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Mad scientist says Earth moves

BY OUR ROME REPORTER

Bearded Professor Galileo Galilei (69), the well-known mathematician and scientist, was today put under house arrest. The scientist is a follower of Copernicus, and claims that the Earth moves around the Sun. What nonsense.

BOOK ANGERS VATICAN

Readers of The Pisa Express may remember that in 1616 Galileo said he didn't believe in the false doctrine. Now his sensational new book, 'Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief Systems of the World' clearly shows he does. (see Editorial)

TOO LENIENT SAYS VATICAN

"He got off far too lightly" claims a Vatican official, "he should have been locked up for life a long time ago. House arrest is not enough for such a dangerous man".

EDITORIAL

The Church has been wonderfully sympathetic to the scientist, Galileo Galilei. He was allowed several audiences with the new and glorious Pope, Urban VIII, and was awarded a gold medal. The Pope even gave him permission to write a book about the two differing models of the Universe, as long as Galileo was unbiased. Galileo chose to abuse this trust and must now pay the price.

Career of a Heretic

1564 - Born in Pisa, Italy.

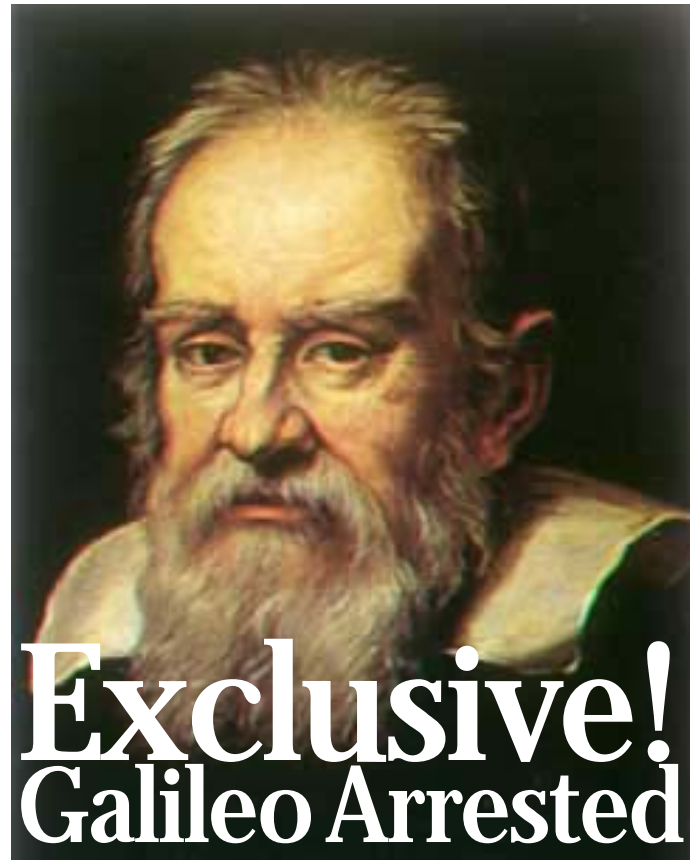
1581 - Parents paid for him to go to University of Pisa to study medicine but he studied

mathematics instead.

1585 - Left University with no degree.

1589 - Became Professor of Mathematics in Pisa.

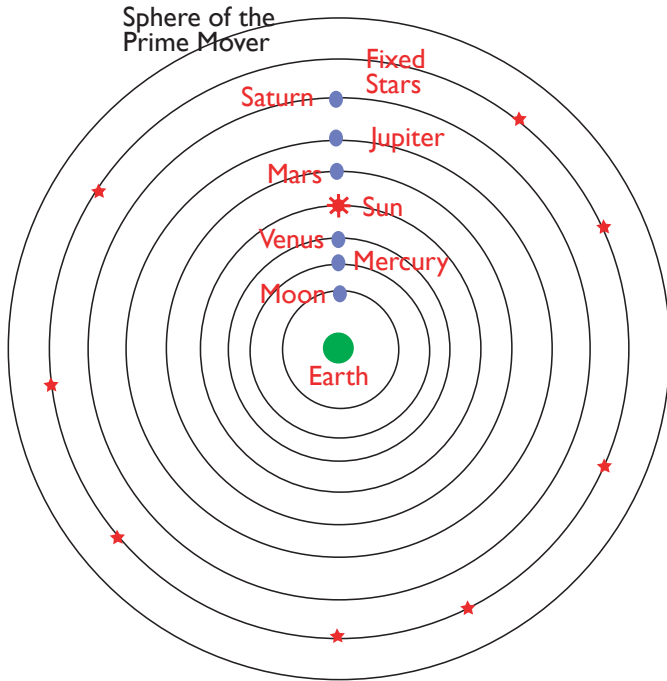
1592 - Appointed Professor of Mathematics at University of Padua (three times the



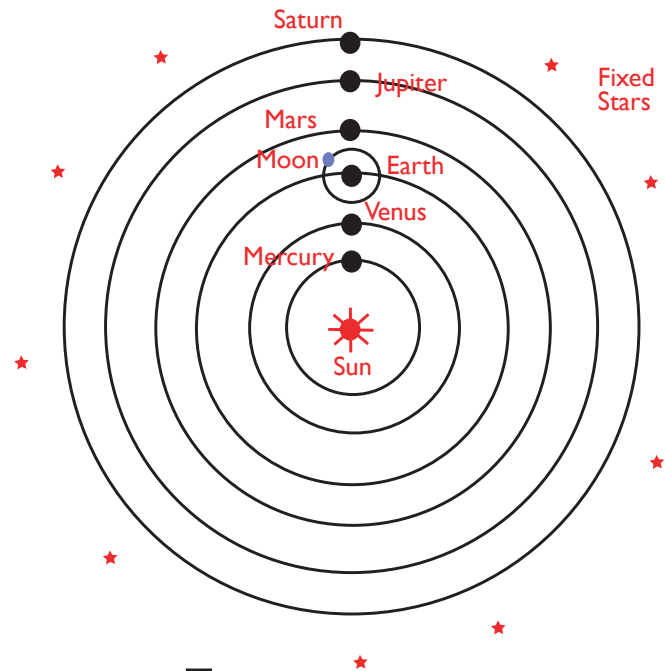
- salary of the Pisa post)
- started lecturing against Aristotle's theories.
- 1598 - Galileo admitted to being a Copernican.
- 1610 - Galileo published his book 'Starry Messenger', about discoveries made using the newly-invented telescope.
- 1616 - Galileo published a book attacking Aristotle's theories. He was arrested, tried before the Inquisition, and retracts. He was

- banned from holding, defending or teaching Copernican views.
- 1632 - Galileo published his book 'Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief Systems of the World' which said that wise people believe the Earth goes round the Sun.
- 1633 - Sent for trial in Rome and put under house arrest.

ARISTOTLE'S UNIVERSE



COPERNICUS' UNIVERSE



Five reasons why Copernicus and Galileo are wrong...

1. We'd all feel it if the Earth was moving.
2. We'd be dizzy with the Earth spinning round.
3. The winds would be much stronger if the Earth moved.
4. In the Bible it says the Earth was created before the Sun (and the Moon), so the Earth could not go round the Sun - it wasn't there.
5. In the Bible it says Joshua commanded the Sun to stand still (not the Earth).

You can see the two views of the Universe, the one pioneered by Aristotle and supported by the Church, and the heretical view of the Universe proposed by the astronomer Copernicus and supported by Galileo. **Tell us what you think.**

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