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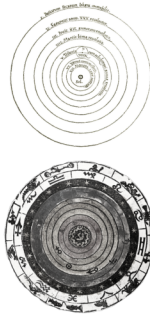


EARLY TIME KEEPING

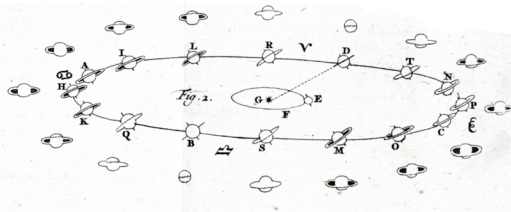


Beginning in the 13th century, we see how astronomy affected timekeeping and public life. Creating one of the **first accessible astronomical texts**, Sacro Bosco is responsible for four centuries of scientific cosmic thought.

De Sphaera Mundi was the leading scientific reference until Copernican theory in 1610. **The Copernican revolution** introduced heliocentric, or **sun-centered**, models of the universe. Sacro Bosco's work was critical in understanding the heavens **before access to advanced solar technology**, such as the telescope, was available.



Sacro Bosco's analysis of the universe was used in creating solar/geocentric calendars for everyday life. **This is one of the earliest examples of cosmic influence on timekeeping.**



SPACE OBSERVATION

Christaan Huygens, a philosopher, physicist, and astronomer, is widely credited for the invention of the pendulum clock. His design **was the first successful model built of a working pendulum timepiece**. By observing the planetary patterns of Saturn, Huygens was able to **recreate the consistency of an elliptical orbit** in a weighted pendulum.



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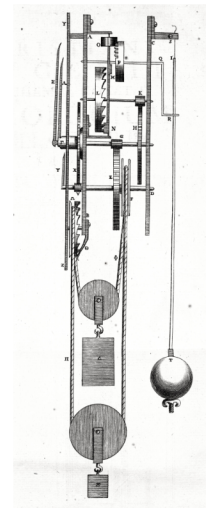
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