

Star Gazers

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THE GREATNESS OF PEGASUS

ONE LINER: There's a flying horse in the sky!

HELLO EQUESTRIAN STAR WATCHERS – TRACE HERE! PEGASUS WAS THE WINGED HORSE OF ANCIENT MYTHOLOGY. LET'S FIND HIM!

HIT THE DARKNESS AROUND TWO AM ANY NIGHT THIS WEEK AND LOOK EAST. YOU SHOULD SEE THE BRIGHT DOT OF JUPITER RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU. UP FROM JUPITER, YOU'LL SEE A SQUARE OF THE STARS SCHEAT, MARKAB, ALGENIB, AND ALPHERATZ – THEY FORM THE HORSE'S BODY, KNOWN AS THE GREAT SQUARE OF PEGASUS!

PEGASUS WAS TOLD TO COME FROM THE BLOOD SPILT AS PERSEUS DECAPITATED MEDUSA, AND LATER HELPED HERO BELLEROPHON DEFEAT THE MONSTER CHIMERA. NEEDLESS TO SAY, PEGASUS HAS A PEDIGREE ALL HIS OWN.

WITHIN THE CONSTELLATION ARE SEVERAL GALAXIES AND WITH BINOCULARS YOU CAN EVEN SPOT M15, A GLOBULAR CLUSTER – GRAVITATIONALLY BOUND BALL OF STARS, THE OLDEST GLOBULAR CLUSTER WE KNOW OF.

PLUS, PEGASUS' HELVETIOS WAS THE FIRST SUN-LIKE STAR FOUND TO HAVE A PLANET ORBITING IT! STILL OUT THEIR HELPING US SLAY, PEGASUS. GOOD HORSIE.

KEEP LOOKIN' UP!