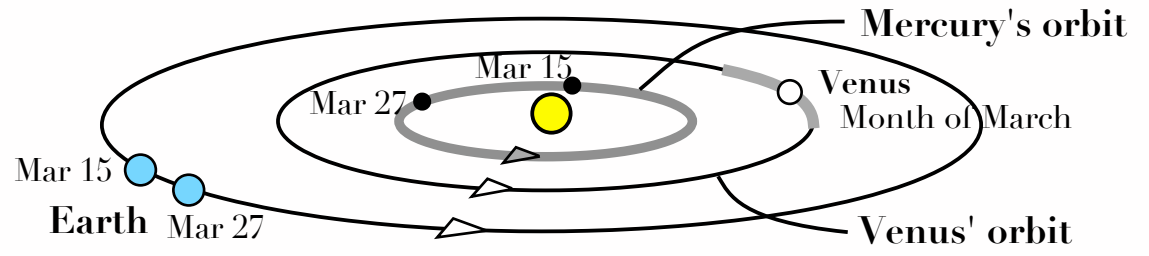
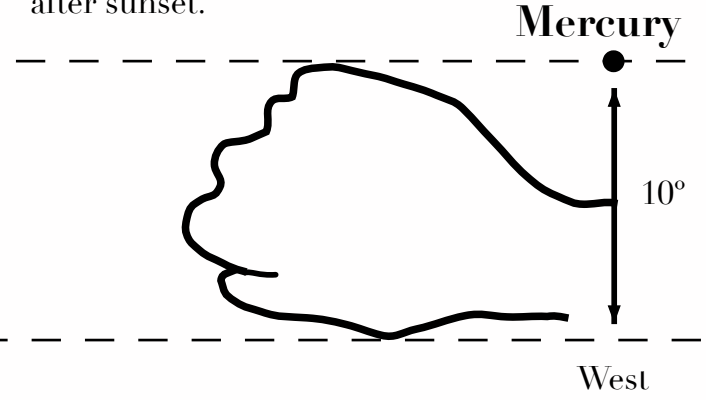


Mercury in the Evening!

Mercury appears about "1 fist width" above the true horizon forty minutes after sunset.



Mercury's best evening apparition of 2024!

From 40 to 60 minutes after sunset after March 15th, look to the west for a point of light shining low above the horizon.

- Outstretch your arm and make a fist. Place one side at the true horizon. At its other side should be Mercury.
- Over the next week, the little planet rises slightly higher each evening into the darker twilight while brightening, making it easier to spot.
- On the 24th, Mercury appears as far from the set sun as it will be. This point in its orbit is called Greatest Eastern Elongation. Just three nights later as it descends in the twilight, it will become much more difficult to spot.