

## Who am I?

Can you identify these scientists, mathematicians, and other explorers?

Each of the following 4-line riddles uniquely identifies a famous scientist, mathematician, or other explorer. Can you identify them all? Note that each poem contains *numerous* clues as to the identity.

I found a crown's worth in beverage.  
Spiraling out of hand  
I reckon with sand  
and possibly acquired global leverage.

My first job was flying a jet.  
While believing in one god  
I travelled with the sun god  
and was crazy for such a small step.

To measure a distance and not to plunder  
I set sail; but sealed orders  
directed me to claim borders  
of lands down and under.

I showed that earth is not all it appears.  
For me one hundred twelve in an atom,  
because before me none could fathom  
the motion of celestial spheres.

My originality generated my descent.  
During five-years in lands fertile  
I studied stone, bird and turtle,  
and many who believe voice dissent.

In a Jerusalem corridor my Nobel lies.  
Not for light constant speed  
but for its particular creed  
was I given that prize.

Prolific I was, but no interest I took  
in ideas of those who encumber,  
no matter their number,  
unless they are right out of the book.

Across many areas I did roam.  
A number hints at my name,  
letters to a princess brought me fame,  
but I still took a bridge to go home.

Fifth resolutions and higher I repealed.  
Although I was shot  
cry for me not,  
for although radical, I'm outstanding in my field.

On information theorized I won't dwell.  
My logic may have been elliptic  
and my communications cryptic,  
but my capacity for games rang the bell.

About a machine and a test I did write.  
After the bomb I bore such a stigma  
that my work was deemed an enigma,  
and my end worse than that of show white.

One quarter of the world's land bears my name.  
Understanding the ground  
that by another was found  
brought me unexpected everlasting fame.

Archimedes  
Neil Armstrong  
James Cook  
Nicolaus Copernicus  
Charles Darwin  
Albert Einstein

Paul Erdős  
Leonhard Euler  
Évariste Galois  
Claude Shannon  
Alan Turing  
Amerigo Vespucci