

The Hundred Year Detour:
A Comment on Arxiv:1004.2901

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Abstract

Arxiv:1004.2901 exposes a chink in the armor.

It seems that joining general relativity with quantum mechanics is like trying to fit a square peg in a round hole. Obviously there's something terribly wrong with one of the theories. Since quantum mechanics has been far too successful in too many areas, it is felt general relativity has to go.

The author of Arxiv:1004.2901 gives us the impression that general relativity has taken us on a 100-year detour, that the physics train got derailed at the beginning of the twentieth century. He recommends that we return to nineteenth century physics and start over. Considering that he is associated with the Perimeter Institute of Theoretical Physics, the home of Stephen Hawking and Neil Turok, one feels the author is expressing a general malaise over the dead ends general relativity takes us to. The question I have is: what language are we going to use in the construction of new gravity theory? Can we really pass through a decontamination unit to rid ourselves of the viruses implanted in us after over a century of relativity theory? Four generations of physicists have been raised on this theory: can an exorcism really get it all out? I doubt it.

I think, instead, we need to read the works of those who resisted relativity theory shortly after its introduction. I remember particularly the works of Professor Dr. Robert Leon Carroll, who in 1944 began to reject relativity theory and presented new theory to replace it based on Newtonian arguments. Dr. Carroll, obviously, was not able to publish his books in the mainstream press, so he published them himself. As I've gone around the U.S. and visited university libraries where he sent his books, I am appalled at the comments written in pencil and ink on the covers and inside of the books. In some libraries, where I know he sent books, the books have been removed from the shelves. That, in my opinion, is a true reflection of how real science is done. Forget the idealistic nonsense and lies in the textbooks of philosophy of science and go read the comments on and in these Robert L. Carroll books. That is genuine philosophy of science, science how it is really done. The mainstream has attempted to control what people perceive as truth. We are told time after time that tests of general relativity have proven the theory is correct, as if any theory can ever be proven by experiment. No theory is ever proved by experiment. All experiments require interpretation which theory is not able to provide. The only interpretation we've been fed is relativity: it's been the only item on the menu. Of course it's been proven: the relativists are the only ones doing the interpreting! Relativity has become dogma, and the mainstream has become its high priests.

Voltaire once said that even though he might not agree with a single word you say, he'd fight to the death to ensure your right to say it. I wish Dr. Carroll had had viXra in his day. I saw the man die broken, the life taken out of him because he spoke the truth as he saw it. He was condemned by his peers to the equivalent of Siberian exile. Thank you viXra for providing hope, for providing an outlet for scientists who see things in different ways. May you always exist, and may decent people everywhere ensure that you continue the critically important work you do. When you become very, very popular, please do not ever allow yourself to become a servant of the mainstream. Always allow dissenters a voice. Never anymore should a man be throttled because of a different truth. When we suppress an intelligent human being, we deprive ourselves of his gifts. When we destroy another human being, we diminish ourselves.

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