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A few years ago it was my privilege to be a guest for a few days at a student ^{club} ~~center~~ in one of our great universities. ⁽²⁾ The students told

⁽³⁾ me that ⁽¹⁾ one evening they were having a special meeting at which they would be addressed by a noted professor of philosophy, ^{Being there} ~~in the university.~~

Simply as a guest, it was not my position to take any part in the discussion, but I was much interested in observing. The professor began by placing a large blackboard in front of the group. ^{on behalf of} On this blackboard he made a drawing which he said represented the medieval view of the universe.

In the center of it he placed the earth. ^T Then he represented ~~an area around~~

~~the earth~~ the sun as moving around the earth. ^{In a slightly larger circle} Then further away he

⁽¹⁾ indicated the similar motion of ~~other~~ ⁽²⁾ ~~planets~~ ⁽³⁾ ~~represented the planets~~. Beyond that he represented the ~~six stars~~ ⁽⁴⁾ ~~the remaining~~ ⁽⁵⁾ ~~revolving~~. Beyond that he showed ~~in the space beyond this~~ he wrote

the word "God". Then he said: "This is the view of the universe that was held in the middle ages. However, ~~the~~ knowledge has moved vastly forward,

and today we have an entirely different conception of the universe. Copernicus

showed us that the earth is not the center at all. We now have, he made showing

another drawing, the earth at the center. Then he said, showing the sun.

Then he said, beyond the sun we have planets going around it. Then he said, thus

We have stars extending to tremendous distances in all directions, making a great galaxy and the sun is not even at the center of this galaxy. Then

he said, there are other galaxies. This galaxy may have as many as a hundred and larger

million stars in it, many far greater than our sun. Then he said, beyond this there is ... we have now the galaxies stretching out to the very end of the

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