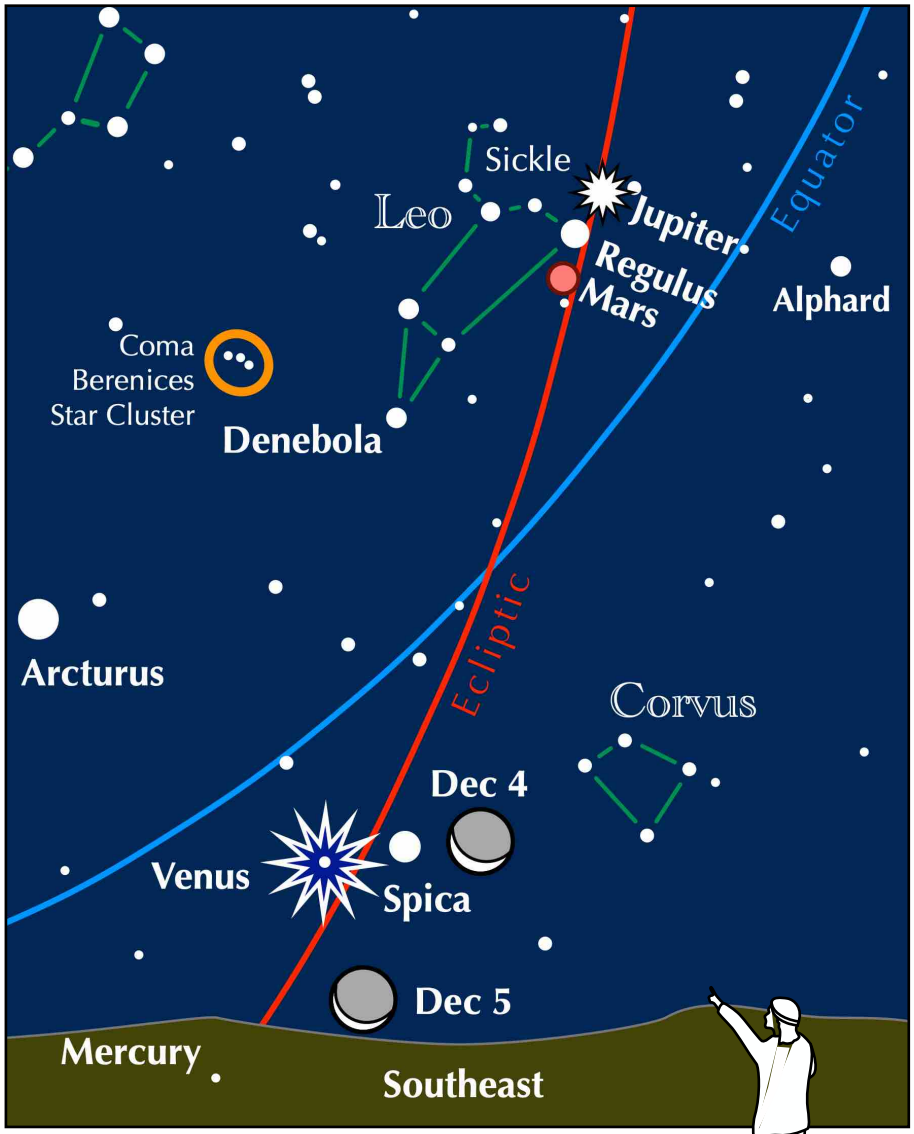
In the early mornings of December 4, 5 & 6, try this activity:



View in the southeast on December 4, 5, and 6
90 minutes before sunrise

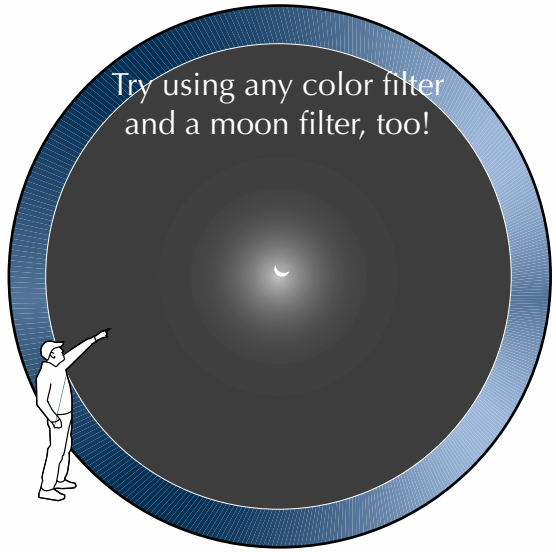
Count the bright celestial wonders strung along the ecliptic

1. Red Mars meets bright Jupiter high in the southeast ninety minutes before sunrise. Between them is the brightest star in Leo, Regulus.

2. Much nearer the southeastern horizon shines brilliant Venus sitting just left of the bright star Spica.

3. 40 minutes before sunrise, little Mercury pops above the horizon, far below Venus. Binoculars help spot it in the bright twilight.

Grab a quick look at **Venus** through any telescope. Its beautiful, brilliant crescent awaits!



What a great way to start your day!

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