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120-c. 180

Syrian-born Roman satirist who wrote the earliest stories about voyages to other planets. In both his *Icaromenippus* and *True History*, Lucian depicted trips to the Moon and outer space. He also wrote a number of works critical of impostors, including a magician and "wonder-worker" named Alexander, who he attacked in *Alexander the Paphlagonian*.