

The Moon Passes above Jupiter

On the nights of **May 27-29**, the waxing crescent Moon will appear to pass above the planet Jupiter in the direction of the zodiac constellations Taurus and Gemini. You will need a view very low to the west-northwest horizon to catch both Jupiter and the 1% illuminated Moon on May 27th.

Jupiter is slowly descending toward the horizon this month and into June. On June 24th, Jupiter will be in conjunction with the Sun – on the other side of the Sun from Earth. Shortly after that, Jupiter will join Venus and Saturn in the pre-dawn sky.

On these late May nights, the gas giant Jupiter is some 565 million miles (51 light minutes) behind the Moon. Using a small telescope, the striped cloud tops of Jupiter and its 4 large Galilean moons always make a dazzling impression.

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