

Re: Rampant Pseudoscience in Astrophysics Brings Death

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news:<5a4ee64.0406082036.18a42bd@posting.google.com>...

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Long time no hear from Chuckie.

I think I posted this a couple of years ago in reply to one of
your...odd...rants (I didn't creat this. It can be found using a
Google search):

THE CRACKPOT INDEX

A simple method for rating potentially revolutionary contributions to
physics:

A -5 point starting credit.

1 point for every statement that is widely agreed on to be false.

2 points for every statement that is clearly vacuous.

3 points for every statement that is logically inconsistent.

5 points for each such statement that is adhered to despite careful
correction.

5 points for using a thought experiment that contradicts the results
of a widely accepted real experiment.

5 points for each word in all capital letters (except for those with
defective keyboards).

5 points for each mention of "Einstien", "Hawkins" or "Feynmann".

10 points for each claim that quantum mechanics is fundamentally
misguided (without good evidence).

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10 points for pointing out that you have gone to school, as if this were evidence of sanity.

10 points for beginning the description of your theory by saying how long you have been working on it.

10 points for mailing your theory to someone you don't know personally and asking them not to tell anyone else about it, for fear that your ideas will be stolen.

10 points for offering prize money to anyone who proves and/or finds any flaws in your theory.

10 points for each new term you invent and use without properly defining it.

10 points for each statement along the lines of "I'm not good at math, but my theory is conceptually right, so all I need is for someone to express it in terms of equations".

10 points for arguing that a current well-established theory is "only a theory", as if this were somehow a point against it.

10 points for arguing that while a current well-established theory predicts phenomena correctly, it doesn't explain "why" they occur, or fails to provide a "mechanism".

10 points for each favorable comparison of yourself to Einstein, or claim that special or general relativity are fundamentally misguided (without good evidence).

10 points for claiming that your work is on the cutting edge of a "paradigm shift"