

## THE COSMOLOGICAL POEM BY ROGER JOSEPH BOSCOVICH

The poem *On solar and lunar eclipses* presents the worldview by Roger Joseph Boscovich much more completely and in a more original form than it is done by prose texts. A complete dedication to the poetic image frames his elucidation, so one gets the impression that it is about a heroic epic rather than a treatise of the scientific content. Such a disambiguation is however of no importance, because Boscovich belongs to the tradition that considers the epic to be an exact science. Leaving aside ancient models which are numerous, one takes step on the ground of epic poetry that had a great importance in the nation which Roger came from. His work is significant not in science only, but in art, philosophy and as well in theology which has largely remained unrecognized.

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