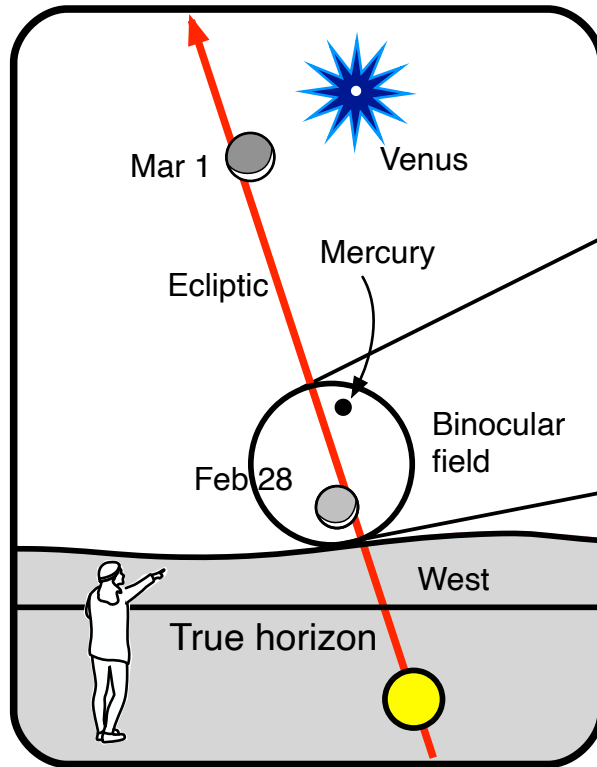
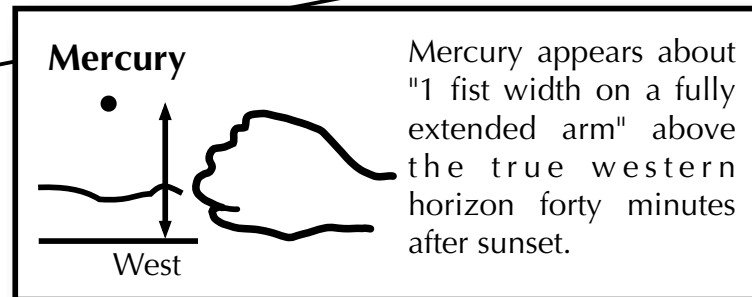
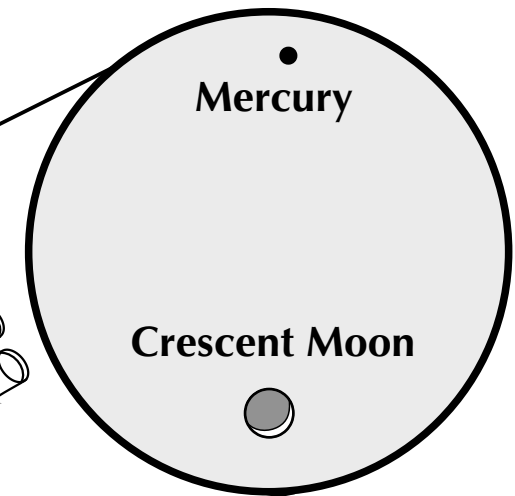


# Mercury, Venus, and the young moon in the evening twilight



**February 28 and March 1, 2025:  
Mercury and the young crescent moon  
forty minutes after sunset in the west**

View through  
10x50 binoculars  
on February 28



## The young moon & Mercury in the evening twilight

Have you ever spotted Mercury? Many stargazers have not. The early evening on February 28 presents a good opportunity to catch the elusive little planet. Look low into the western twilight forty minutes after sunset.

- Using binoculars, look on February 28 for the very thin crescent Moon floating above Mercury. Can you see Earthshine on the Moon's dark side or is the twilight too bright?
- On the next evening, Mercury is in the same place, but the moon has moved to higher and closer to brilliant Venus. Earthshine should be more easily visible.

