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Title: On da Costa's Contributions to Paraconsistent Thinking

This talk is a tribute to Newton da Costa, with whom I worked and learned a lot. da Costa was a visionary, trying to mathematically represent, through his logic, what seemed to be impossible - a formal logic that aims to address what does not seem to be logical. I will outline a brief sketch of his intellectual career, his difficulties, and emphasize the influence his work has had on his former students and followers in Brazil and many other places.