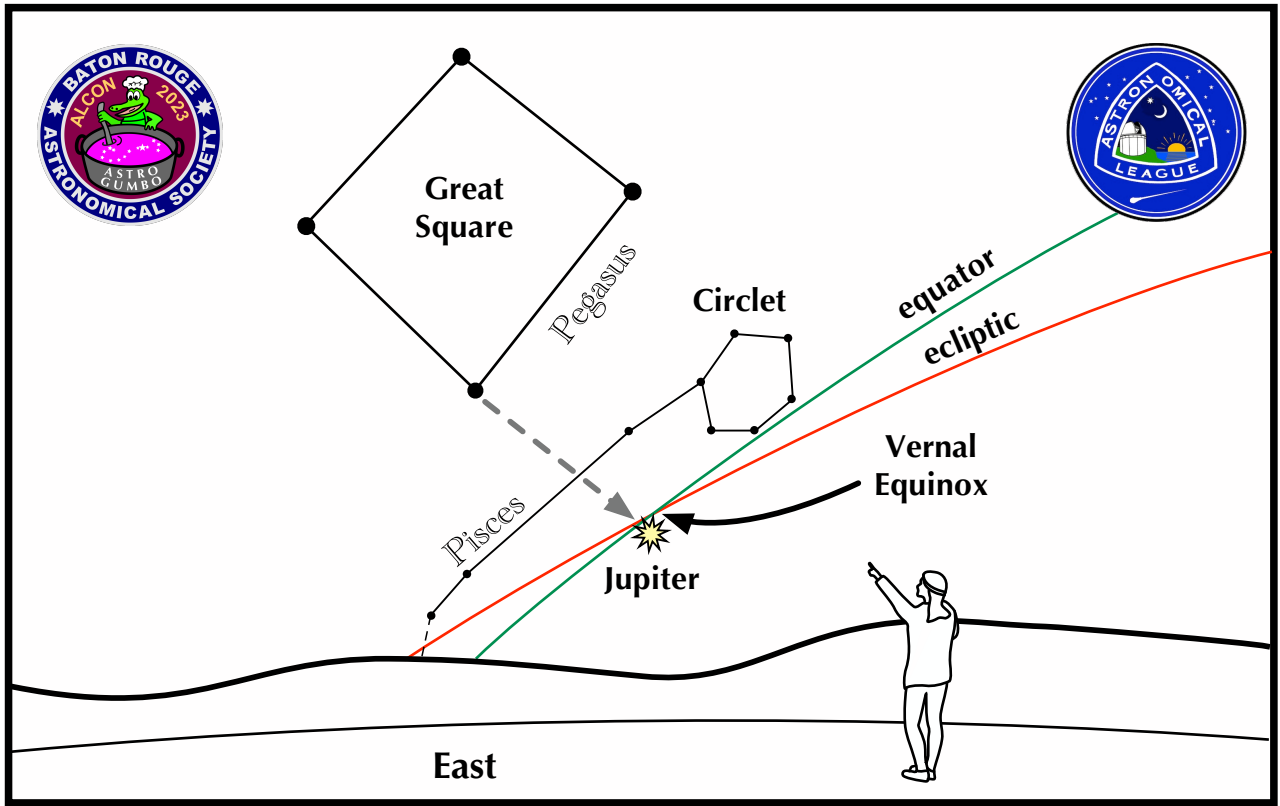


If you can see only one celestial event in the evening this October, see this one.



Jupiter lies at the Vernal Equinox

- Look in the east–southeast 90 minutes after sunset during October.
- Choose an evening when no bright moon is in the sky, such as one after October 12.
- Jupiter shines brightly above the horizon very near the location of the vernal equinox – the sun's position on March 21.
- Jupiter also acts as a good guide in finding the six dim stars of the "Circlet" of Pisces. This odd stellar grouping really does take on the shape of a flattened circle. Dark skies are needed to see this interesting asterism.
- Jupiter will not be in the same location next year, as it will have moved eastward approaching the Pleiades. However, the Circlet will always lie immediately south of the Great Square. So, once you meet it, these stars will be a celestial friend greeting you in the same sky location this time every year.