

Johann Carl Friedrich Gauss
1777 – 1855 in Germany



Portrait of Gauss by S. Bendixen in 1828

Finally, two days ago, I succeeded - not on account of my hard efforts, but by the grace of the Lord. Like a sudden flash of lightning, the riddle was solved. I am unable to say what was the conducting thread that connected what I previously knew with what made my success possible. [Eves' Mathematical Circles Squared]