

***Ten Days That Shook the World*** (1919) is a book by American journalist and socialist John Reed about the October Revolution in Russia in 1917, which Reed experienced firsthand. Reed followed many of the prominent Bolshevik leaders, especially Grigory Zinoviev and Karl Radek, closely during his time in Russia. John Reed died in 1920, shortly after the book was finished, and he is one of the few Americans buried at the Kremlin Wall Necropolis in Moscow, a site normally reserved only for the most prominent Soviet leaders.

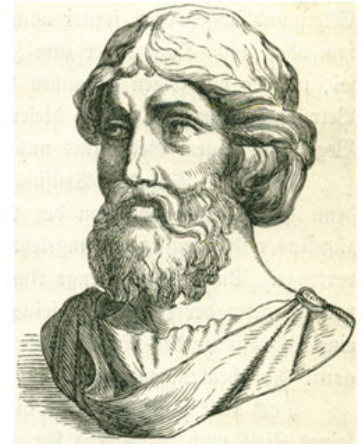
# ***Ten Mathematicians Who Shook The World***

***I call them "Martyrs of Mathematics", (Matematik Şehitleri), some of whom lost their lives because of their Mathematics; from ancient times to present day, there are so many; but in this talk I will mention only ten of them, their mathematics, their philosophy, and their tragic lives...***

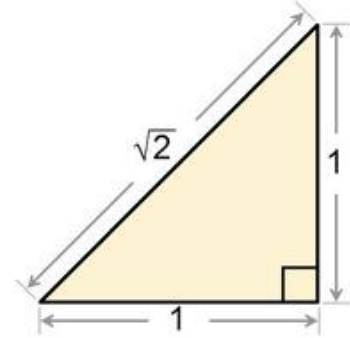
# Newton Euler Gauss Riemann Hilbert and many more

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ama biz “sarsmak” tan bahsediyoruz  
ani depremlerden  
bir anda insanlık düşüncesini değiştirenlerden  
yukardaki büyükler bir sürecin içindeydiler  
elbette o süreç içinde matematikte evrim yaşandı  
ama bizim bugünkü konumuz başka..  
evrim değil devrim..!

***Hippasus***, 5th century BC



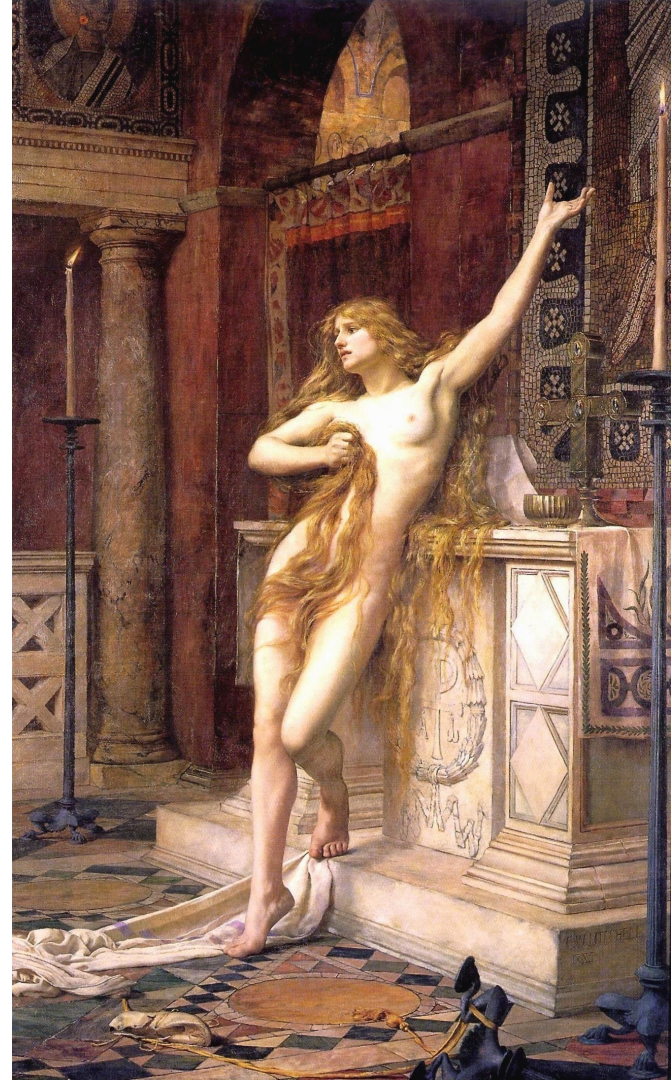
a student of ***Pythagoras***, who proved that



is not a rational number, i.e. incommensurable.

