

Today in Math History...

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Ramus murdered. Peter Ramus was cruelly murdered, by hired assassins, during the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre. He was an early opponent of the teachings of Aristotle.



Aristotle makes philosophy coextensive with reasoning, which he also called “science.” Note, however, that his use of the term science carries a different meaning than that covered by the term “scientific method.” For Aristotle, “all science is either practical, poetical, or theoretical.” By practical science he means ethics and politics; by poetical science, he means the study of poetry and the other fine arts; while by theoretical science he means physics, mathematics, and metaphysics.