

Sir Francis Bacon

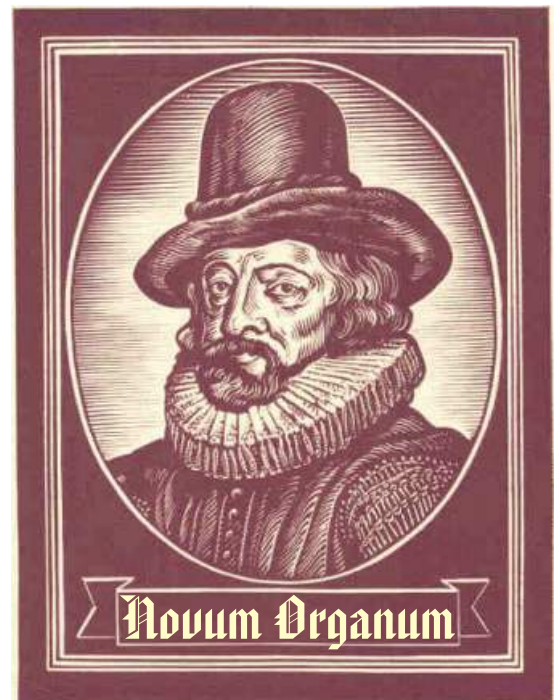
1561 - 1626

Philosophy of Science

- Credited for formulating the “scientific method”
 - Induction
 - Experimentation
 - Interpretation of data
- Strongly opposed deduction from authority
- “Knowledge is power”; influenced the scientific revolution to follow

“Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”

Daniel 12:4



Bacon is not noted for having an admirable personal character, but his rich and profound writings touched many aspects of human experience and charted the path for modern science.

“A little philosophy inclineth man’s mind to atheism, but depth of philosophy bringeth a man’s mind about to religion.”

“There are two books laid before us to study, to prevent our falling into error: first, the volume of the Scriptures, which reveal the will of God; then the volume of the Creatures, which express His power.”

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