

GIRAUDO joseph  
1904 . piémont . italie  
1991 . bois colombes . france

Joseph Giraudo gère son affaire de salaison à Gennevilliers avant de prendre sa retraite en 1960 et s'installer à Bois Colombes. Amateur d'ouvrages scientifiques de vulgarisation, il découvre à 58 ans un livre d'astronomie qui bouleverse sa vie. En effet, il constate, stupéfié, que le calcul de l'année lumière proposé par la science est approximatif: « environ ». Outré qu'on nous vole du temps, Joseph Giraudo se doit de réagir, réparer cette faute en créant un système de calcul qui soit « parfaitement exact ». Durant 29 années, il va remplir des kilomètres de rouleaux de papier, des dizaines d'anciens livres de comptabilité et taper des centaines de notes à la machine. En 1989, après plusieurs versions, il fait publier sa théorie « le nouveau kilométrage de l'année lumière » dans le bulletin de son club d'astronomie. Débute alors une autre quête : la reconnaissance du milieu scientifique. Il écrit à Hubert Reeves, à la Société Astronomique de France et même au Larousse. Seul Jean-Claude Pecker de l'institut d'astrophysique du Collège de France lui répond, il aura avec lui une longue correspondance. Rien n'y fait, le verdict scientifique reste toujours le même : si ses calculs sont exacts, leur fondement sont caduques. La science est intraitable, on ne peut calculer précisément avec des variables d'astres par nature toujours changeants. Mais Joseph Giraudo n'en démord pas, c'est lui qui a raison. Cette conviction profonde lui vient d'un rêve: une nuit de 1974, sa mère lui est apparue pour lui dire que ses calculs étaient justes et qu'il lui fallait persévérer. Joseph Giraudo est parti arpenter les étoiles en 1991, sans avoir reçu la reconnaissance de ses pairs. Cet ensemble se compose de 50 pièces.

Joseph Giraudo ran his salting business in Gennevilliers before retiring in 1960 and settling in Bois Colombes. A lover of popular science books, at the age of 58, he discovered an astronomy book that turned his life upside down. He realized that the scientific calculation of the light year is approximate. Outraged that we are being robbed of time, Joseph Giraudo wanted to repair this fault by creating a calculation system that would be "perfectly accurate". For 29 years, he would fill miles of rolls of paper, dozens of old accounting books and type hundreds of notes on a typewriter. In 1989, after having created several versions, he had his theory – "The New Mileage of the Light Year" – published in the newsletter of his astronomy club. Then began another quest: the recognition of the scientific community. He wrote to Hubert Reeves, to the Astronomical Society of France and even to Larousse. Only Jean-Claude Pecker from the Institute of Astrophysics of the College de France answered him; he would have a long correspondence with him. Nothing helped; the scientific verdict remains the same: while his calculations are correct, their basis is invalid. Science is intractable, we cannot calculate precisely with the variables of stars that are not permanent by nature. Yet Joseph Giraudo did not budge, convinced that he was right. This deep conviction came to him from a dream: one night in 1974, his mother appeared to him to tell him that his calculations were right and that he had to persevere. Joseph Giraudo left to explore the stars in 1991, without having received the recognition of his peers.



TECHNIQUE: ensemble de rouleaux et dossiers encre sur papier.

DIMENSIONS: de 50cm à 20 mètres

DATE: entre 1960 et 1975

The image shows a long, narrow strip of paper with a grid of numbers, likely a slide rule or a specialized calculator strip. The numbers are arranged in columns and rows, with some larger numbers and smaller numbers interspersed. The strip is held together by a metal fastener at the top. The numbers are printed in a small font, and the strip is slightly curved.

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