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French mathematician-statesman Achille-Pierre Dionis du Séjour calculated that despite contemporary fears to the contrary, the odds of a comet striking the Earth are very low.

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