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YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THESE PERSEIDS August 2023

GREETINGS, GREETINGS FELLOW STAR GAZERS -- TRACE HERE AND NEXT WEEK THE MOON IS ALMOST NEW PLUS THE PERSEID METEOR SHOWER IS HERE. THIS COMBO COULD MAKE FOR A GREAT SHOW.

HIT THE DARKNESS AROUND 2 AM ON AUGUST 12 AND LOOK NORTHEAST. THE SHOWER SHOULD PEAK AROUND 3AM -- WITH AS MANY AS FIFTY TO ONE-HUNDRED METEORS PER HOUR!

IF YOU DRAW A LINE DOWN FROM CASSIOPEIA'S W TO CAPELLA IN AURIGA, THEN ANOTHER ACROSS FROM THE NORTH STAR, POLARIS TO MIRFAK IN PERSEUS -- YOU'LL WANT TO LOOK IN THAT GIANT X -- BUT LET YOURSELF GET DISTRACTED BY JUPITER -- ON YOUR RIGHT, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE SUPER BRIGHT.

THE PERSEIDS ARE MADE OF DEBRIS LEFT IN OUR PLANET'S ORBITAL PATH FROM THE COMET SWIFT-TUTTLE -- THEY'RE LIKE BUGS HITTING OUR SPACESHIP'S ATMOSPHERIC WINDSHIELD.

I LOVE METEOR SHOWERS, IT'S A GREAT EXCUSE TO STAY UP LATE AND LAY OUTSIDE ON A BLANKET WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

ENJOY THE NIGHT, AND KEEP LOOKIN 'UP!