

# Re: Savants & a Nobel Prize

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In article <1142566015.664662.101930@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "manny" <freshmanorb@xxxxxxxx> writes:

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<1142553431.448362.304990@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,  
"manny" <freshmanorb@xxxxxxxx> writes:

Gell-Mann was said to have amazing calculation abilities making him discover the amazing symmetries in gauge theories where he made sense of the particle zoo where they formed a pattern ultimately made of quarks.

People with savant syndrome have amazing calculation and analytical abilities. Some intelligence agencies even hired savants to crack spy codes.

Now a question.

Supposed a savant genius discovered something important in physics like making an equation that can produce the constants of nature and he doesn't have any physics degree. Can he win a Nobel Prize? If he can. What category of it can he fall under. If he can't be put in the Physics Nobel Prize category. Can he be moved elsewhere like Nobel Peace Prize, etc?

I heard a Nobel Prize is worth 10 million dollars now and if I

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meet  
a mathematical genius savant and invest in him (hoping to  
get a  
percentage of his \$10 Million Nobel money) and let someone  
tutor him on physics. Can he win a Nobel Prize if he discover  
something very important but without the genius savant  
having  
any physics degree?

There is absolutely no requirement of a degree, for a Nobel prize.  
And, no, it is not worth \$10M.

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Here, it's mentioned that beginning year 2001, the prize is worth \$10  
million.

<http://nobelprize.org/nobel/amounts.html>

That will be for the total awarded each year, not for any single  
prize. Note that there are six prizes awarded.

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Is that why so many crackpots here are busy with their delusions  
because they are aiming for the prize?

Maybe.

By any chance, has there been any Nobel winner in the  
history of Physics or Chemistry who doesn't have a degree but one of  
those intrinsic savant geniuses who has solved some problems?

I really don't know. There were people who got their prize on work  
they did as graduate students.

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