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Forschungsprojekt
„95 Jahre Kritik der Speziellen Relativitätstheorie (1908-2003)“
(GOM-Projekt Relativitätstheorie)

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First Open Letter
about the Freedom of Science
to some 290 public figures, personalities, newspapers, and journals
in Europe and the USA
Enclosed 1 CDROM (8 cm)

For the list of the addressees see page 5-7 in the data file

Ladies and Gentlemen,

with the enclosed CDROM we wish to inform you about the following facts which are unknown to the general public and therefore will constitute real news for the media:

1. There is no freedom of research and teaching in theoretical physics, against all appearances and against all established laws and against public conviction to the contrary.
2. Since 1908 and until this day there exists an uninterrupted tradition of criticism of the special theory of relativity. This criticism has been successfully suppressed and excluded from scientific discourse since about 1922, more or less in all countries.
3. The suppressed criticism of some 80 years has never been discussed in science and therefore has never been refuted. As a logical consequence, the Special Theory of Relativity remains an unconfirmed hypothesis and has never reached the proclaimed status of the „best confirmed“ theory of physics. The many suggested „experimental confirmations“ are refuted by the critics as wishful thinking if not accused to be a deception of the public.
4. We have started a Research Project of international scope based somewhere in Germany which documents all publications critical of the special theory of relativity (including some criticism of general relativity) in all languages and from all countries having been published until 2003 and up to the present (still in the making as an open-ended project). The Research Project is published under the author's pseudonym and the title:

G. O. Mueller:
95 Jahre Kritik der Speziellen Relativitätstheorie (1908-2003)
[95 Years of Criticism of the Special Theory of Relativity (1908-2003)]

Recommended short terms for citation use:

GOM-Projekt Relativitätstheorie or GOM-Project Relativity

5. The Research Project has started publication of the documentation in 2001 with the first edition containing the bibliographic data of 2896 publications. The actual second edition of June 2004 contains the data of 3789 publications.

6. For the start of its international presentation the Research Project has prepared the first English language description of the project under the title:

95 Years of Criticism of the Special Theory of Relativity (1908-2003)
The G. O. Mueller Research Project
[GOM-Project Relativity]
Description of a German Research Project of international scope,
presenting a documentation of 3789 publications criticizing the theory,
distributing this documentation to libraries, to the printed media
and to eminent representatives of public opinion,
and addressing open letters to the members of the German Federal Parliament (Bundestag)
and to journalists of several German newspapers
by
G. O. Mueller and Karl Kneckebrodt
Preliminary manuscript delivery for testing purposes - Germany, May 2006 - 51 p.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

those are the 6 facts which you are invited to check and to investigate.
Which of these facts are new to your knowledge? Which do you think are new for the general public?

If you find these statements to be unfounded and the facts without confirmation you should not wait any more time with our documentation. Never mind!

If, however, these facts are found to be true and - taking into account the brevity of this letter - reported correctly according to the high standards of your ethics you should feel obliged to communicate these facts to the public in order to open a free discussion about the facts, about their origin and their consequences for the development of the sciences during the last century as well as about the historic responsibility of the eminent figures of science involved.

We can assure you that your efforts in checking and investigating will be compensated for by discovering the great and unbelievable story of a scientific swindle and public deception never heard of before. Perhaps you will find it difficult to believe this assertion, perhaps you think it to be a bad joke.

We assure you that we are not joking. A „Watergate of Physics" is waiting for investigative journalists. The first who has the story will open a new chapter in the history of physics.

To your convenience we have made available on CDROM the above named description in the pdf-file:
95yearsrelativity.pdf in the folder **1General**
adding other folders with the files of 5 other publications (in German) of the Research Project since 2003.
The full text of this letter also has been saved on the CDROM in the pdf-file:
openletter.pdf in the folder **1General**.

The file **readme.txt** informs about the contents of the CDROM and the conditions for free use and distribution.

In case of damage to the CDROM you may find the description for free download on the internet site of Mr. Walter Babin:

<http://www.wbabin.net/science/mueller.pdf>

All publications are available for download from the homepage of our partner and representative Mr. Ekkehard Friebe (Munich):

<http://www.ekkehard-friebe.de/partner.html>

Please feel free to contact the Research Project through communication to Mr. Friebe who will forward all information to the Research Project.

We hope to have stirred up your interest. Best wishes for your activities -

G. O. Mueller

(The text continues on CDROM in the file **openletter.pdf** in the folder **1General**)

This continuation of our „First Open Letter" tries to give a summary account about the central aspects of our Project, a first rough sketch, and it closes with the complete list of addressees.

