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## Nineteen Day Old Moon‡

Tonight's Gibbous Moon will be visible during the late evening and through to dawn, at the zenith during the last hours of night, a few hours before dawn.

**Key Features to Observe Tonight**

Tonight the terminator has swept past the eastern edge of **Mare Tranquillitatis** and it lies in the dark. To the north lies the prominent crater **Hercules**, in stark isolation, with its companion **Atlas** already hidden in the nightside.

South of Mare Tranquillitatis, the fragmentary bright crater ring of **Gutenberg** marks the southern end of what remains to be seen of **Mare Fecunditatis**. Gutenberg also marks the northern end of the tonight's residual of the **Pyrenees** **Mountains**, along the eastern edge of **Mare Nectaris**.

South of Mare Nectaris, at a distance about equal to its diameter, is the crater **Piccolomini**, with its prominent central peak. About the same distance again, close to the terminator, are two more interesting craters: **Metius** and **Fabricius**. Fabricius is situated the northeastern quadrant of the older and larger walled plain crater, **Janssen**. Its eroded outline is clearly seen with the Sun at this low angle of incidence.

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