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Dear Ivor,

I have recently read Feynman's "Lectures on Gravitation", first published here in 1999 by Penguin books. It is complete rubbish. Feynman during 1962-3 made an abortive effort to invent quantum gravity theory and failed and the lectures were therefore not published as a book during his lifetime. The demand for his writings led Penguin to publish everything they could of his to make lots of £.

Only one interesting thing occurs in the book, a footnote in the Foreword (p. xxvi) quoting a private letter Feynman wrote while attending a Warsaw conference on theoretical gravity in 1962:

"Because there are no experiments... few of the best men are doing work in it. The result is that there are hosts of dopes... The 'work' is always:

- (1) completely un-understandable,
- (2) vague and indefinite,
- (3) something correct that is obvious and self-evident, but worked out by a long and difficult analysis, and presented as an important discovery, or
- (4) a claim based on the stupidity of the author that some obvious and correct fact, accepted and checked for years, is, in fact, false (these are the worst: no argument will convince the idiot),
- (5) an attempt to do something probably impossible, but certainly of no utility, which, it is finally revealed at the end, fails, or
- (6) just plain wrong."

I say that any successful presentation of a theory must overcome ALL six points above. It seems to me that I have a choice: either I say that the world suppresses Ivor Catt because it is an open conspiracy against absolute truth, or I say that the world suppresses Ivor Catt because he chooses to make his theory excessively (1) obscure, (2) technical in detail and apparently irrelevant to general science (apparently just obsessed with the technicalities of electronics equations), (3) absurd (rejecting electric current without properly explaining what the electron really is and how it is always already going at 300,000 km/s, also rejecting displacement current without explaining how there can be radio without its equation), (4) heretical and unpractical (dismissing Maxwell's equations, when they are a summary of Faraday's, Ampere's, and Coulomb's experimental data in mathematical form).

I think that the suppression of your work is due essentially to the presentation (including the lack of application of it by you to science, to the electron, to relativity, to the meaning of Maxwell's waves as being electricity rather than light, etc.), and to suppression due to inertia to change is a secondary factor only. This is my theory, and I will test it out by trying to publish my own presentation of the Catt facts. If you have an interest in co-authoring this, I will send you a copy of my first draft.

Yours sincerely,


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