The announced 6 new facts (from pp. 1-2) about theoretical physics:

- (1) no freedom of research and teaching
- (2) suppression of criticism
- (3) hypothesis without confirmation
- (4) existence of our Research Project
- (5) publication of the documentation
- (6) availability of a description and introduction in English language

constitute a complex of information of such importance that it should be communicated to the public if the permanently promoted idea of „freedom of speech" in an „open society" has any reality in the countries of our addressees. We are going to test this reality.

We do not pretend that the reader has to take our statements for granted. We are critics ourselves, and we wish our statements and publications to be checked under every aspect and put under severe scrutiny.

If our statements and publications should be found incorrect and unfounded and false nobody should care about them.

If, however, our statements and publications are found to be correct and well founded and substantially true - as we think they are - we expect our addressees to stand up for their own principles and to start the information of the general public and open a free discussion about the criticism from nearly 100 years!

It is our conviction that no science can flourish without a permanent free discussion and critical considerations. A branch of science which has abolished discussion and criticism must be analyzed for the reasons of such an unprecedented development.

To check our statements requires knowledge and research. We believe that our addressees have the means to reach a judgement on their own or through cooperation with trusted persons. We suggest that you may inform some of your friends and colleagues and collaborators about our materials and to consider the different aspects from various standpoints.

We invite everyone to call on us for further explications or to inform us about his criticism of our papers through communication to Mr. Friebe. Addressees who are not interested in the problems brought to light by our Research Project are asked to forward our documentation to interested persons.

During the first 4 years of distribution in Germany (December 2001 - July 2006) to some 1270 personalities, printed media and corporate bodies of politics and culture nobody has dared to inform the public about the existence of our Research Project. We have seen no public reaction whatsoever. The reasons for not reporting our findings are unknown; they may vary between extreme judgments, from „unfounded and foolish" to „correct and a fiasco for the scientific authorities". We would declare our documentation only to be „correct and disturbing".

Evidently the personalities and the media in Germany do not see the citizens fit to be disturbed by a confrontation with the state of affairs in theoretical physics. Maybe the personalities and the media themselves do not wish to be disturbed, because their role in the 80 years of suppression of any criticism would be questioned. Thus our Research Project is the first real „Gedanken-Experiment" about the effect of critical thinking in the society. Everyone of our addressees is participating automatically in this Experiment.

Because of the German language basis of our Research Project the participants in Germany had the first chance, and the German addressees have decided to continue the deception of the public for more than 4 years (December 2001- July 2006).

With the present distribution of the „Description" in English we do extend the Experiment to 10 other countries of the Western World. We are going to test how long the suppression of criticism in our so-called „free societies" of the Western countries will work. „Freedom" actually is one of the most popular words in the media. Wars have been started in the name of freedom. We are fighting for „enduring freedom". Our sense of freedom is so great that we even feel entitled to dishonour the founders of religion.

Amidst this great freedom in our society remains a mystery, a deep and disturbing secret: We are not allowed to criticize a certain physical theory. Any criticism of this theory has been banned from public discussion. The public even is completely unaware of the double secret: firstly - that such criticism exists and - secondly - that a ban has been placed on this criticism. The public has been blindfolded on this subject.

We ask: Why has all this happened? And when will the public be freed of the blindfolding? Who will free the public? How will the public react after having discovered the blindfolding for more than 80 years? How can the vested interests hope to continue the blindfolding of the public forever? Will the representatives of relativity in influential positions and in the media claim that they did not know anything about the blindfolding, the suppression of any criticism and about the intentional deception of the public?

We think the mystery of theoretical physics about the criticism and its ban has to be dismantled in public discussion. Our publications and our public actions like open letters to members of parliament and to journalists of influential print media do claim the right of free public discussion.

Since the dimensions of the deception of the public through theoretical physics and its special relativity theory are unique in the History of Science, our Experiment as well is unique in this History. All our addressees have the honor and the burden to participate - even unwillingly. Those who remain in silence vote for the continuation of suppression of the criticism and for the deception of the public.

We will document the outcome of the experiment for the History of Science. Thus we can assure each addressee a place in history - something for which some people have spent their lives. Each addressee himself decides which place to take in this story.

Each addressee is free to use the text of our publications in his public activities and publications in printed and digital form without restrictions. If royalties for printing our texts are paid they should be forwarded as contribution to AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

The distribution of this „First Open Letter" starts with the shipping to the addressees in 11 countries according to the following list.

The distribution will be continued to more addressees in these countries and to other countries as well. The complete list of all addressees will be repeated and supplemented in each new edition of this „Open letter" to come.

The list is arranged according to countries, then to the names of persons and titles of publications; persons with affiliation to publications are listed after the publication title.

For each addressee we give only his or her name and the town of the address we used. However, in a great number of cases the town may not be the residence of the person but the seat of the head office of a publishing house or newspaper or journal who are asked to take care for forwarding the letters to the addressees.

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to some 290 addressees, distributed in August 2006

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