

March Madness - 2022

- Moon libration
- Uranus in western evening skies - visible with binoculars
- Plenty of planets pre-dawn all month: Venus, Mars, Saturn, plus cameo appearances by Jupiter, Mercury
- DST starts 3/13 - 0200 hrs
- Spring Equinox on 3/20 - 0833 hrs
- Ceres visible with binoculars near Taurus
- Cancer, Canis Minor, Gemini high in the sky all month
- No meteor showers

Moon libration Mar 4-10

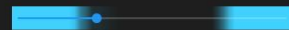


Endymion

Mare Humboldtianum

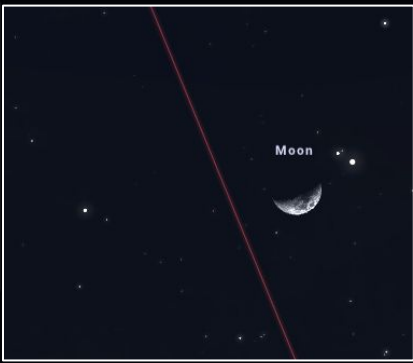
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Twilight

Moon libration Mar 4-10



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Moon libration Mar 4-10



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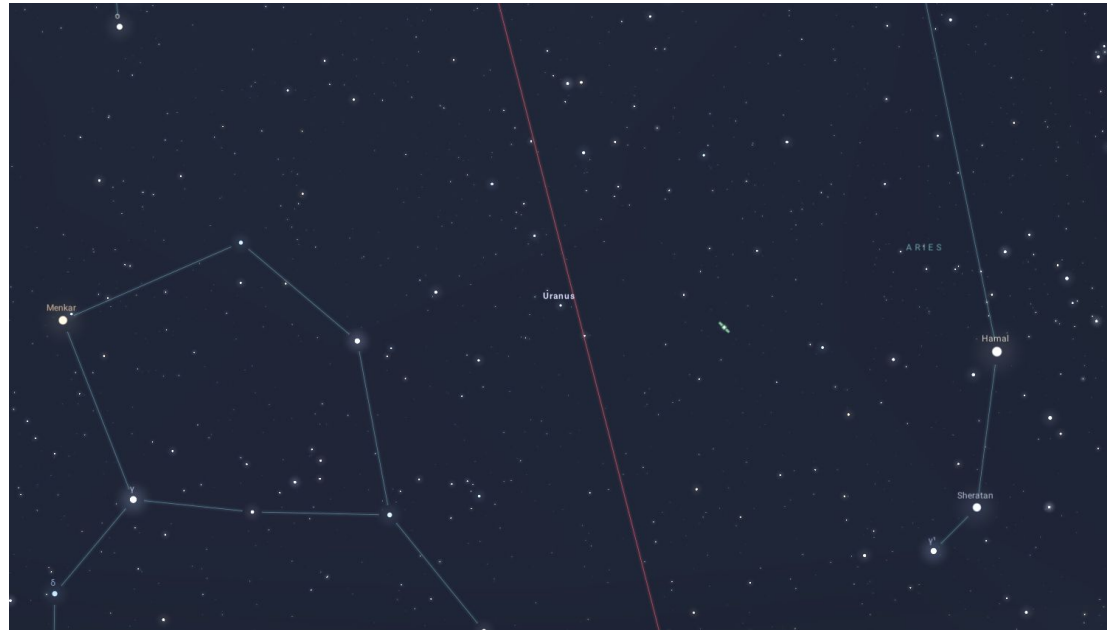
Uranus in evening sky March 8

Discovered by William Herschel 1781

Below Moon, visible with binoculars
Between Hamal (Aries) & Menkar (Cetus)

