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Our ancestors assumed, I observe, a \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective number of celestial spheres for this reason especially, to explain the apparent motion of the planets by the principle of \_\_\_\_\_ Noun. For they thought it altogether \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective that a heavenly body, which is a perfect sphere, should not always move \_\_\_\_\_ Adverb. They saw that by connecting and \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Present Tense regular motions in various ways they could make any body appear to move to any position.

Callippus and Eudoxus, who \_\_\_\_\_ Verb to solve the problem by the use of concentric spheres, were unable to account for all the planetary movements; they had to explain not merely the \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective revolutions of the planets but also the fact that these bodies appear to us sometimes to mount \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective - Comparative in the \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural, sometimes to descend; and this fact is incompatible with the \_\_\_\_\_ Noun of concentricity. Therefore it seemed better to employ \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural and epicycles, a system which most \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural finally accepted.

Yet the planetary theories of Ptolemy and most other \_\_\_\_\_ Preposition or subordinating conjunction, although consistent with the numerical data, seemed likewise to present no small difficulty. For these theories were not adequate unless certain \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural were also conceived; it then appeared that a planet moved with uniform \_\_\_\_\_ Noun neither on its deferent nor about the center of its epicycle. Hence a system of this sort seemed neither sufficiently absolute nor sufficiently pleasing to the \_\_\_\_\_ Noun.

Having become aware of these defects, I often considered whether there could perhaps be found a more reasonable \_\_\_\_\_ of circles, from which every apparent inequality would be derived and in which everything would move uniformly about its proper center, as the rule of absolute motion requires. After I had \_\_\_\_\_ myself to this very \_\_\_\_\_ and almost \_\_\_\_\_ problem, the suggestion at length came to me how it could be solved with \_\_\_\_\_ and much simpler constructions than were formerly used, if some assumptions (which are called \_\_\_\_\_) were granted me. They follow in this order.

-Nicolaus Copernicus