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Jonathan Borwein was a polymath, by its very definition, and a true renaissance scholar. Born in St Andrews, Scotland on 20 May 1951, Jon attended the Madras College in Fife as a child, and went to university at 15, becoming a rather young professor at 23. Always steeped in the mathematical world, thanks to his father, David Borwein, Jon started doing AMS Math Monthly problems with his father from an early age. Jon won a 1971 Rhodes Scholarship and settled into life at Oxford. In 1985 while on sabbatical, Jon went to Cambridge, England and then Limoges, France. While in Cambridge Jon received a redirected Christmas card from Yasumasa Kanada, a professor in the Department of Information Science at the University of Tokyo in Tokyo, Japan. Return address and was astonished to see that Kanada was in Cambridge as well. There was a meeting and this led to fruitful discussions about computer modeling algorithms and π . This friendship lasted until Kanada's retirement in 2015. When asked why a computer scientist would come to such a place as Cambridge. Then he went on a trip to meet another famous French mathematician. <https://www.davidhbailey.com/dhbpapers/jbcc-preface.pdf>