Az 270 Alt 25 - 2000 hrs

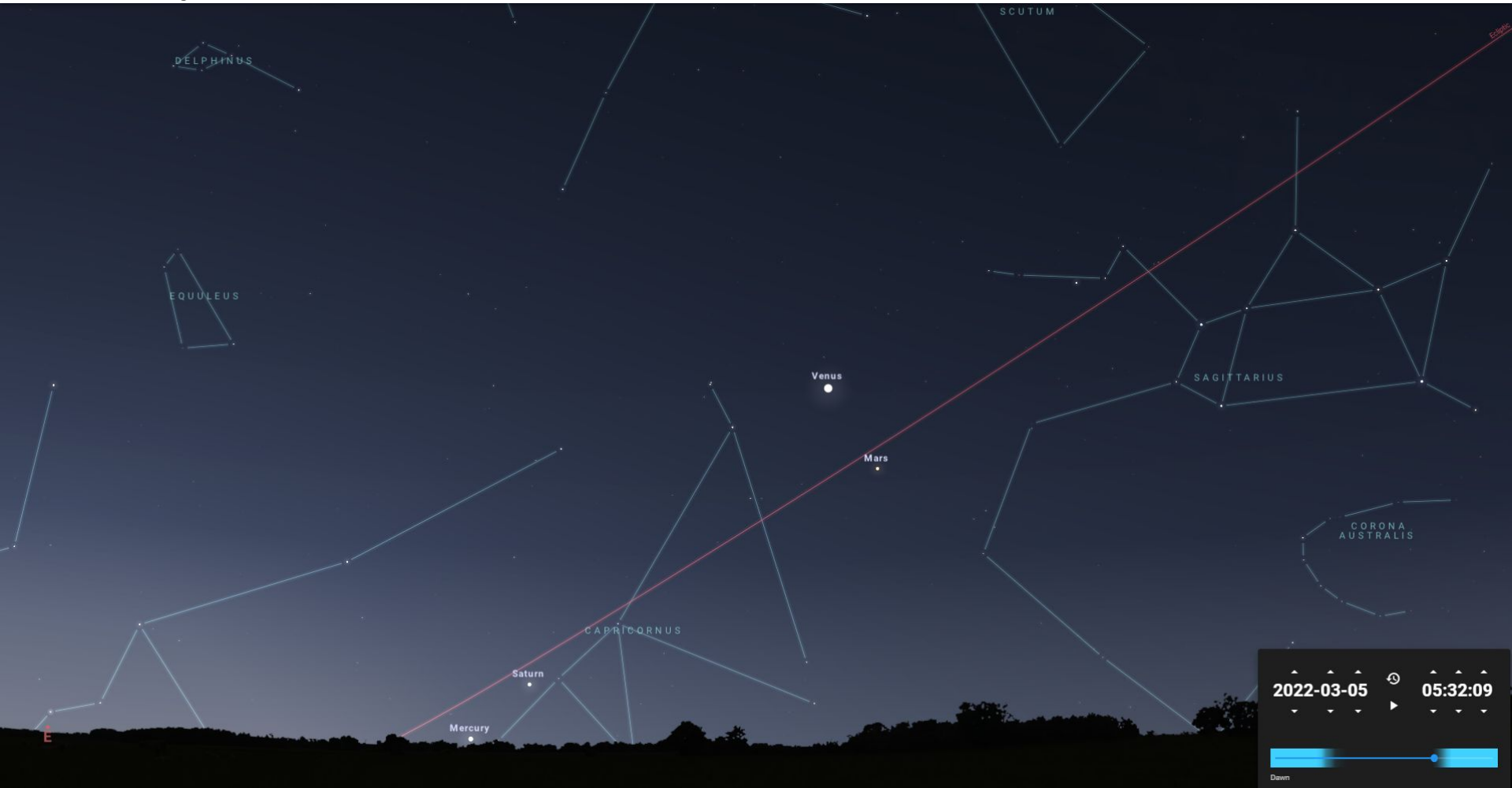
Transits NE & lower in sky during March



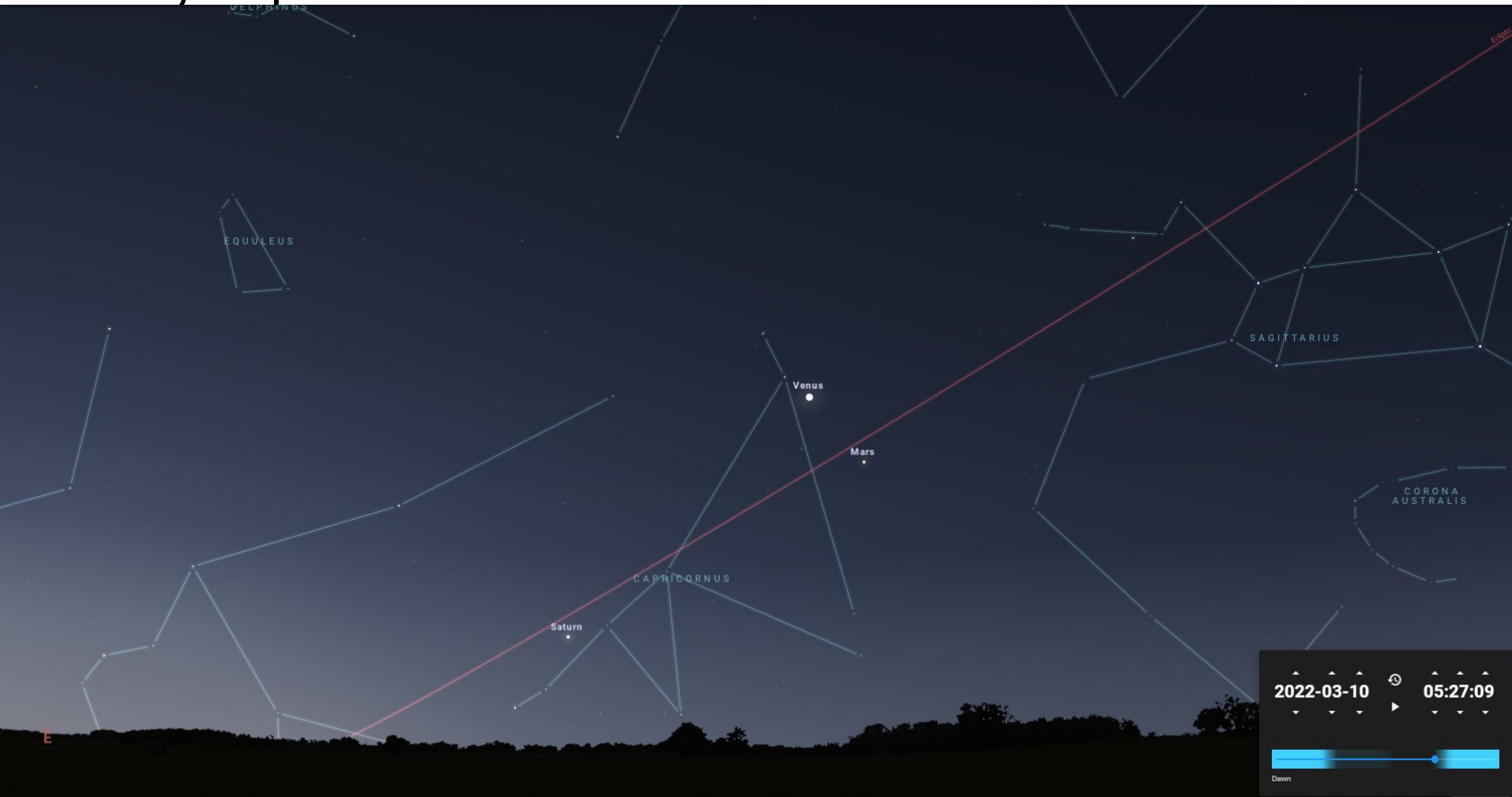
Plenty of planets at dawn - March 1



