

Religious views expressed by some of the
founders of modern science



“To know the mighty works of God, to comprehend His wisdom and majesty and power; to appreciate, in degree, the wonderful workings of His laws, surely all this must be a pleasing and acceptable mode of worship to the Most High...”

Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543)

Heliocentric View



“When I reflect on so many profoundly marvelous things that persons have grasped, sought, and done, I recognize even more clearly that human intelligence is a work of God, and one of the most excellent.”

Galileo (1564-1642)

Mechanics

Mathematical Physics



"Geometry is unique and eternal, a reflection from the mind of God. That mankind shares in it is because man is an image of God."

"The chief aim of all investigations of the external world should be to discover the rational order and harmony which has been imposed on it by God and which He revealed to us in the language of mathematics."

Johannes Kepler (1571-1630)

Laws of Planetary Motion



"This most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being. This Being governs all things, not as the soul of the world, but as Lord over all; and on account of His dominion He is wont to be called Lord God."

Isaac Newton (1642-1727)

Mechanics and Calculus

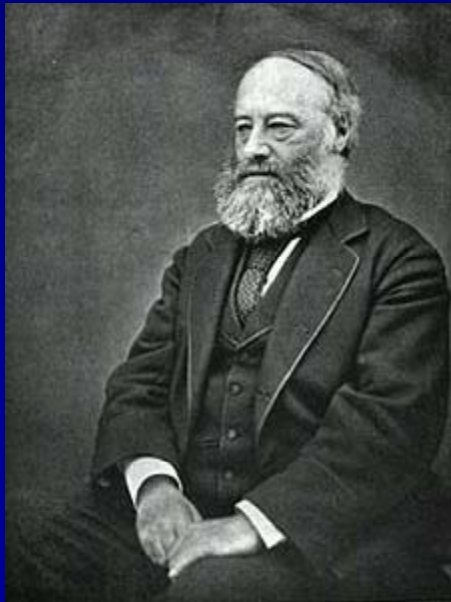
Mathematical Physics



"The book of nature which we have to read is written by the finger of God."

Sir Michael Faraday (1791-1867)

Electro-magnetics



"It is evident that an acquaintance with natural laws means no less than an acquaintance with the mind of God therein expressed."

James Prescott Joule (1818-1869)

Thermodynamics