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c. 160-c. 90 B.C.

Greek mathematician and astronomer whose surviving works include the *Sphaerics.* Intended to provide a mathematical grounding for astronomy, the *Sphaerics* expands on the *Elements* of Euclid (c. 325-c. 250 B.C.) with regard to spheres. In *On Habitations,* Theodosius discussed the view of the universe due to Earth's rotation, and in *On Days and Nights* he examined rules governing the length of day and night as a function of location and season.