

THE EARTH AS PART OF THE UNIVERSE
IN SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS' COSMOLOGY

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The present article aims at presenting the place the Earth takes in the universe in Saint Thomas Aquinas' cosmology. The author of the article is of the opinion that Aquinas' writings, exceeding Aristotle's commentary, were a comprehensive attempt at answering the question about the real structure of the universe. In the Dominican scholar's methodology a creative aspect can be seen of the critical assessment of the knowledge available in those times. Such an attitude facilitated a further development of cosmology and is the basis of the value of Saint Thomas' considerations. He still remained within the system of a geocentric world, but he prepared the data for building a new model of the universe.

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