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Italian physician, mapmaker, and astrologer who suggested to Christopher Columbus (1451-1506) that he could reach Asia by sailing westward. In 1433 Toscanelli observed a comet and accurately depicted its position in relation to the stars. Chinese and Polish astronomers also reported seeing the same comet.