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AURIGA & THE SOLSTICE DEC 21, 2022

HAPPY SOLSTICE WINTER WANDERERS – I'M TRACE!

THE WINTER SOLSTICE IS THURSDAY DECEMBER 21ST – DARKNESS FANS REJOICE! THIS IS THE TIME WHEN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE EXPERIENCES THE SHORTEST DAYS AND LONGEST NIGHTS. IT'S ALSO DEEP WINTER CONSTELLATION TIME!

HIT THE DARKNESS AT 4 AM AND LOOK FOR RED MARS IN THE WEST. TO ITS LEFT IS ORION THE HUNTER WITH HIS SPARKLY BELT STARS. BUT, ON THE LONGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR, LET'S FIND AURIGA THE CHARIOTEER TO THE UPPER RIGHT OF ORION, AURIGA IS THE PENTAGON SHAPE! HIS MOST FAMOUS STAR IS CAPELLA – HERE.

CAPELLA IS A QUADRUPLE STAR SYSTEM AND IS SO BRIGHT THAT ANCIENT OAXACANS BUILT STRUCTURES ALIGNED WITH ITS RISING!

LEGENDS SAY THAT AURIGA THE INVENTOR OF THE FOUR-HORSE CHARIOT OR A GOAT HERDER – DEPENDING – BUT, SPEAKING OF GOATS – AURIGA ALSO HAS THE KIDS – A TINY ASTERISM NEAR CAPELLA FORMING A CUTE LITTLE TRIANGLE!

ENJOY THE SOLSTICE AND KEEP LOOKIN' UP!