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The Renaissance scholar Antonio de Nebrija proposed that the word Hispania evolved from the Iberian word Hispalis, meaning "city of the western world". The history of Spain dates back to the Middle Ages. In 1516, Habsburg Spain unified a number of disparate predecessor kingdoms; its modern form of a constitutional monarchy was introduced in 1813, and the current democratic constitution dates to 1978. The city lights of Spain and Portugal define the Iberian Peninsula in this photograph taken from the International Space Station (ISS) on 4 December 2011. Knowledge of the Classical style in architecture was derived during the Renaissance from two sources: the ruins of ancient Classical buildings, particularly in Italy but also in France and Spain, and the treatise *De architectura* (c. 27 bc; "On Architecture") by the Roman architect Vitruvius.