

*"We cannot solve our problems
with the same thinking we
used when we created them."*

—Albert Einstein

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Albert EINSTEIN

1879–1955

GERMAN-BORN THEORETICAL PHYSICIST

Einstein made pivotal contributions to modern physics through his work on the photoelectric effect and the general theory of relativity. He studied the thermal properties of light, which laid the foundation for the theory of light quanta* and inspired the idea of wave-particle duality.

He received the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics "for his services to theoretical physics, and especially for his discovery of the law of the photoelectric effect".

*Einstein did not himself use the word "photon", which originated years after Einstein's photoelectric paper by Gilbert Lewis and appeared in a letter in December 1926.