

GALILEO GALILEI

Astronomy · Physics

1564 - 1642



- First to turn a telescope to the heavens
- Discovered Jupiter's moons, sunspots, lunar craters, phases of Venus
- One of the best known experimentalists and advocates of empiricism
- Critical of church dogma, but believer in God

“Today, science views Galileo’s conflict with Church hierarchy as a great triumph of science over religion. Galileo would not have viewed it thus, for his faith in the truth of God’s Word remained strong.”

– Thomas H. Henderson, ChristianAnswers.net

“I think in the first place that it is very pious to say and prudent to affirm that the Holy Bible can never speak untruth – whenever its true meaning is understood.”

– Galileo Galilei

