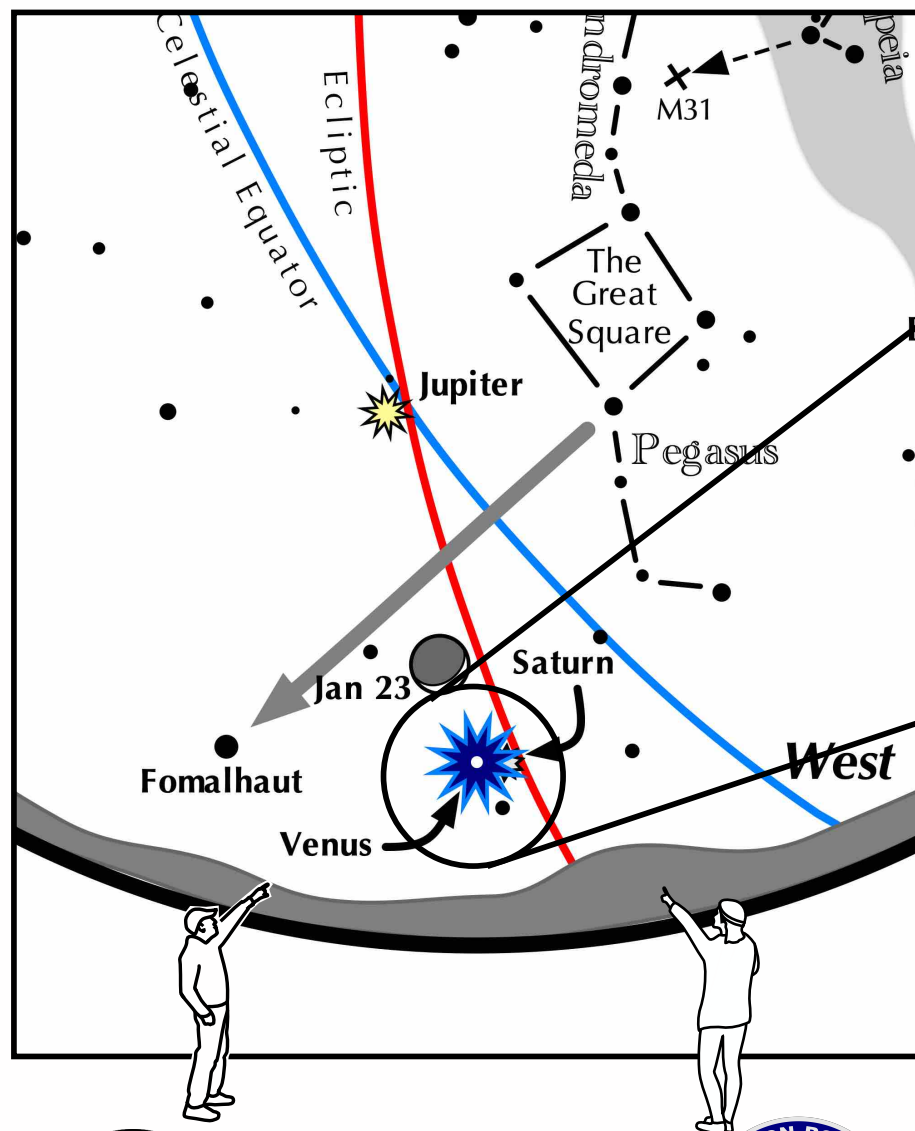


In the early evening of January 22, try this challenge:



View
through
10x50 binoculars

Venus meets Saturn

On January 1, Venus appears very low above the west-southwestern horizon. As the month proceeds, the bright planet climbs higher each evening. Saturn, on the other hand, begins the month much higher than Venus, and drops closer to the horizon each evening.

On January 22, the two planets reach their closest to each other. Look to the west-southwest 45 minutes after sunset for the pair. Binoculars will help pick Saturn out in the twilight.

On the following evening, the thin crescent moon floats to their upper left, seemingly full with earthshine.



View to the west-southwest
on January 22 & 23
45 minutes after sunset

