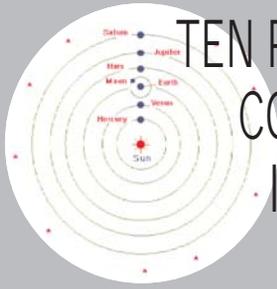
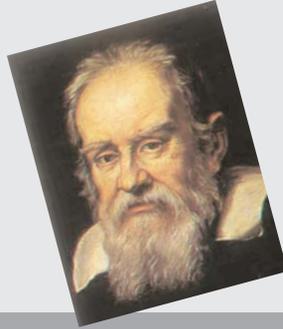


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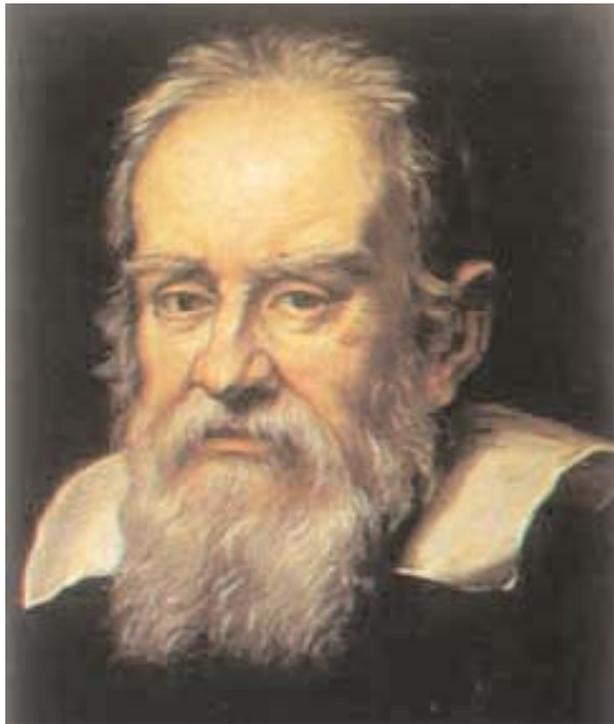
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Mad Scientist says Earth moves



BY OUR ROME REPORTER

Professor Galileo Galilei, aged 69, the well-known mathematician and scientist, was today put under house arrest for breaking the terms of his earlier release in 1616 laid down by the Inquisition. The scientist is a follower of Copernicus and claims that the Earth moves around the Sun. The Sacred Congregation of the Index (more commonly called the Inquisition) condemned the

teachings of Copernicus as totally false in 1616 and there has since been no new evidence to change its ruling.

Book angers Vatican

In 1616 Galileo had agreed not to believe in the false doctrine, defend it or teach it, but his recently published book 'Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief Systems of the World' seems to endorse Copernicus' teachings, clearly breaching these terms. (see Editorial)

Too lenient says Vatican

"He got off lightly" claims a Vatican official, "he should have been locked up for life." In 1616, Galileo had been persuaded by Cardinal Barberini, a moderate Churchman, to 'abjure, curse and detest my errors'. Rumours at the time, put about by his enemies, that he added 'yet it does move' must be false, since he would not have got out of the room alive if anyone had heard him. The Vatican is having second thoughts about allowing so much freedom to this heretic.

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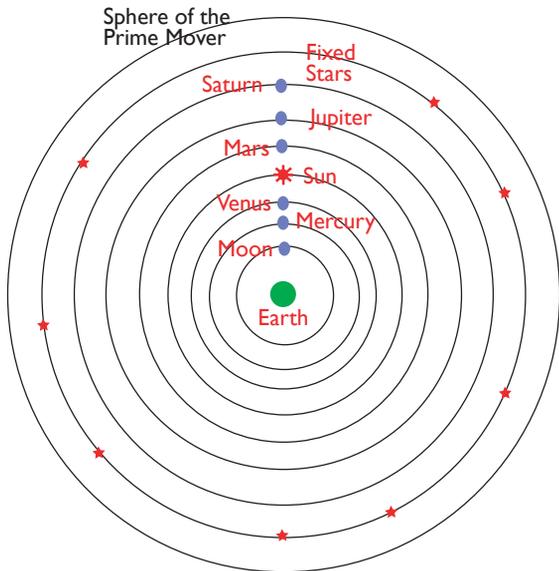
The Church has been wonderfully sympathetic to the scientist, Galileo Galilei. In 1624 he was allowed several audiences with the new and glorious Pope, Urban VIII, and was awarded a gold medal. The Pope even gave him permission to write a book about the two systems of the world (models of the Universe), as long as Galileo was impartial. A source close to the Pope claimed that Galileo had taken advantage of the Pope's true spirit of scientific enquiry using it to promote his heretical views. The book has two characters: Salviati (the wise) supporting Copernicus and Simplicio (the fool) supporting Aristotle (and Ptolemy). This is clearly not impartial and Galileo has only himself to blame for his arrest.

