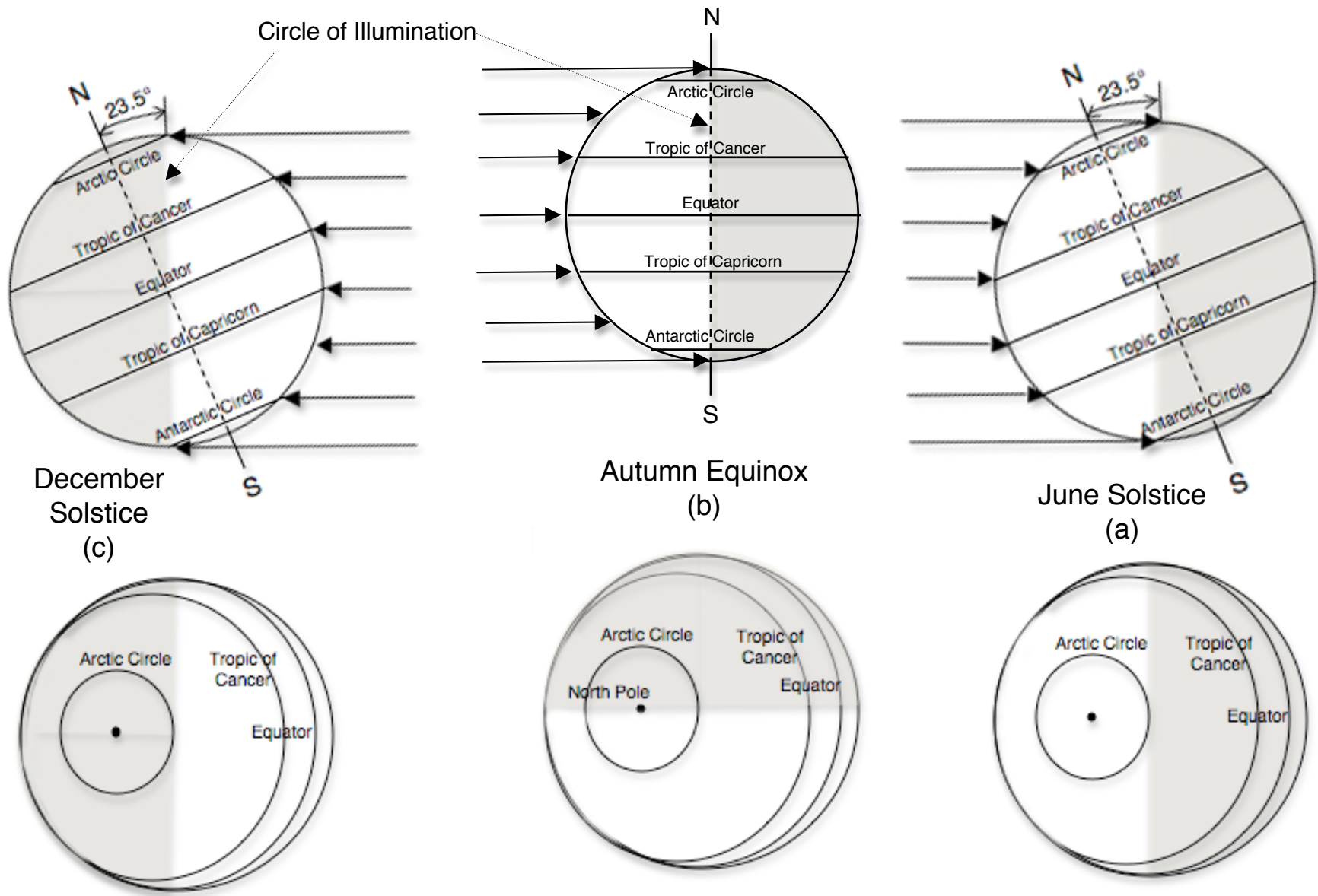


Figure 2-5: Characteristics of Solstices and Equinoxes



Note: In the first row above, views (a) and (c) are from the same perspective, at opposite points in the Earth's orbit around the sun, while view (b), at an orbital position exactly between (a) and (c), is from a perspective shifted 90° ccw from the other two and raised by 23.5° to look down directly at the equator. In the bottom row, all three perspectives are identical to each other.