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*Jean le Rond d'Alembert: l'enfant terrible of the French Enlightenment.* Preliminary report.

The year 2017 sees the tercentenary of the birth of Jean d'Alembert, a mathematician and philosopher of undoubted achievement, but also a frequent combatant in disputes and controversies. In this talk we will review his mathematical career, including those disputes. We will also examine his central role in the Enlightenment as a member of the Académie des Sciences and as co-editor of the *Encyclopédie*. (Received September 16, 2016)