

## Re: galileo galilei – dates to confirm

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Brian Tung wrote:

Ernie Wright wrote:

Galileo announced his observation of the phases of Venus in a letter to Giuliano de Medici dated 11 December 1610. He hid the announcement in the form of an anagram,

Haec immatura a me iam frustra leguntur o y

Which incidentally also (mostly) makes sense in Latin: "These unripe

unripe = "incomplete" in this context. Literalist too much you are.

things are read in vain by me"—ostensibly an indication of the prematurity of the observations at that time.

precisely.

He wanted to stake a claim to primacy, but the scientist in him wouldn't let him make the claim before he was certain it was right.

precisely, his character at work.

The 'o' and 'y' are in there just to make the anagram come out right.

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you sure about that? oyvey!

which when unscrambled is

Cynthiae figuras aemulatur mater amorum  
The mother of love emulates the figures of Cynthia  
Venus has phases like the Moon

This is all from Albert Van Helden's English translation of Sidereus Nuncius.

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