

Models Lecture 4

Isaac Newton 1642-1727

Philosophiæ Naturalis

Principia Mathematica

(1687)

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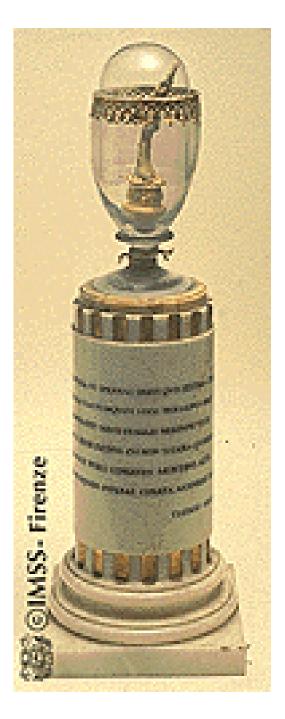


St. Roberto Cardinal Bellarmine 1542-1621 canonized 1930

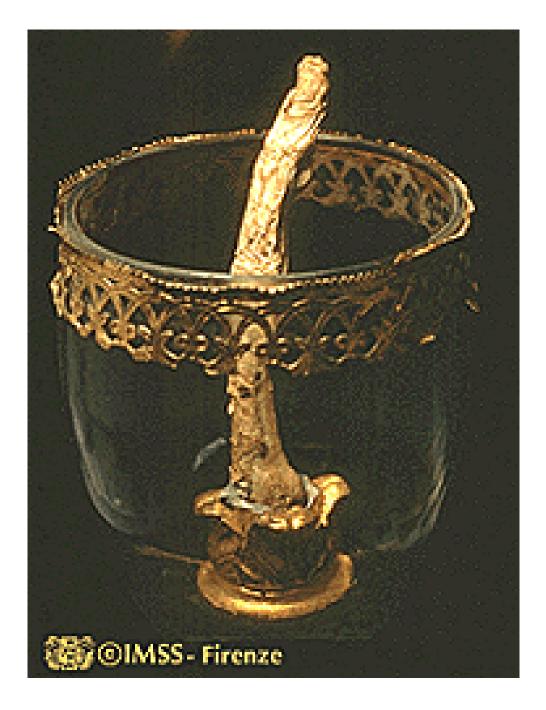


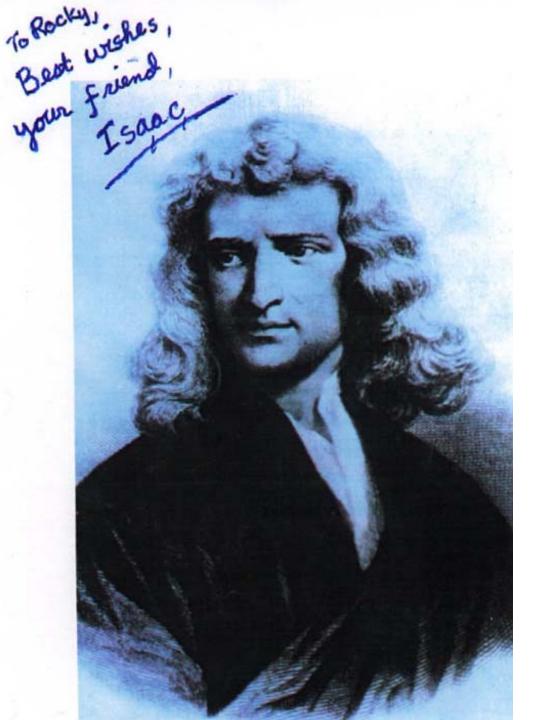
René Descartes (1596 - 1650)

DISOURCE ON THE METHOD OF RIGHTLY CONDUCTING THE REASON, AND SEEKING TRUTH IN THE SCIENCES (Discours de la méthode pour bien conduire sa raison, et chercher la verité dans les sciences) 1637 **"COGITO ERGO SUM"**



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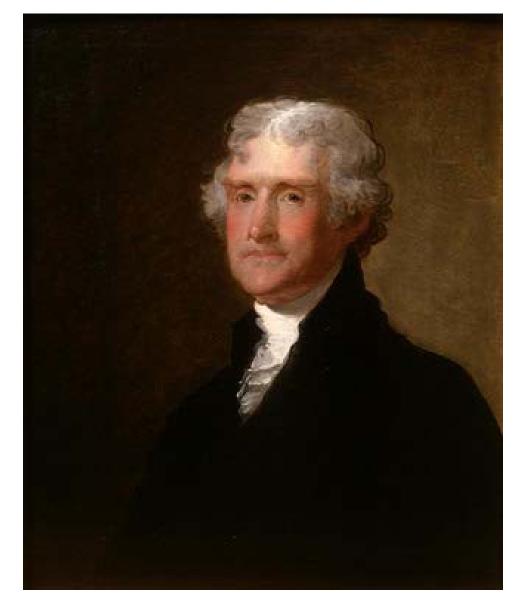
- 1. Astronomers were doing more than "saving the appearances."
- 2. The same laws of physics operate on Earth as in the heavens.
- 3. The heavens are comprehensible by humans.
- 4. Crystalline spheres, mechanical gears, and other sundry devices were replaced with a simple mathematical force law.
- 5. The physics of Aristotle and the astronomy of Ptolemy were relegated to the dust bin.

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Thomas Jefferson 1743-1826 Why did the revolution occur; was it inevitable?

Why did it occur in Western Europe?

Why did it occur when it did?

How would it have played out without Copernicus, Tycho, Kepler, Galileo, or Newton?

Will we ever develop a better way to do science?

violent motion

natural motion

in absence of a force, planet would

- 1. slow to a stop?
- 2. continue to orbit?
- 3. fly off in a straight line?