
Subject: Mars to be closer to Earth then in 60,000 years

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AircraftkillerIt's not going to collide with us. It would have to pass through the asteroid belt before it would even be near enough to begin a collision sequence.

It could collide, but not in our nor likely humanity's lifetime.

And Mars is inside the asteroid belt. Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars are the four inner planets, with the outer planets being the gaseous giants, save for Pluto.

Quote:All are locked in stable orbits and have been for millions of years.

You think millions of years are significant at all compared to the life of this planet?

Most scientists estimate the Earth to be 4.55 - 4.6 Billion years old.

One million out of 4.55 billion is the same as 1 out of 4,550, or 0.002%. Sure, if you want to say 500 million or more it takes a nice chunk out of 4,550, but $500/4,550$ is still only 10%.