# Hypatia, 350 - 415 AD, Alexandria, Egypt

The first woman mathematician, a student of [Plato](#) and [Aristotle](#), Hypatia was a Greek Alexandrian Neoplatonist philosopher in Egypt. As head of the Platonist school at Alexandria, she taught philosophy and astronomy. Hypatia was murdered by a [Christian](#) mob, effectively marking the downfall of Alexandrian intellectual life. She with her father edited a new version of [Euclid's](#) *Elements*. Hypatia wrote commentaries on [Diophantus's](#) *Arithmetica*, on [Apollonius's](#) *Conics* and on [Ptolemy's](#) astronomical works. *She was not only intellectual but also beautiful, eloquent, and modest.*





Hedy Lemarr wasn't just an iconic actress from Hollywood's Golden Age - she was also a mathematician and the inventor of frequency hopping spread spectrum, a technology still used in modern bluetooth and WiFi.

# Évariste Galois, 1811 – 1832



While still in his teens, Évariste Galois was able to determine a necessary and sufficient condition for a polynomial to be solvable by radicals, thereby solving a 350 years-standing problem.

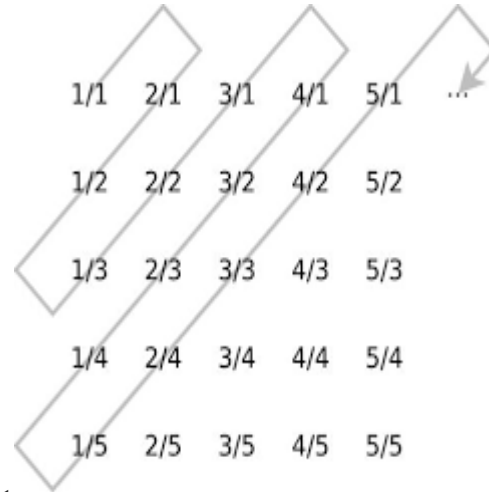
His work laid the foundations for **Galois Theory** and **Group Theory**.

The most famous contribution of this manuscript was a novel proof that there is no **quintic formula** – that is, that fifth and higher degree equations are not generally solvable by radicals. He called the decomposition of a group into its left and right **cosets** a *proper decomposition* if the left and right cosets coincide, which is what today is known as a **normal subgroup**. He also introduced the concept of a **finite field** (**Galois field**). He has also made basic studies of linear groups over finite fields:  $GL(v, p)$  and  $PSL(2, p)$ ... alexander grothendieck & today

# Georg Cantor Russia 1845 - Germany 1918



SOME INFINITIES  
 ARE **BIGGER** THAN  
 OTHER INFINITIES  
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, ...



|              |                   |   |
|--------------|-------------------|---|
| $\mathbb{N}$ | $\leftrightarrow$ | reals in $(0,1)$                            |
| 1            | $\leftrightarrow$ | .835987...                                  |
| 2            | $\leftrightarrow$ | .250000...                                  |
| 3            | $\leftrightarrow$ | .559423...                                  |
| 4            | $\leftrightarrow$ | .500000...                                  |
| 5            | $\leftrightarrow$ | .728532...                                  |
| 6            | $\leftrightarrow$ | .845312...                                  |
| $\vdots$     |                   | $\vdots$                                    |
| $\mathbb{N}$ | $\leftrightarrow$ | $\cdot r_1 r_2 r_3 r_4 r_5 \dots r_n \dots$ |
| $\vdots$     |                   | $\vdots$                                    |

Set Theory, Infinity of Infinities:

Weierstrass, Kummer, Kronecker, H. Weyl and Henri Poincaré also opposed him! "grave disease" infecting the discipline of mathematics, while Wittgenstein raised philosophical objections. Some Christian theologians saw Cantor's work as a challenge to the uniqueness of the **absolute infinity** in the nature of **God**. Cantor thought that infinite numbers really existed. Kronecker disagreed with him. He thought that only integers existed. Kronecker said that "**God made integers and all the rest is the work of man**".



