
THE UNIVERSE

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The Solar System consists of a single star, the Sun, the planets and a huge number of smaller objects: moons, comets, asteroids, dwarf planets.

The **inner Solar System** extends from the Sun to Neptune.

The **outer Solar System** lies beyond Neptune.

Ancient models of the universe

Geocentric model: the Earth was the centre of the universe and the Sun, Moon and planets orbited the Earth.

Heliocentric model: the Sun was at the centre of the universe.