Reader Frank Trumpy sends us this hilarious ad, a quite serious one, from a circular in his vast collection:

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Galileo: Nincompoop

Every schoolchild is taught, ad nauseam, about how "brave Galileo defied the authority of the Church and proved that the earth revolved around the sun." Evidence indicates that the earth, in fact does go around the sun.

It is hard to imagine that the Church could have been wrong. The medieval Church excelled in astronomy.

Catholic astronomers discovered and corrected the inaccuracies in the Julian Calender *[sic]*. Numbered among Catholic priest-astronomers were experts who could calculate both lunar and solar eclipses with great precision. The planting cycles of people coming to Catholicism around the world depended on astronomical accuracy at every latitude and longitude.

It's impossible that medieval Catholic astronomers of such skill wouldn't know something as simple and basic as that the earth went around the sun. There is only one explanation:

Until some period before Galileo, the sun did go around the earth. Then, for reasons of his own, God decided to quietly switch things around. Galileo noticed this and made a big thing out of it.

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Okay, you win. For heaven's sake, I'll pass up this book. It won't be easy, but somehow...