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On Apr 14, 7:01 pm, "Robert J. Kolker" <bobkol...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

John Wheeler died at the age of 96. R.I.P.

Bob Kolker

John Wheeler, Richard Feynman, Lev Landau, John Bardeen, Enrico Fermi, Albert Einstein, Hans Bethe, Vitaly Ginzburg, Robert Oppenheimer.

The kind of theorist that can have such a profound impact on so many areas in physics — these people are monuments, powerhouses, rarities. They wield their instincts and their skills so effortlessly and swiftly that it isn't obvious how they got from point A to point B; they were at point A one moment and the next moment they had leapt through the divide and reappeared at point B, as though by external force. The most mysterious power was their discernment, the almost infallible judgment that picked out the interesting problems and by which they macheted their way through the thickets to the solution.

There are geniuses in other fields who also display magical prowess: Richard Branson, Tiger Woods, Frank Gehry, Steve Jobs, Warren Buffet, Dean Kamen, John von Neumann. They are wondrous treasures, to be respected for what they can do that no one else can do in quite the same way.

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