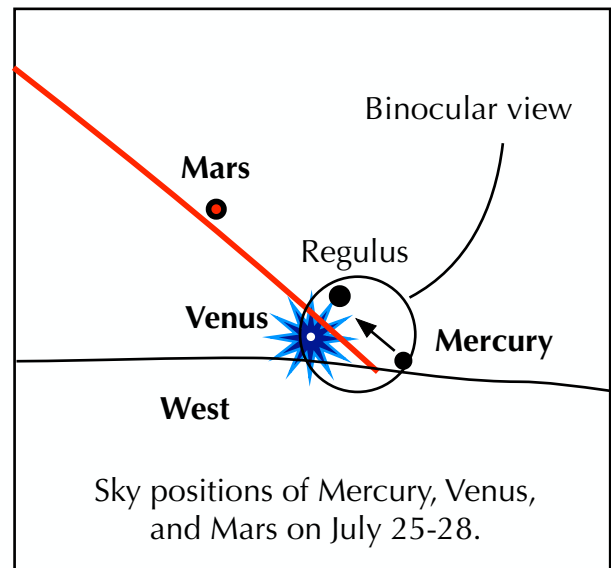
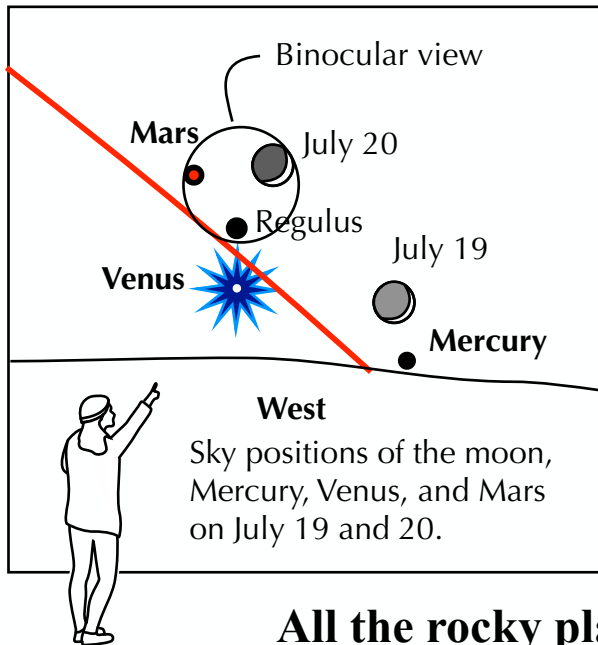




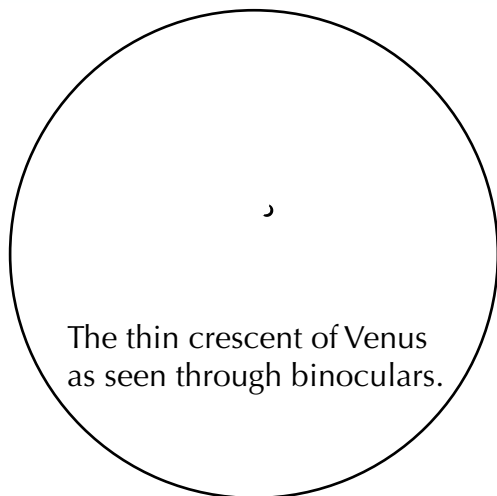
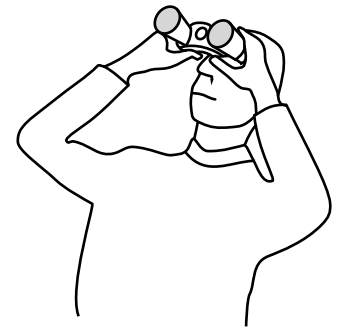
If you can see only one celestial show in the evening this July, see this one.



All the rocky planets, all at once!

On the evenings of July 19 and 20, look towards the west 30 minutes after sunset.

- Brilliant Venus will be seen as a tiny crescent in steadily held binoculars.
- On the first evening, the thin crescent moon, full with earthshine, hangs above Mercury. The little planet might be lost in the bright twilight.
- On July 20, the moon forms a triangle with Regulus and Mars. Venus sinks below them. Mars, having lost its splendor from last fall, might be difficult to spot in the bright twilight. Binoculars will help.



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• Mercury climbs somewhat higher over the remaining evenings in July. On July 28, it lies directly next to Regulus, which has dropped much closer to the horizon. Venus may lie too close to the horizon to be spotted. Because of their low altitude, very clear skies and a low horizon are needed to see this.