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When we talk about the universe, we mean everything that exists. This includes air, sea, earth and other planets, the stars and the space. People, in the past, thought that the Earth is the centre of the universe and that all the heavenly bodies orbit around it. But since about 500 years ago, people began to realize that the Earth is not the centre of the universe. We, now, know that the Earth is merely a planet in the universe and it belongs to the Sun family which is called the galaxy.