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French archeologist who created the first classification system dividing man's prehistoric cultural development into chronological epochs. His ordering of the Paleolithic, or Stone Age, epoch carried on into the twentieth century as the basis for anthropological classification. Mortillet also studied the geology and paleontology of the Alps.