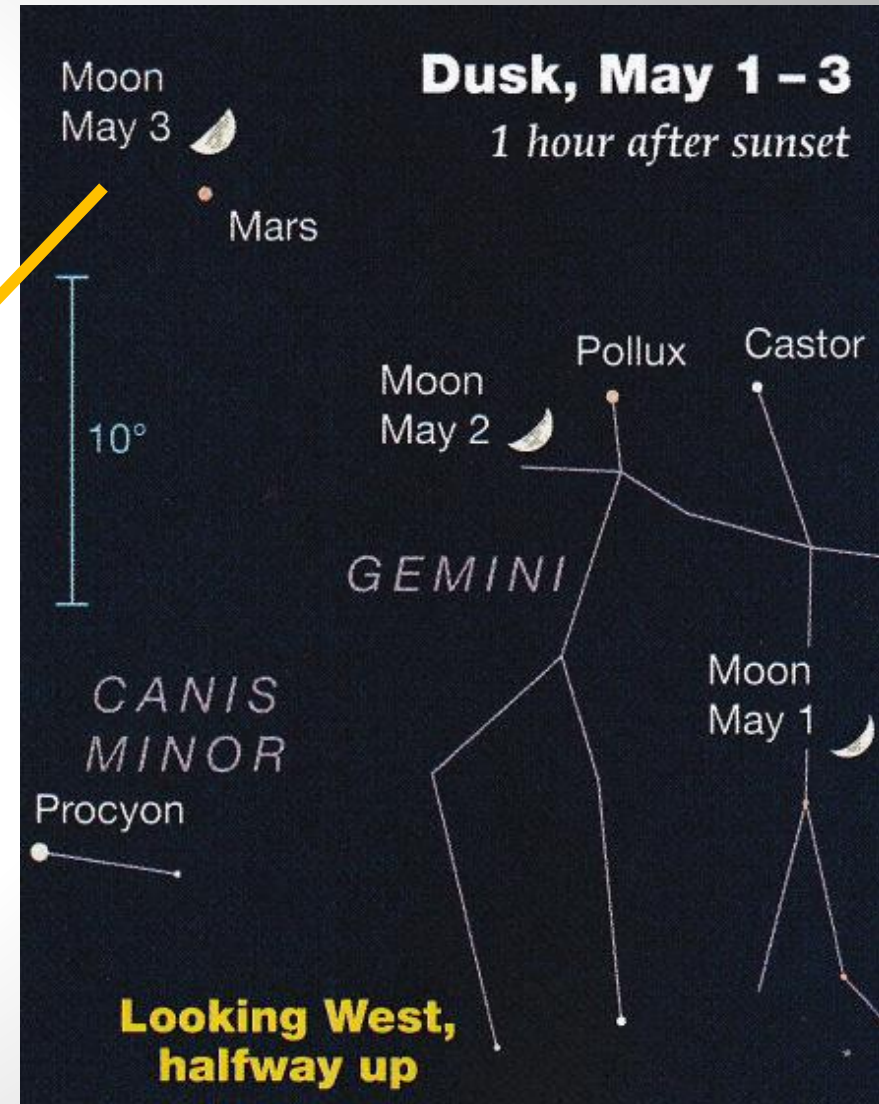
# Mars Visits the Beehive Star Cluster

On the evenings of **May 1-3**, the waxing, crescent Moon, moving along the ecliptic through the zodiac constellations Gemini and Cancer, will appear to pass our neighboring planet Mars. Mars is some 135 million miles, or 12 light minutes, behind the Moon.

On the nights of **May 3-7**, Mars will pass very near to the Beehive Star Cluster in the constellation Cancer. At only 610 light years away, this star cluster is relatively close to Earth. For a real visual treat, try capturing Mars and the star cluster in the same field of view, using a telescope at low magnification or with a pair of binoculars.



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