

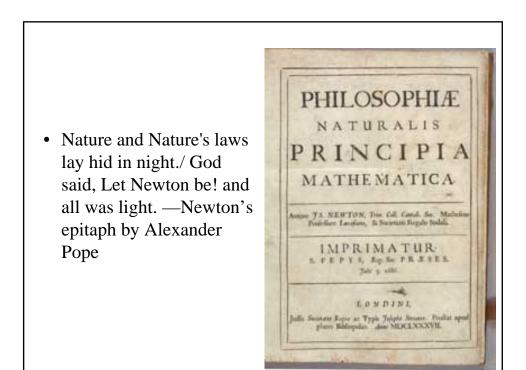
Newton's Laws of Motion & Gravity—22 Sept

- Astronomical Horizons Public Talk
 Prof. Jack Baldwin
 - The Crab Nebula: a supernova baked in its shell
 - Thursday, September 23, at 7:30pm in Abrams Planetarium
- De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium, Copernicus, 1543
- Astronomia Nova, Kepler, 1609
- Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica, Newton, 1687
- Newton: Same laws apply to a falling apple & moving planet.
- Description of motion



Isaac Newton (at 47) by Godfrey Kneller Trustees of the Portsmouth Estate www.huntington.org/LibraryDiv/Newton/Newtonexhibit.htr

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- Newton: Natural motion is moving at the same speed in the same direction.
 - Newton's First Law: In the absence of a force, an object moves at the same speed in the same direction.
- 1. A book falls off the table and lands on the floor. For Newton, what is natural, needing no further explanation?
 - a. The book is on the floor.
 - b. The book is halfway to the floor.
 - c. The book has fallen 1" from the table.

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