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There is great excitement in the U.S. scientific community accompanying the arrival of the new president and his views on the role of science in society. Many people feel that the climate for science has turned 180 degrees. Science has gone from seeming at times to be disregarded or treated as unimportant or even annoying, to again being recognized as central to every major issue of modern life, with superb appointments being made to science leadership positions in government.

[Alan I Leshner, Accountability and Transparency, Editorial, *Science* 324, 313 \(17 April 2009\)](#)

President Barack Obama
 The White House
 Washington, DC

Dear Mr President,

[Recovery "Big Science" through Accountability and Transparency](#)

It was indeed most reassuring to one and all worldwide to see a young dude (pardon the term) emerging against the greatest of odds imaginable anywhere, anytime – and with a vision for change. It also augurs well for what things undreamed of in the past could now be achieved with – that Obama touch to the status quo! While wishing you every success over the next eight(!) years in office, and without taking too much of your time here, the main reason for this letter is a simple one – but crucial for your kind and early attention for recovery and change – and is briefly as follows.

My private and entirely self-funded research has brought forth the final model for the unification of physics (even though I am an engineer and not a physicist by qualification). However, since my breakthrough work also tolls the death knell of most of today's 'big-science' projects, it remains without a single peer review or refutation for ten long years now. Papers submitted on it to leading mainstream journals, including *Science*, are returned without a scientific reason why. In all likelihood, that formidable lobby under the icon of Einstein – loath to change – is not pleased; and that debilitating party line to be toed seems to extend now across all of academia. Accountability and transparency seem "disregarded or treated as unimportant or even annoying" when they should be foremost in science, of all fields. (Based on current theories here, public money is squandered in 'high-profile' projects even to unashamedly 'reconfirm' absurdities – typically, that the universe is younger than some of the stars it contains, or, in other words, some kids are older than their own mother!) One may have a glimpse of this sorry state of affairs in the unholy silence now following my latest appeal to some of today's well-known personalities in theoretical physics. It is merely for them to revalidate, against my findings, *at least one* mainstay of basic theory today, such as Einstein's Special Relativity, that they now teach as dogma to our future scientists. Do please read that insightful yet utterly simple letter (of elemental grandeur!) on: www.sittampalam.net/NobelResponse.pdf. (As in my entire work, the explanation here, too, is nothing abstract but as down to earth as in your car: What pushes you backward when you accelerate forward; why do you tend to hit the windshield when you brake; and why does your kid tend to fly out the right door when you swerve left? Incredible as it may seem, a fundamental explanation even for such mundane experiences of everyday life had totally eluded us... until my model drove into town!)

Hope you and your science advisers will kindly take an independent look into this pivotal matter here for science, the bedrock for true and sustainable world progress. Invaluable human resources and billions of tax dollars could easily be saved (or usefully rechanneled) each year in basic research – simply by adopting that right model early. To start with, chasing after absolute nonentities can be called off forthwith. These are the so-called black holes, dark matter, dark energy, magnetic monopoles, the Higgs boson, and so on (not to mention the host of other such gremlins waiting in the wings to be invoked – to protect today’s patchwork theories – as fundamentally flawed projects naturally go awry). Big money can freeze logic and reasoning even among top intellectuals in science, again, of all fields; NASA’s Gravity Probe B and DOE’s ITER are typical additions to the list here.

The now slated Joint Dark Energy Mission (JDEM) is another predestined to fail in its quest. Ignoring the simple fundamentals of *visible* energy (that emerged without a grant), basic research today is looking for dark energy – seen only as the next goldmine for research grants. (Accountability and transparency go out the window as abstract and esoteric project proposals and paid media hype – designed to intimidate critics and funding agencies into feeling intellectually inferior – make the killing.) In contrast, dark energy is an absolute misconception; and I have shown this plainly and totally, backed (as always) by continued mainstream journal reports; please see: www.sittampalam.net/Editors.htm. And, to address such unpleasantness, especially from an ‘outsider’, their only effective tool is – complete silence, as being deafeningly expressed now by top editors and professors alike.