Plenty of planets at dawn - March 5



Plenty of planets at dawn - March 10



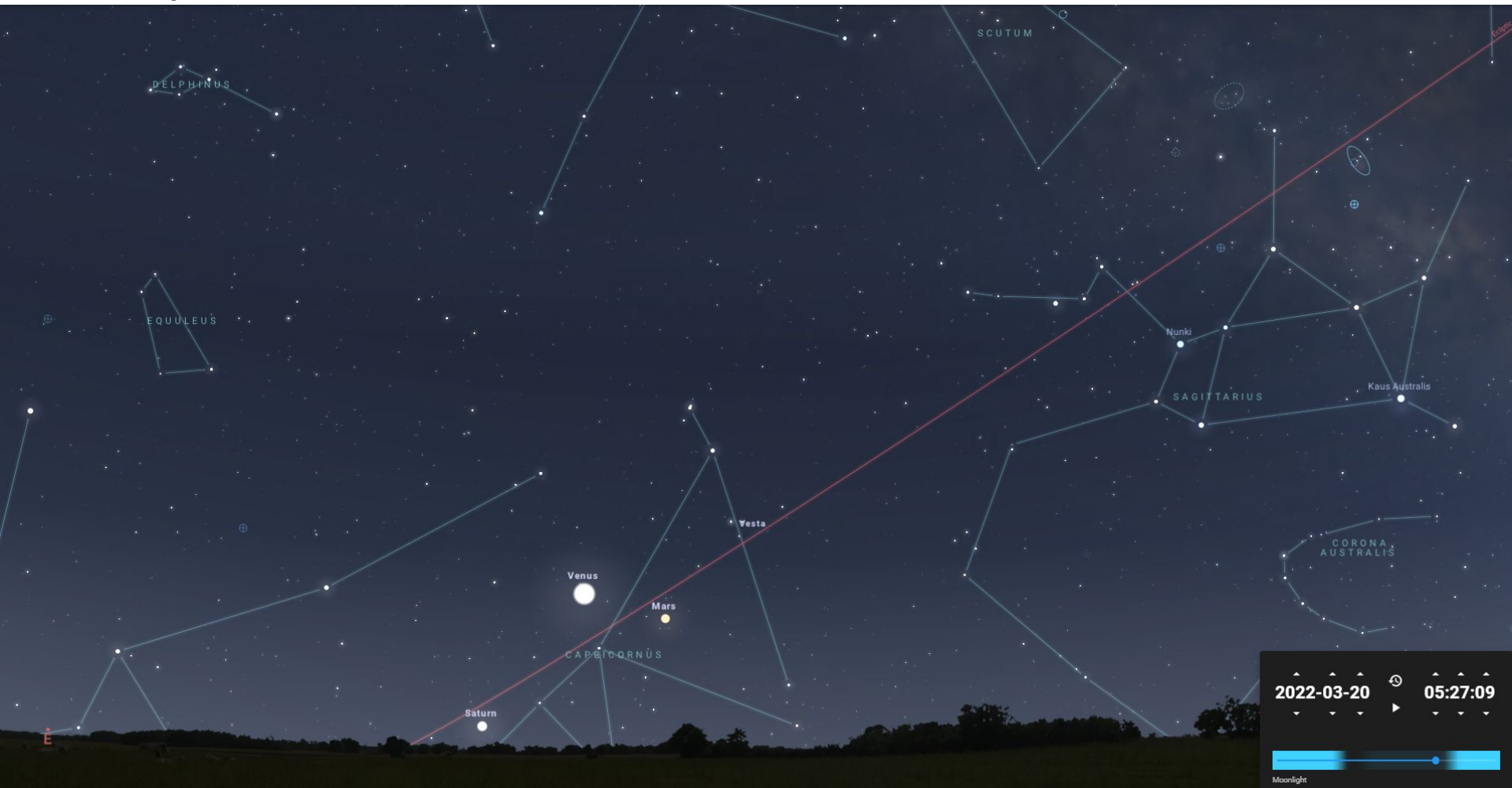
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Dawn

