



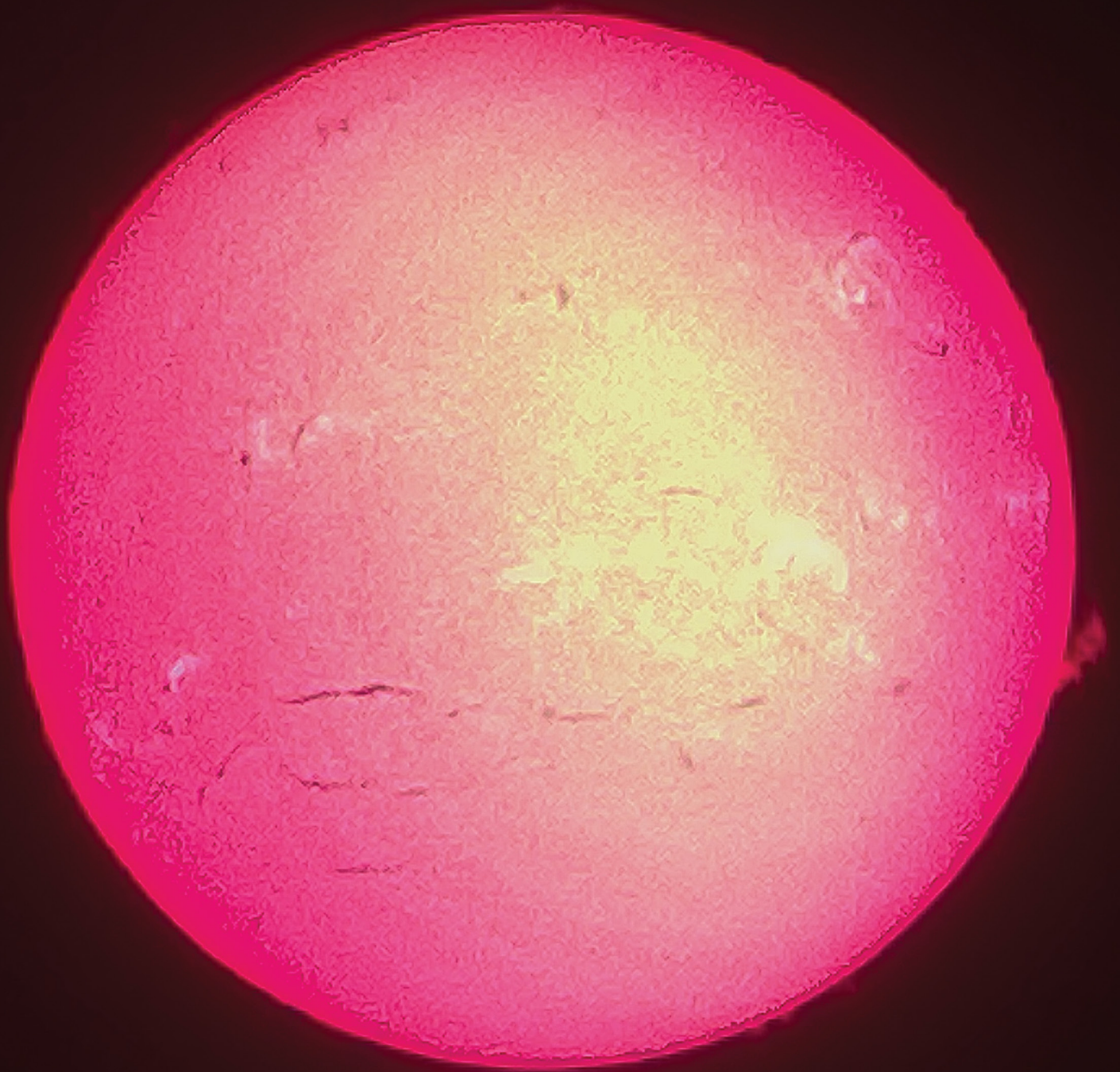
Visual Physics: Wow! That Was Taken With A Cellphone?

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Abstract

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Remember to never stare at the Sun and don't image the Sun with your cameras through a telescope without proper filters. Permanent damage to your eyes and cameras will occur.