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King (history of science, F.W. Goethe U., Frankfurt, Germany), in the first of two volumes, presents an analysis of over 500 manuscripts that document the use of the sun and stars to keep time, an essential task in determining the hour of prayer, which is called by the muezzin in the Islamic world. (Volume 2 will be devoted to the instruments used
