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c. 1546-1595

English astronomer and mathematician who was the leading proponent of Copernicanism in England. He translated portions of Copernicus's *De revolutionibus* and appended his own views on an infinite universe with fixed stars at varying distances from Earth (1576). Digges had earlier published *Alae seu scalae mathematicae* (1573), containing his observations of the 1572 supernova. The appendices to *Stratioticos* (1579, 1590) and his father Leonard's posthumously published *Pantometria* (1571, 1591) constitute the first serious English research on ballistics.