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**1597-1660**

Bohemian astronomer who produced the first lunar map to represent the Moon as seen through an inverting telescope—with its southern-most features at the top. Rheita's only scientific treatise of value is *Oculus Enoch et Eliae, opus theologiae, philosophiae, et verbi dei praeconibus utile et iucundum* (1645), in which he describes an eyepiece, of his own invention, that re-inverted the inverted images of Keplerian refracting telescopes (1645). Rheita coined the terms "ocular" and "objective."