Plenty of planets at dawn - March 15 (note DST change)



Plenty of planets at dawn - March 20

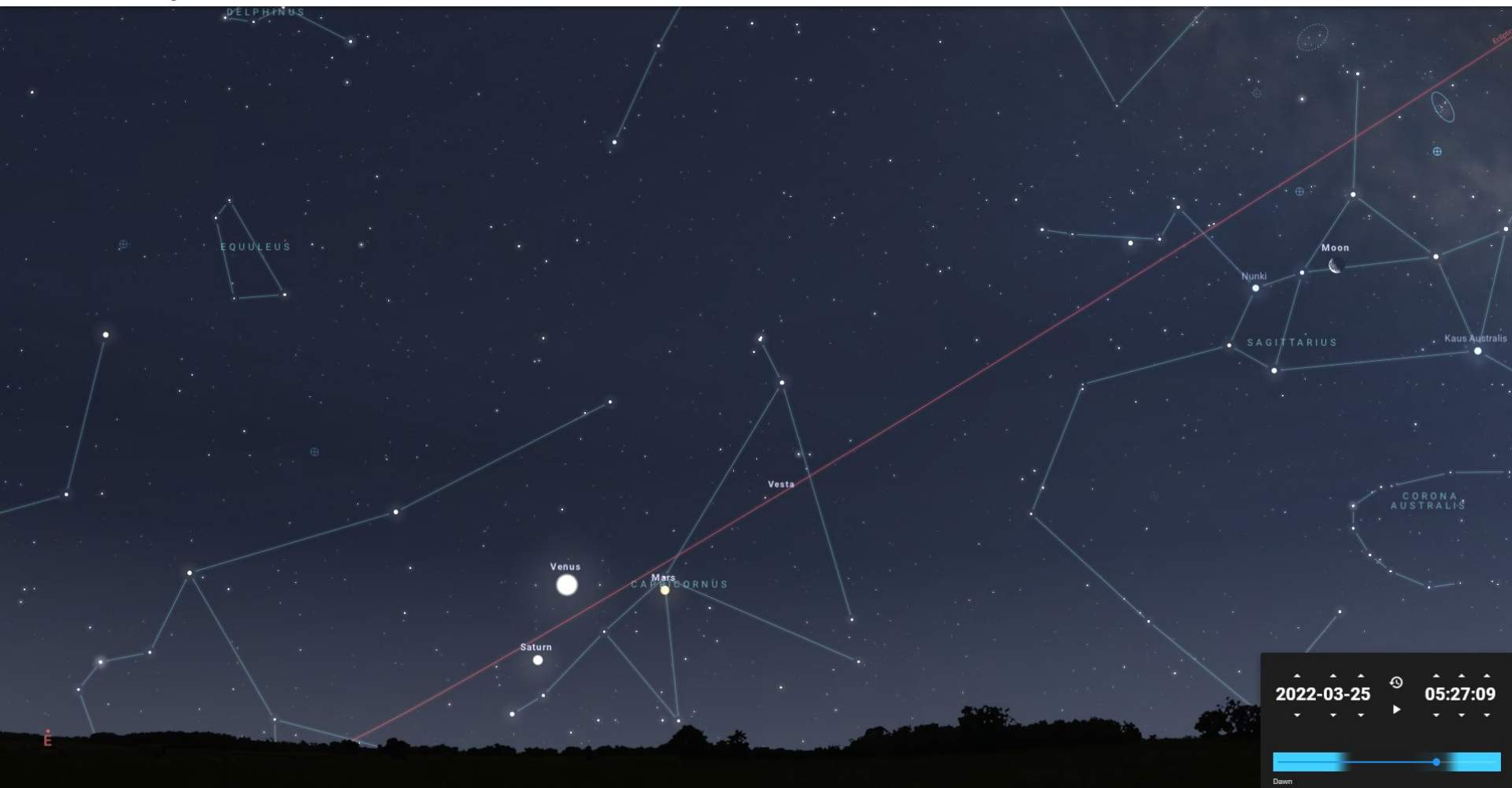


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