# ***Continuum Hypothesis & The Axiom of Choice***

Cantor believed his theory of transfinite numbers had been communicated to him by God. In his doctoral [thesis](#) Cantor said that asking questions was more important than finding the answers. Kronecker personally attacked Cantor as a "***scientific charlatan***", and a "***corrupter of youth***".

**CH:** there exists no set whose cardinality is greater than that of the naturals and less than that of the reals. A 1940 result by Kurt [Gödel](#) and a 1963 one by [Paul Cohen](#) together imply that the Continuum Hypothesis can neither be proved nor disproved using standard [Set Theory](#) plus the **Axiom of Choice**.

In his late years Cantor did not want young mathematicians to suffer like he had because of older mathematicians who felt threatened by new ideas. [David Hilbert](#) defended Cantor: "***No one shall expel us from the Paradise that Cantor has created***".

Cantor died in a [mental hospital](#) in Halle on 6 January 1918.



# Allan Adler 1950 - ?

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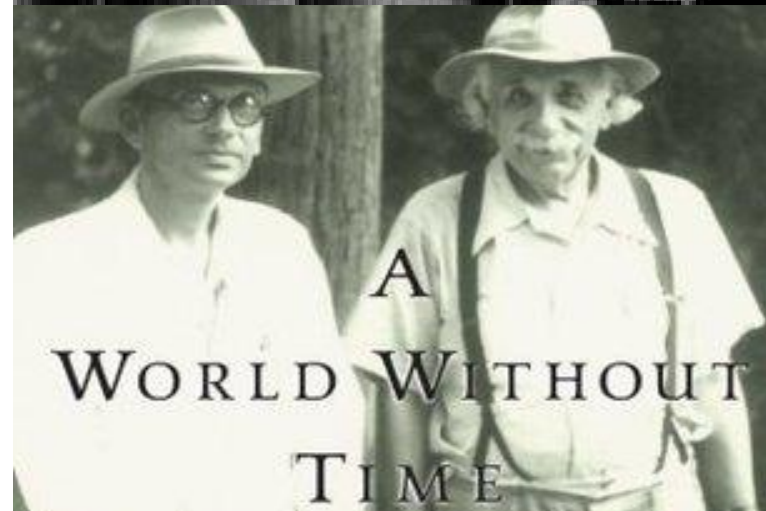
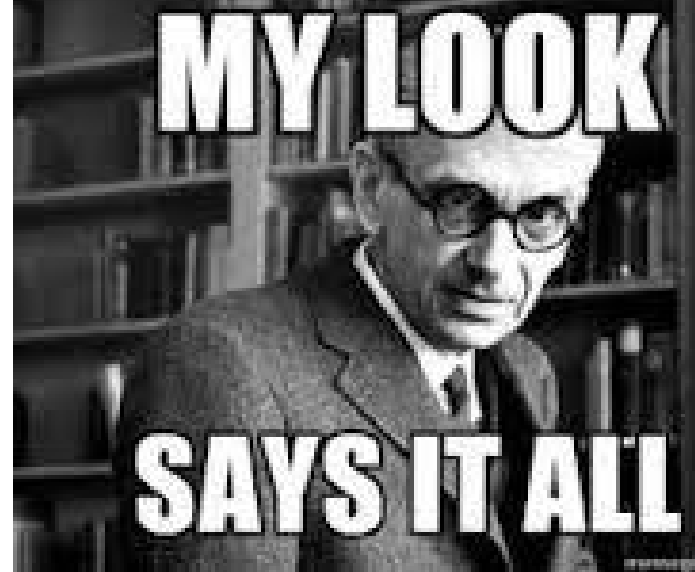
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| 4   | 9   | 2   | 130 | 135 | 128 | 121 | 126 | 119 | 31  | 36  | 29  |
| 107 | 100 | 105 | 53  | 46  | 51  | 62  | 55  | 60  | 80  | 73  | 78  |
| 102 | 104 | 106 | 48  | 50  | 52  | 57  | 59  | 61  | 75  | 77  | 79  |
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| 116 | 109 | 114 | 26  | 19  | 24  | 17  | 10  | 15  | 143 | 136 | 141 |
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# Kurt Gödel 1906 - 1978

