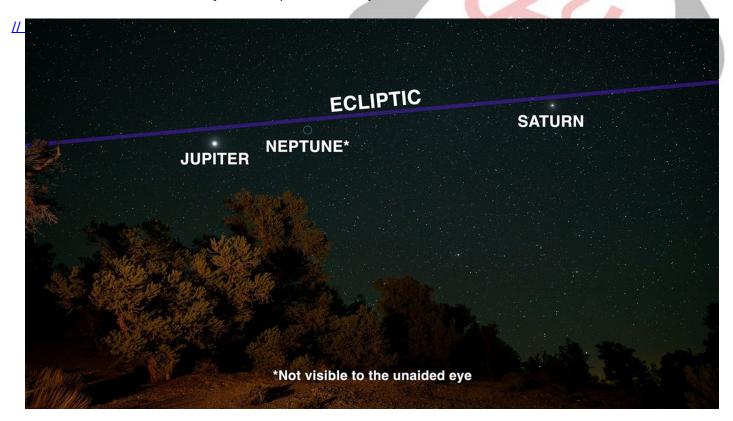


Planetary Parade

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The <u>Planetary Parade</u> is a rare celestial event where seven planets- Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune, align on one side of the Sun.

- This occurs because planets orbit the Sun along a flat, disc-shaped path called the ecliptic plane.
- Occurrence: Such planetary alignments are extremely rare, occurring only once in a few decades. The next occurrence is expected in 2040.
- Visibility: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn can be seen with the naked eye,
 while Uranus and Neptune require telescopes due to their distance and faintness.



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