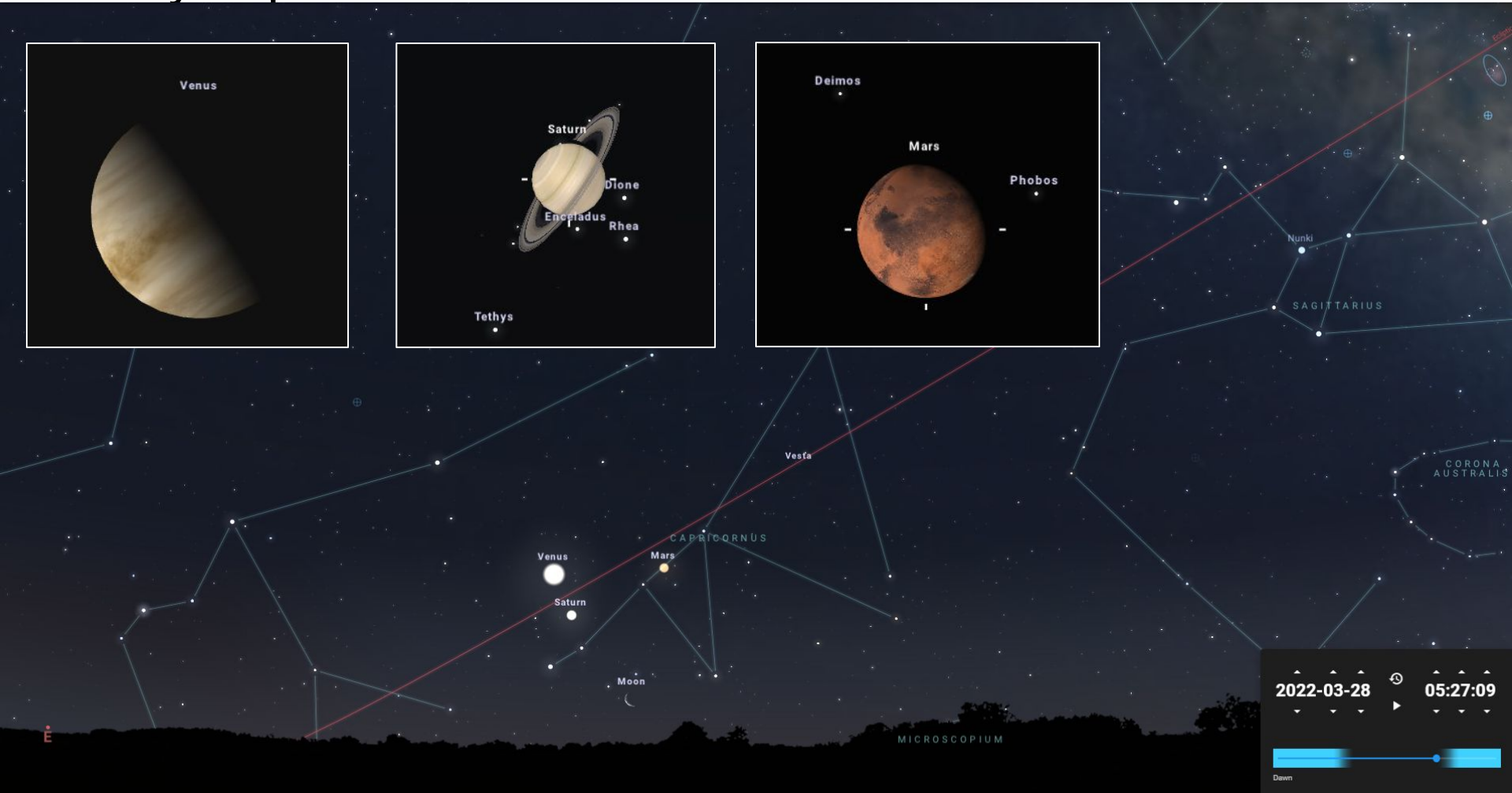
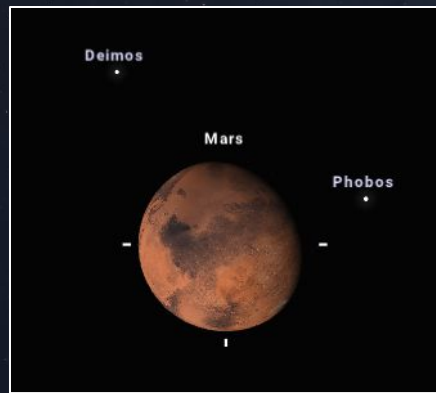
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Moonlight