AUSTRIAN-BORN US philosopher and mathematician Kurt Gödel is most famous for his incompleteness theorems (1931), which revolutionized logic. Gödel showed that in any formal system (a symbolic system based on **axioms**), there exist **propositions** that are undecidable (they can neither be **proved** nor disproved). Most importantly, the **consistency** of the axioms themselves cannot be proved. Gödel's work has had a profound impact on how mathematicians think about their subject. In particular, it shows why the attempts of **David Hilbert**, **Bertrand Russell**, and others to create a purely axiomatic foundation for mathematics must fail.

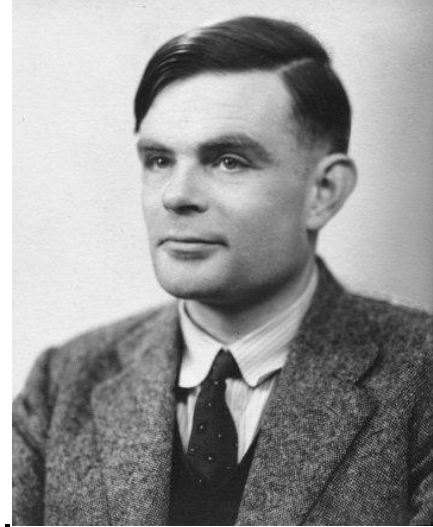


# Alan Turing 1912 - 1954

Father of the modern Computer

***Turing machine***: an entirely virtual construct which could perform calculations and follow instructions.

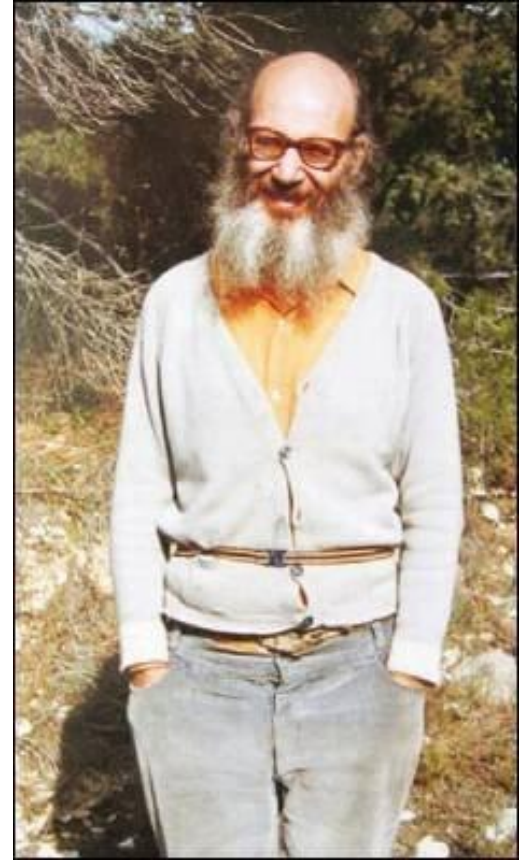
***Halting Problem***: Is there an algorithm that can decide whether any other algorithm will eventually halt, or whether it will run forever. Turing demonstrated that such an algorithm *cannot* exist. Since algorithms = Turing machines, he proved that there is no algorithm that can determine if a given Turing machine will halt with a specific input. If there were an algorithm able to decide whether our program eventually halts, then this would amount to settling the ***Goldbach conjecture***: if it halts then the conjecture is false, if it doesn't, then it is true, putting mathematicians out of a job!



# Alexander Grothendieck 1928 -

Grothendieck's genius was to recognize that there is a "being" hiding behind a given algebraic equation (or a system of equations) called a scheme. The spaces of solutions are mere projections, or shadows of this scheme. Moreover, he realized that these schemes "interact" with one another, can be "glued" together and so on. Grothendieck confronting the world's ills with his signature rigor and passion. He fought against the injustice he saw, accepting no compromises. A party of one, he was unafraid to be himself and to speak his truth. The man who had advanced mathematics in the most profound ways did not believe that math was the answer to everything.