It may also be noted that President Bush, before you, did seemingly make a difference on an earlier ‘big-science’ project. It followed my letter to him of 25 April 2006; please see: www.sittampalam.net/ITER.Test.htm and www.sittampalam.net/ITER.Letters.htm. The US ITER Project Manager, Dr Ned Sauthoff, with many years experience at the DOE Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, corresponded with me over a few weeks along lines of my concern; but, as a true and conscientious scientist, was unable to refute my findings that high-energy nuclear fusion is not at all viable for us – as it’s not self-sustainable *even in principle*; for details, please see the cover letter (to the unsuccessful paper submitted on it to *Nature*) in: www.sittampalam.net/NaturePreprint.pdf.

When time permits, do kindly access at least my above (five typical) web pages for perusal; and any response would be most gratefully received. **The sooner waste is efficiently checked in such scientific cases, to set as leads, the sooner can the country recover from the economic straitjacket it’s now strapped in with the rest of the world. And the US of A has it all – as your own exemplary election has impeccably brought home the truth – to make that change to unfetter and lead, again by such transparency and example, that world through the new millennium.**

Finally, I shall consider it a great honor if invited to present my work and answer questions at any forum. [I did one, without a single effective rebuttal, at the American Physical Society (the lobby’s hierarchy!) meeting in Washington DC on 30 April 2001; and the emergence thus of the lamb, unscathed from the lion’s den, probably inspired *Discover* to compile a totally unsolicited six-page article in their April 2002 issue on this ‘crank’!] I travel on a Canadian passport. A virus-scanned PDF copy of this letter is attached hereto (or accessed on: www.sittampalam.net/PresidentObama.pdf); a signed hardcopy will be in the post later today.

Thank you and with best regards,
Yours sincerely,
Eugene Sittampalam

The problem that occupied him has stumped physicists from Albert Einstein to Stephen Hawking: How to join together the profound yet disparate insights of general relativity and quantum theory. But Sittampalam's doodling, apparently, drew connections that the rest had missed. ...

“I found myself getting really angry,” one cosmologist said after reading [Sittampalam’s] paper. “It must have hit some real insecurity.”

***Discover*, April 2002, pp 66-71**

(Also in: *The Best American Science Writing 2003*, Harper Collins, pp 115-122)

PS:

Your next research grant applicant in basic physics could also have a minimum of US\$25,000 added to the grant, paid upfront to the funding agency; this cash token of gratitude from me will be for pointing out *one single* fundamental flaw in my propounded final model for physics (the debunking worthy also of the grant applied). Unfortunately, even to such sums being sent in advance (separate from review costs), the institutions of advanced learning remain aloof; please refer, typically, Sir Martin Rees, President, The Royal Society, who simply returned the check. The responses, if any, I have been receiving from their offices for more than a decade now is perhaps what Christopher might have experienced with the complacent flat-earth society of not that long ago in history...

“Sorry, Mr Columbus, but the learned peers are extremely busy. They are totally dedicated now to getting ready for a field trip on that treacherous yet our long-awaited big science project. They will be going to ‘the ends of the earth’ (our coinage!) with their highly sophisticated and state-of-the-art instruments to measure the distances between ‘the four corners of the earth’ (another of ours!). For the future of science, and to ensure the continued and increased flow of royal grants for such worthy scientific researches for the benefit of humanity, they should not be distracted now with individual concerns especially from the lay. As such, it is regrettable that they have no time to read such reports as the one you have sent here on your recent voyages purportedly west of Spain.”

In other words: “Mr Columbus, you are formally not qualified in our discipline and, therefore, outside our purview for any related discourse, especially on fundamentals; most disconcerting of all is the fact that your report here contradicts outright a long-held mainstream and popular view; and tolerance or review of any such counterview could only irreparably jeopardize our own credibility and all of our present and future funding from the only sponsor capable of providing it fully and indefinitely for the advancement of science.”

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End of Letter

The follow-up letter of 7 August 2009 (Day 200!) is accessed on:
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