



FIGURE 2.15. Milankovitch variations in the Earth's orbit. From Leeder (1999). (A) A view looking down on Earth's orbit around the Sun from a point in space above Earth's North Pole, showing the elliptical orbit and the positions of the perihelion and aphelion relative to the solstice and equinox points. (B) Precession of Earth's axis of rotation. (C) Effects of precession on the Earth's position in orbit relative to perihelion and aphelion.