***He taught us that life is more valuable than any equation.***



Senelerden 1972

Grothendieck Berkeleye geldi

← Aynen bu vaziyette idi

Benim vaziyetim de böyleydi ⇒

İlk konuşması Topos lar üzerineydi

İkincisi savaş karşıtı politik bir konuşmaydı

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İlk sözleri: “**Matematik yapmayı bırakın!**” oldu

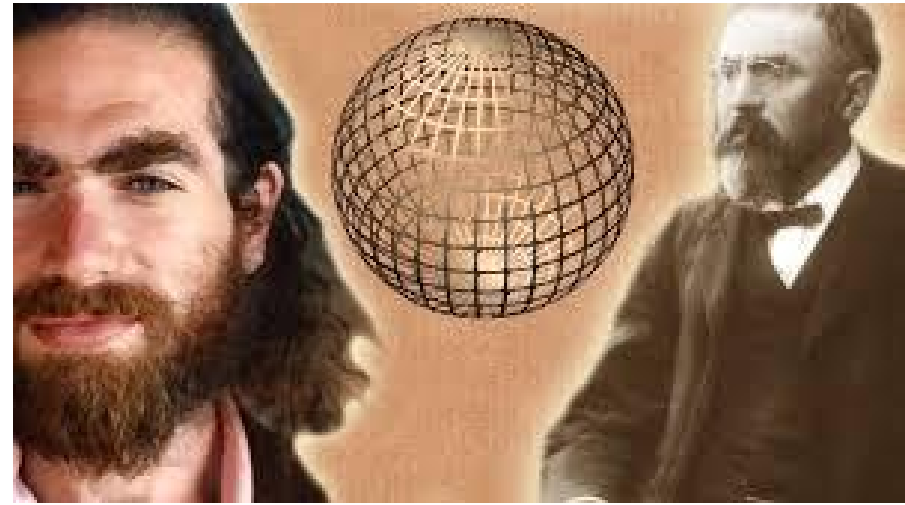
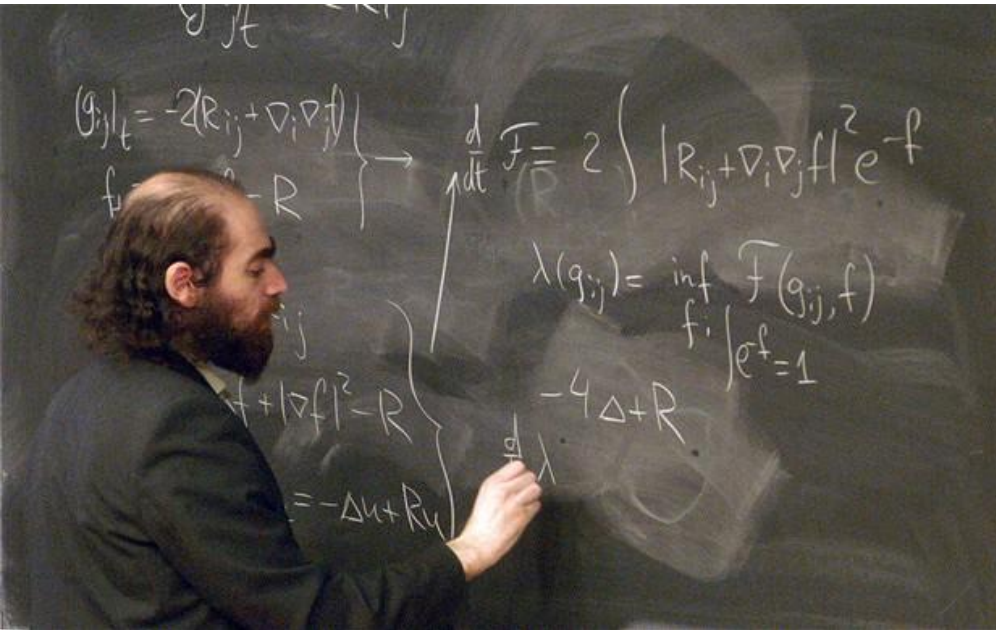
“*Biz zararsızız, boma falan yapamayız*” diyen mantıkçılara,

“**Siz hemen derhal bırakın!**” demişti...



# Grigory Perelman 1966 -

I'm not interested in money or fame;  
I don't want to be on display like an animal



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