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**d. 1204**

Spanish Arab scholar, also known as Alpetragius, whose writings on astronomy contradicted the ideas of Ptolemy and resurrected those of Aristotle. In 1217 Scottish scholar and mathematician Michael Scot translated al-Bitruji's work into Latin, an effort that furthered growing awareness among European scholars of the faults in Ptolemaic cosmology.