

## The Catholic Church's Condemnation of Galileo

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### The Papal Inquisition's condemnation of Galileo, 1633 (edited)

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2. Why did they write it?
3. Based on your prior knowledge of the trial, was Galileo's condemnation "fair"?
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### Recantation of Galileo June 22, 1633

1. What was the purpose of Galileo's recantation?
2. What do you think those who believed in Galileo's theory think about his recantation (why will they/will they not believe still believe in his past ideas?)
3. Do you think forcing Galileo to recant was a "victory" for the Church? (Why)
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**Pope John Paul II, *L'Osservatore Romano*, Nov 4, 1992 (edited)**

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Thesis:

Supporting Ideas:

Does religion still play a role in science today?