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How the Moon appears from Earth
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## 2. The height of the Sun at noon is

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## 3. The size of the Sun's path across the sky is different throughout the year.



## 4. The length of daylight compared to the length of night changes each day.



## The intensity of sunlight stiriking the Earth varies with location:

Sun appears low in the sky

Light from the Sun

Sun appears high ${ }^{\wedge}$ in the sky


## Sun



Node

## THE HISTORY OF ASTRONOMY

"It is therefore impossible that reason not previously instructed should imagine anything other than that the Earth is a kind of vast house with the vault of the sky placed on top of it; it is motionless and within it the Sun being so small passes from one region to another, like a bird wandering through the air."
-J ohannes Kepler
"Our ancestors were eager to understand the world but had not quite stumbled upon the method.".

- Carl Sagan


## THE HISTORY OF . : ASTRONOMY

"The history of astronomy is a history of the displacement of man from the center of everything"

-Dale Mais

## Does the Earth rotate??



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:
actual position
observed position



## The Greeks had it right

The earth is a sphere-diameter was measured

The earth was NOT at the center̃ of the Uñiverse The sun was at the center.

Speculated about natuře of atom, life on other planets

## -GEOCENTRIIC COSMOLOGY

n All celestial bodies revolve around the Earth: Therefore, the Earth must be the center of the Universe.
-n Result of apparent motions of.celestial bodies within the celestial sphere.


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"planetos" -or- "planets"
Greek for "wanderers"

## Observed motions of the planets:

Ecliptic


## Aristotle (~350 B.C.)




## Claudius Ptolemeus (~100 A.D.)



## The Ptolemeic System:



## Still, the predictive power was limited



## Rules of the Ptolemeic System:

n The Earth is the center of the Universe.
$n$ All celestial bodies revolve around the Earth.
$n^{*}$ All celestial bodiês are perfect and
. unchanging.
n All celestial bodies exhibit uniform circular motion.

## THE ASTRONOMICAL REVOLUTI ON



## HELIOCENTRIC COSMOLOGY

$n$ The SUN is the center of the solar system and Universe. All planets, including the Earth, move around the Sun.

## Nicholas Copernicus (1473-1543̣)



## The Copernican Model (1543):






## Andreas Osiänder

"...declare that the fundamental principles laid down in this book are merely

- abstract hypotheses convenient for the purposes of calculation only".


## Tycho Brahe (1547 - 1601)



## Uraniborg (1577-.1597)



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## Johannes Kepler (1571-1630)




The Paradigm shift !! *


## Kepler's Laws of Planetary Motion



## Kepler's 1st Law:

"The orbit of a planet about the Sun is an ellipse with the Sun at one focus"



## Kepler's 2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ Law:

"A line joining a planet and the-Sun sweeps out equal areas in equal intervals of-time."



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## $P^{2}=d^{3}$

${ }_{n} \mathrm{P}=$ Orbital Period measured in Earth years
${ }^{n} \mathrm{~d}=$ Orbital distance measured in A.U.'s
n Example: . . Jupiter
$P=11.86$ years
$P^{2}=140.6$
$\mathrm{d}=5.2$ A.U.
$d^{3}=140.6$

## Galileo Galilei (1564-1642)











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