

Re: Some basic question on Redshift

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Tim Killian wrote:

- > *One of the pillars of modern cosmology is the nearly universal belief*
- > *that measured redshift directly corresponds to distance. Any other*
- > *interpretation is career-ending heresy, so just repeat this ten times*
- > *every day in front of a portrait of Edwin Hubble and several lit candles:*

Halton Arp seemed to do just fine. His views are deprecated, but he has published plenty of stuff, I think.

However, he seems to have an incomplete perception of statistics, and has therefore systematically underestimated the a priori likelihood of some alignments. This was discussed on SAA some number of years ago.

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