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YOU CAN SEE VENUS RIGHT NOW May 2023

HOLA VENUTIANS – I'M TRACE –

... VENUS. THE SECOND PLANET FROM OUR SUN.

SIMILAR IN SIZE TO EARTH. AN OPPRESSIVE TOXIC ATMOSPHERE OF DEATH. WHAT A BEAUTY! AND YOU CAN SEE IT RIGHT NOW.

HIT THE SKIES ANY EVENING THIS WEEK OR NEXT AND LOOK TOWARD THE SUNSET. THERE WILL BE A BRIGHT YELLOWISH DOT CHASING OUR STAR AS OUR PLANET ROTATES. THAT, MY FRIENDS, IS VENUS.

VENUS IS EASY TO SEE NOW BECAUSE IT'S REACHED IT'S EASTERN ELONGATION – THE PART OF ITS ORBIT WHEN IT'S FURTHEST FROM THE SUN BY OUR VANTAGE POINT. AFTER DARK, YOU CAN SEE CASTOR AND POLLUX TO THE RIGHT AND MARS UP AND TO THE LEFT.

OVER THE NEXT WEEKS, VENUS AND MARS WILL GET CLOSER AND CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND ON JUNE 21, THEY WILL FORM A TRIANGLE WITH THE CRESCENT MOON BATHED IN EARTHSHINE. WHAT A SIGHT!

VENUS IS SOMETIMES CALLED THE EVENING STAR – WHICH MAKES SENSE, THOUGH AT ITS CURRENT MAGNITUDE VENUS IS THREE TIMES BRIGHTER THAN THE BRIGHTEST STAR: SIRIUS. Keep Looking Up!