



Leonardo da Vinci
(1452-1519)
[Pinhole Camera,
Diffraction]



Galileo Galilei
(1564-1642)
[Refracting
Telescope]



Pierre de Fermat
(1607-1665)
[College Dropout,
Fermat's Principle]



Francesco Maria
Grimaldi
(1618-1663)
[Diffraction,
Grating]



Christian Huygens
(1629-1695)
[Proposed Wave Theory,
Saturn's Ring,
Centripetal/fugal Force]



Isaac Newton
(1643-1727)
[Gravitation,
Light Corpuscule,
Cooling Law]



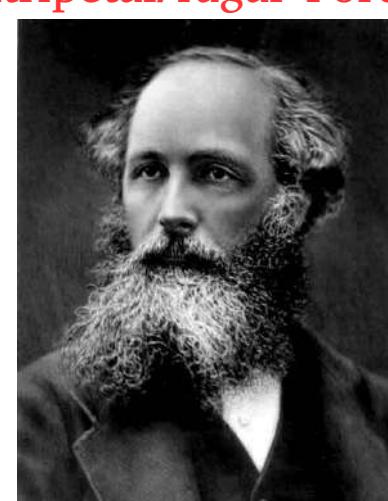
Thomas Young
(1773-1829)
[Proved
Wave Theory]



Joseph von
Fraunhofer
(1787-1826)



Augustin-Jean
Fresnel
(1788-1827)



James Clerk Maxwell
(1831-1879)
[Light=EM Field,
Displacement Current]