

THE TIMES & TIDES OF JOHN DAVIS (1550–1605)

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The Voyages and Works of John Davis the Navigator

THE original 1880 publication of *The Voyages and Works of John Davis the Navigator*, more often than not restricted to Special Collections and Rare Book Departments, etc., is now currently available on the Internet as a large, graphics-based *Google Digital* PDF file. Because of its sheer size, however, the various topics in this 515-page volume may still tend to overwhelm the casual reader, especially in this particular format. For this reason selected segments from the above are provided here in smaller, searchable PDF files that retain the original antiquated English text, typesetting and pagination.

The choice of material, however, does not center on the voyages of John Davis *per se*, but on the use of the heliocentric concept in his various works and the effect of this understanding on the development of Elizabethan navigation in general. Thus, in addition to *The Worlde's Hydrographical Discription* (1595) and *Seaman's Secrets* (1594, 1607) by John Davis himself the selection includes the short "Note on the New Map" of A.D. 1600 by Charles Henry Coote (1880) and lengthy *Bibliographical List of Works on Navigation during the Reign of Elizabeth* (1880) by Albert Hastings Markham. Lastly, an additional supplement, *Introduction, Symbols and Abbreviations, and a Short Bibliography to Copernicus and Kepler* (1952) by Charles Glenn Wallis provides a background for the opposing geocentric and heliocentric planetary theories of the time.

WORKS BY JOHN DAVIS

- The Worlde's Hydrographical Discription*, (PDF; 558 kb)
Seaman's Secrets Book I. (Degrees, Times, and Tides, etc.). (PDF; 1.33 mb)
Seaman's Secrets Book II. (The Globe & other Instruments). (PDF; 1.46 mb)

ALBERT HASTINGS MARKHAM

- Introduction to John Davis the Navigator*. (PDF; 664 kb)
plus " The Third Voyage Northwestward for the Discoverie of a passage to the Isles of the Molucca, or the coast of China, in the yeere 1587 " by John Janes, servant of M. William Sanderson.
Letters of Marque and Other Matters. (PDF; 61 kb)
Bibliographical List of Works on Navigation (PDF; 215 kb)

CHARLES HENRY COOTE

- Note on the New Map of A. D. 1600*. (PDF; 112 Kb)

CHARLES GLENN WALLIS

- Introduction to Copernicus & Kepler*. (PDF; 146 Kb)

[Sources: John Davis, Albert Hastings Markham and Charles Henry Coote in *The Voyages and Works of John Davis the Navigator*, The Hakluyt Society, No LIX, London, 1880. Charles Glenn Wallis in *Great Books of the Western World 16*, Editor-in-Chief Robert Maynard Hutchins, William Benton, Chicago 1952:481–495.]

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- The World Encompassed by Sir Francis Drake* (1652) (PDF; 858 Kb)