

ABSTRACT

Peer review is a huge problem in 21st century physics. This common charade is discussed in the essay below.

ARGUMENT

The “peer review” continuum starts with being “burned at the stake.” This is the least desirable. Next is some jealous previous professor making damn sure that you will never get published anywhere. Then there is waiting for years for an editor to publish your paper while your work becomes not timely regarding the current discussion, or else it becomes obsolete. Then ignoring your work, saying you are wrong, discrediting/insulting you, and finally saying that “they” have been saying the same thing all along.

The net result is to slow down and efficiently stifle scientific progress.

THREADS

The alternative is real time THREADS such as the one you are reading right now and/or publishing in a “free” medium available for world wide reading/down loading, such as www.vixra.org, which easy process takes about sixty seconds. On vixra, how many people read your paper (tracked in real time) is, de facto, review by your “peers.” This makes much more sense, in my view.

If you can interest some of your “peers” to read and discuss your paper, it might gain some significant traction. Darwin’s “Natural Selection,” so to speak. It may even go “viral.”

Scientists are simply inefficient with regard to doing science. Getting and keeping huge grants at XYZ university, CERN, etc. are not very efficient ways of doing 21st century physics.

TIMES ARE CHANGING

The internet, the Institute For Advanced Research (www.k1man.com), STRINGS, etc., are changing this bleak landscape. It will take some time, however. Scientific advancement is most accurately measured in funerals. Sad, but true. Let’s change that!

So, are YOU a part of the problem or part of the solution?

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