



"The Cosmographia" by Peter Apian, circa 1539, describes the universe according to the Ptolemaic model: Earth is at the center, with the moon, sun and planets fixed on a series of concentric rings.

## What if you had a Telescope but were forbidden to use it?

IN THE YEAR 1539, everyone knew it. Our great-great grandparents were convinced. It was obvious to any observer. And all respectable authoritative sources were in agreement. "*The Earth is at the center of the universe.*" Anyone daring to propose a different explanation was a heretic, an outlaw, a blasphemer, and could be forbidden under penalty of death to even speak of the subject.

Well, we got over that, didn't we? Or did we? The search for knowledge goes on. Sometimes our search uncovers information that makes us uncomfortable and challenges us to revise our thinking about things we hold dear. After the discovery of the psychoactive effects of LSD in Switzerland in 1943, important research into the use of psychedelic drugs in a variety of contexts took place all over the world. Research in this field was very active until the late 1960s, resulting in over a thousand scientific publications. In 1966, in a panic reaction to the widespread use of drugs within the so-called "counter culture," psychedelics were declared dangerous and illegal.

Today, the therapeutic use of psychedelics is no longer permitted. Research with them has been almost completely forbidden since the early 1970s, though a few psychedelic research projects were permitted to resume in the United States and Europe in the early 1990s.

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