

THE HELIOCENTRIC SYSTEM FROM THE ORPHIC HYMNS AND THE PYTHAGOREANS TO EMPEROR JULIAN APOSTATE

The evolution of the heliocentric theory in the Antiquity has been analyzed, from the first seeds in Orphic Hymns to the emperor Julian, also called "the Apostate" in the 4th century A.D. In particular were analyzed Orphic Hymns, views of Pythagoreans, the heliocentric ideas of Philolaus of Croton, Ictas, Ecphantus, Heraclides of Pontos, Anaximander, Seleucus of Seleucia, Aristarchus of Samos and Emperor Julian.