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Danish astronomer, also known as Christian Severin, who was Tycho Brahe's only disciple. Upon his master's death Longomontanus assumed responsibility for selecting and integrating Tycho's data into a coherent account of planetary motions and presenting this work in a systematic treatise. His task was brought to fruition in *Astronomia danica* (1622), which was enthusiastically received by the astronomical community. The prestige attached to his work saw it through two reprintings despite the appearance of Johannes Kepler's *Tabulae Rudolphinae* in 1627.