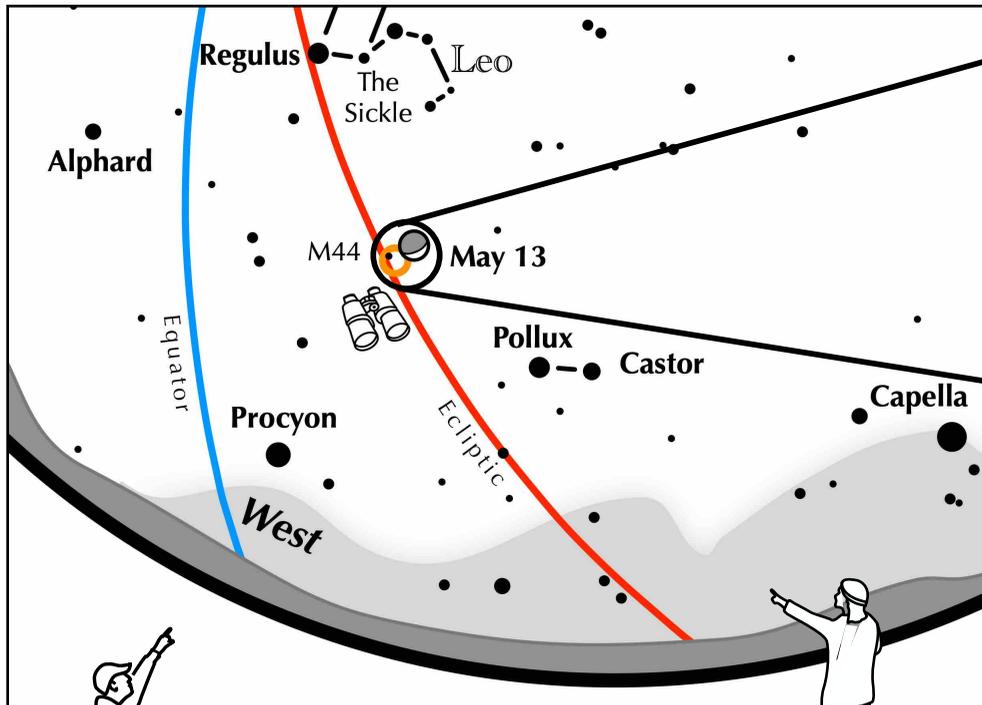
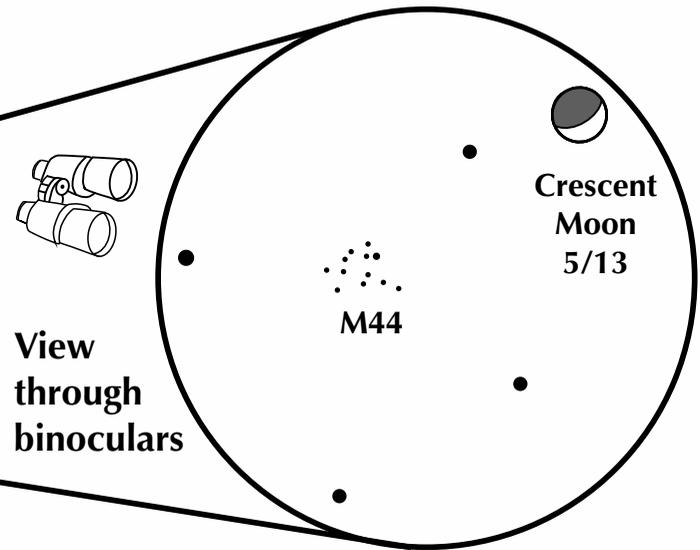


In the early evening on May 13, try this challenge:



**View to the west  
on May 13  
90 minutes after sunset**



**View  
through  
binoculars**

### Crescent moon meets the Beehive

On the evening of May 13, the crescent moon floats right of M44, the Beehive star cluster. Look in the west 90 minutes after sunset.

Be sure to use binoculars to spot the many stellar bees of M44. The cluster has over 1000 stars, but only two dozen will be picked out with binoculars.

Even though they lie near each other in binoculars, they are nowhere near each other in three-dimensional space. M44 is 150 million times farther than the moon!

It has taken the light from M44's stars over 600 years to reach your eyes!

