

## COSMAS INDICOPLEUSTES

The first Christian centuries in the Byzantine Empire, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> one to the 6<sup>th</sup> one, comprise a period in which the Christian religion had to consolidate its place as the dominant religion. Therefore, everything that seemed to contradict the Scriptures had to be adapted to them by any means. For this reason, since geography did not agree in several instances with the holy texts, and because the Scriptures could not be in error, the geography of the times had to be harmonized with the holy texts of the new religion. This task was undertaken by the 6<sup>th</sup> century Nestorian Christian monk Cosmas the 'Indicopleustes'. Cosmas wrote the *Christian Topography*, a work through which he attempted to create a new system of geography or a representation of the World that would fit to the information contained in the Holy Scripture. His work and life are considered here.