Plenty of planets at dawn - March 25



Plenty of planets at dawn - March 28 "best scene of the month"

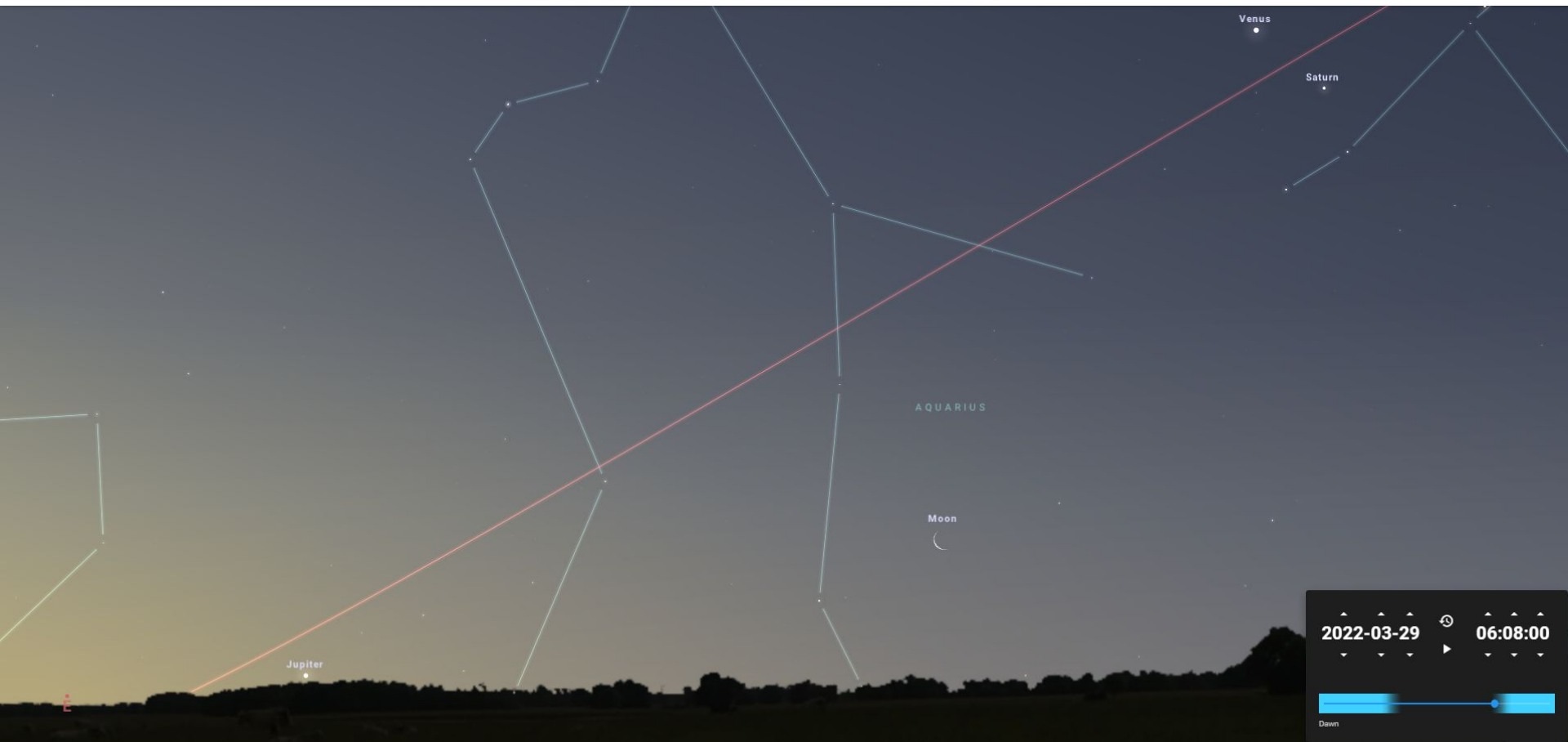


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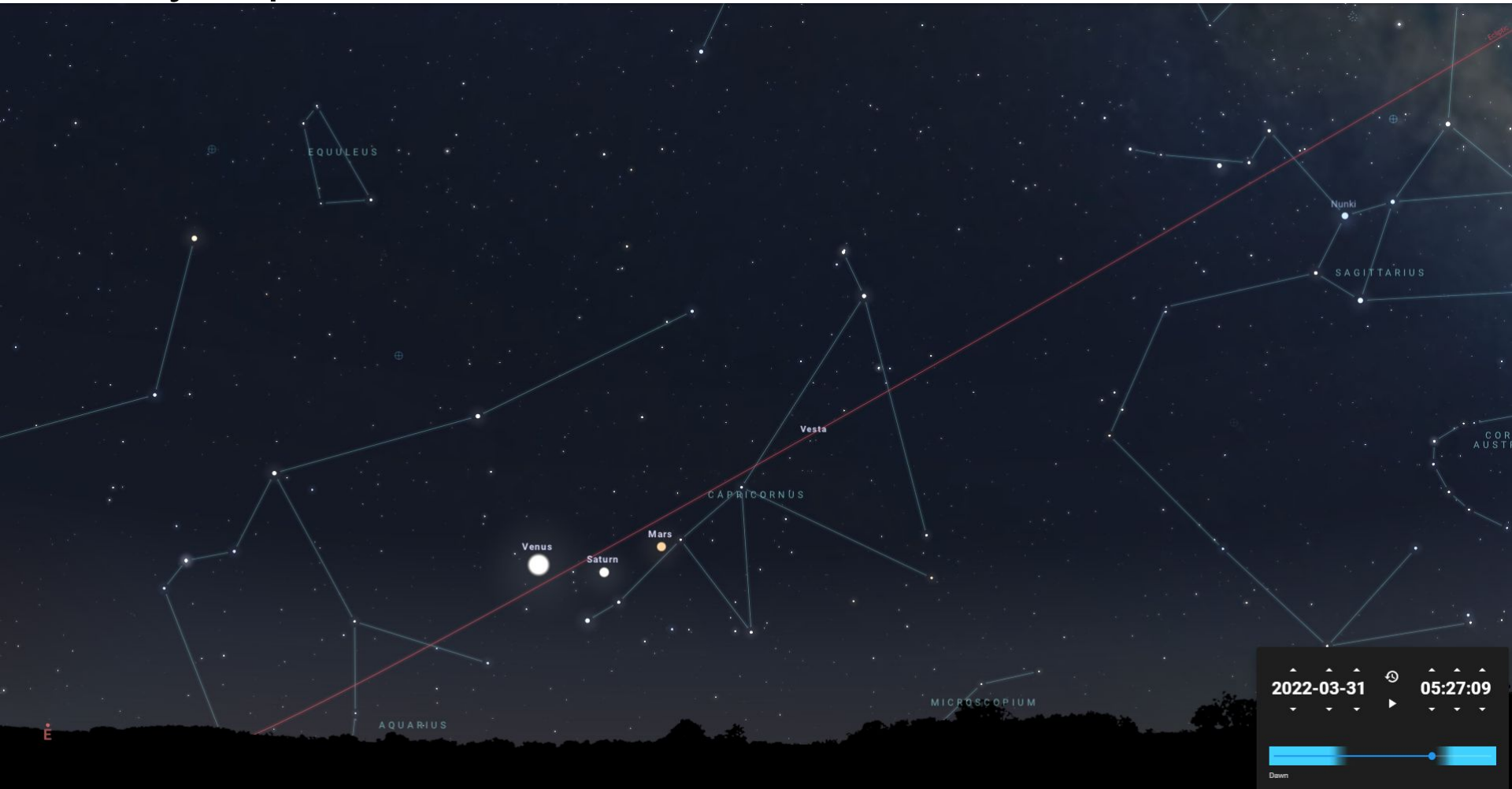
Dawn

