

A detailed black and white engraving of Johannes Kepler. He is depicted from the chest up, facing slightly to the right. He has a long, full beard and mustache. He is wearing a dark, wide-brimmed hat and a heavy, dark robe with a thick fur collar. The background is simple, with a hint of an architectural column on the right.

Today in History

November 15, 1630

▲ German astronomer Johannes Kepler, who discovered the principles of planetary motion and pioneered work with modern optics and calculus, died at age 58

1935: The Marx Brothers' *A Night At The Opera* opened in New York

1990: NATO and the Warsaw Pact agreed in principle on a treaty drastically slashing stocks of conventional weapons

2012: Xi Jinping was named as China's new leader

2017: *Salvator Mundi*, attributed to Leonardo da Vinci, sold in New York for \$450.3 million, a new record for the sale of any original work of art