Career of a Heretic

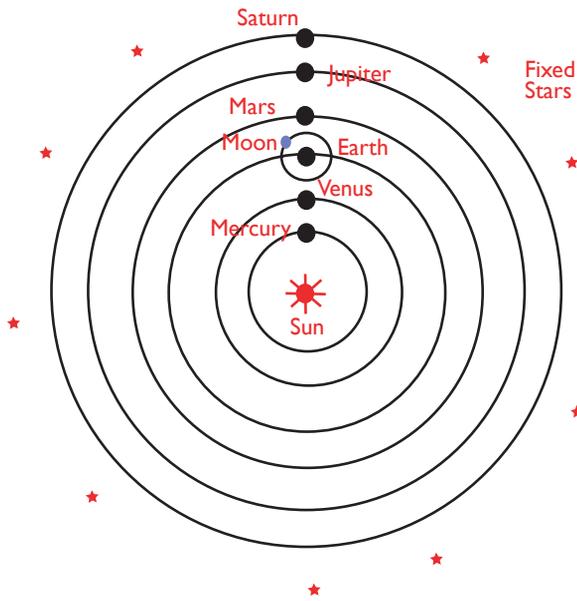
- 1564** - Born in Pisa, Italy.
- 1581** - Parents paid for him to go to University of Pisa to study medicine but he studied mathematics instead.
- 1585** - Left University with no degree.
- 1589** - Got Chair of Mathematics in Pisa.
- 1592** - Appointed Professor of Mathematics at University of Padua (three times the salary of Pisa post) - started lecturing against Aristotle's theories.
- 1598** - Galileo admits to being a Copernican.
- 1609** - Galileo learnt about the new invention, the telescope, and 'gave' the Venetian State sole right- they already had the monopoly on glass making.
- 1610** - Galileo published his book 'Starry Messenger', with discoveries made using a telescope (and sent Cosimo of Medici a copy).
- 1610** - Venetian State spotted telescope scam, and froze Galileo's salary. Galileo moved to Pisa, and became Chief Mathematician to (guess who?) Cosimo of Medici, Duke of Tuscany.
- 1613** - Galileo's friend (Castelli) argued publicly in favour of Copernicus' theories, and Galileo supported him.
- 1616** - Galileo published a book vigorously attacking Aristotle's theories. Galileo arrested, went on trial before Inquisition, and retracted. He is banned from holding, defending or teaching Copernican views.
- 1632** - Galileo published his book 'Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief Systems of the World'. He was arrested, threatened with torture, and put under house arrest near Florence.

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ARISTOTLE'S UNIVERSE



COPERNICUS' UNIVERSE



Pictured above are 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.

Ten reasons why Copernicus is wrong (and Galileo too)

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).
6. Galileo says the Sun has spots on it, but we know the Sun is a perfect body, so has no spots and anyway no-one else has ever seen this (don't look at the Sun directly).
7. Galileo says there are moons orbiting Jupiter, but everything should orbit Earth, so Copernicus is wrong. No-one else has ever seen this.
8. Galileo says Venus shows phases like the Moon, so it goes round the Sun not the Earth, which must be wrong.
9. Galileo says he has seen new stars appear (supernovae), but we know the heavens are unchanging - so Galileo must be wrong.
10. Galileo says comets are not in Earth's atmosphere but further away, but we know the heavens do not change - so Galileo is wrong.