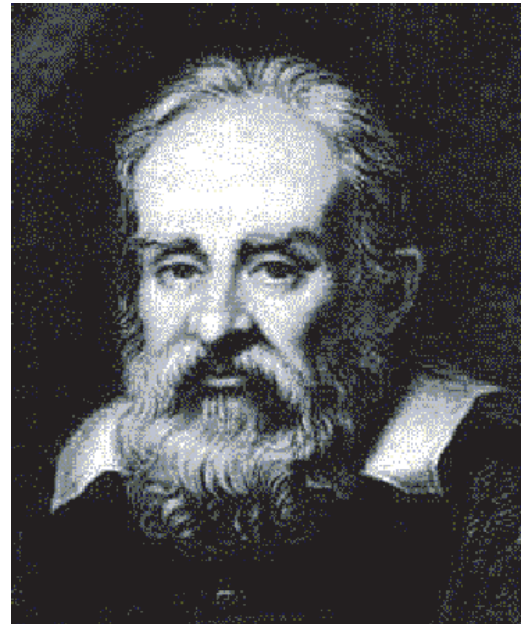


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Galileo's Gift



Speaker:

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Thursday, 31st Dec'09, Time: 4:00 pm

**Venue: CCS Seminar Hall, IISc, Bangalore 12
(Formerly TIFR mathematics Building)**

Tea/Coffee will be served at 3:30 pm

The year 2009 has been designated as the International Year of Astronomy in celebration of the historic event when Galileo Galilei turned his little telescope towards the heavens. Galileo's extraordinary observations changed the face of astronomy and opened up new pathways to the study of the cosmos. Combining his observational skills with his theoretical acumen, he evolved the definitive scientific method that has been adopted ever since and perhaps is taken for granted. No wonder then that he has been hailed as the father of modern science. Galileo succeeded in bringing science to the common man. His writings are characterised by literary flair, philosophical insight, wit and wisdom. Galileo's tragic struggle with the Church highlighted the perennial conflict between science and religion. It has been one of the major focal points for all discussions in this sensitive area. Galileo's ideas and accomplishments constitute an everlasting gift to humanity.

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