

A LOT OF TERRITORY TAKEN IN BY THIS

Editor The Chronicle—Sir: Anent certain articles in the Safety Valve and other editorials about the size of the universe, the “beginning” and the “end,” it would be much more enlightening if the writers stated just what meaning is to be applied to these words.

For example, by the “universe” do they mean the very old idea of the solar system or the broader idea of the galaxy or milky way, i. e., the entire spiral nebula of which our solar system is only a pin point? Or do they mean not only our spiral nebula, whose center is behind the dark gaseous mass in the constellation Sagittarius, but also all the other spiral nebulae in boundless space—extra-galactic universes of which there may be a countless infinity?

Most writers are thoroughly vague as to what they mean by such terms as “universe,” “cosmos,” “cosmic god,” etc.—flabbergasting terms that mean nothing without specific definitions.

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