



Blaise Pascal

(19th of June 1623 – 19th of August 1662)

Blaise Pascal was a French scientist, philosopher and writer. His mother died when he was three years old and subsequently his father dedicated himself to the education of his three children.

During his short life he passionately devoted himself to religious questions while he was equally fascinated by the physics of fluids and air pressure. His inventions include the hydraulic press (for multiplying forces) and the syringe.

In poor health all his life, he died at only 39 years of age.

The unit of the physical quantity *pressure* is named after him.