



**Speaker:** One of history's most celebrated astronomers was Polish-born, Nicolaus Copernicus. His important work on the revolution of celestial bodies was published the year he died. In this publication, he argued that the Earth and planets orbit around the sun rather than vice versa. Of course, this was heretical nonsense and the book was placed on the index of prohibited books by the Church. Good thing he wasn't alive, or they might've burned him at the stake as well.

The scientific method came about during the Northern Renaissance. It was proposed by Englishman, Francis Bacon. This method claimed that science should not be based on blind faith alone, but rather, actual observations and experimentation. Hypotheses needed to be tested and proved before they should be accepted. Sounds logical.

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