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由于我们水平有限，时间仓促，书中疏漏或不妥之处难免，恳请读者指正。

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UNIT 1 SPACE AND MAN

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The scattering of galaxies, the habits of macromolecules, and the astounding abundance of stars are forcing those who ponder such matters to a further adjustment of their concept of the place and function of man in the material universe.

In the history of the evolving human mind, with its increasing knowledge of the surrounding world, there must have been a time when the philosophers of the early tribes began to realize that the world was not simply anthropocentric—centered on man himself. The geocentric concept then became common doctrine. It accepted a universe centered on the earth. This first adjustment was only mildly deflationary to the human ego¹, for man appeared to surpass all other living forms.

The second adjustment in the understanding of man's relation to the physical universe, that is, the abandonment of the earth-center theory, was not generally acceptable until the sixteenth-century Copernican revolution soundly established the heliocentric concept—the theory of a universe centered on the sun. Man is a stubborn adherent to official dogma; eventually, however, he accepted the sun as the center not only of the local