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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