Plenty of planets at dawn - March 29

Jupiter reappears briefly



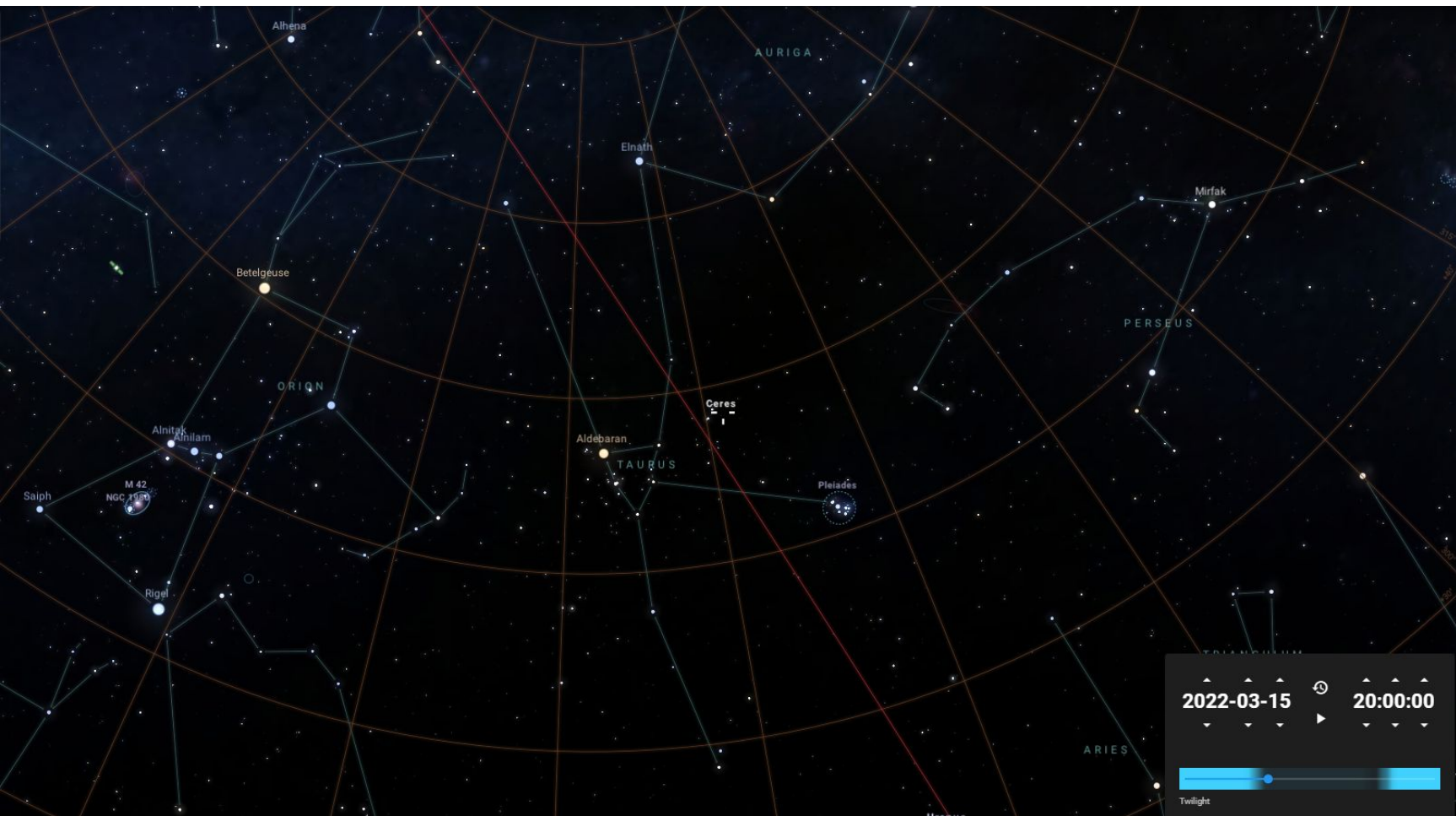
Plenty of planets at dawn - March 31



Ceres “climbing the horns of the Bull”

Early March - binoculars

Late March - 60mm refractor



Comet 19P/Borelly



Deep Space 1 image
Sept 2001

3400 km flyby
5 mile nucleus

Perihelion 2/1/2022

Returns Dec 2028 closer
& brighter

Need 6" aperture scope
under dark skies

Comet 19P/Borelly - March 31 (2030 hrs)

Az 289/Alt 44



March constellations

Mar 15 - 2200 hrs

First view summer constellations

- Hercules

Last view winter constellations

- Aries

Cancer, Canis Minor best observed
in early evenings this month

