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1595-1667

Bohemian physicist who anticipated by two decades many of the observations on optics made by Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727). Sometimes called simply Marcus Marci, Johannes served as professor and rector of Prague's Charles University, where in 1648 he published *Thaumantias liber de arcu coelesti....* In it, he discussed the colors of the rainbow, the dispersion of light beams directed through a prism, and the diffraction of light around a wire. He also observed that repeated refraction does not cause monochromatic rays to change color. In addition to his work in optics, Johannes performed a number of experiments in mechanics using a pendulum.