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Betreff: The trouble with letters

Dear colleague,

a paper by George Musser on the 'The End of Time' in the recent edition of Spektrum (2011) 5, 36-44, the German version of the Scientific American, reminds me of your 'trouble with physics'. Or did you mean 'with physicists'? As a matter of fact all my friends and fans have been waiting for your answer to my letter of 15.01.11. I have asked them to wait for somebody else to answer.

In the meantime I have been working intensely on the proposal for a new edition of the German standard on 'Quantities', DIN 1313: 1998-12: 'Groessen'. The problem is of course the same again as in all my work, my opus magnum in particular: The old-fashioned attempt to try and understand in Goethe's sense, what we are talking about. The raw draft, though in German, is to be found on my website.

In the paper by Musser mentioned I cannot, and am certainly not expected to, follow all the 'arguments', if any. But I am 'simply' marvelling at all those mythical speculations based on 'general' relativity, the simple implications of Newton's law of gravitation and of classical perspective, 'special' relativity, of the Lorentz transformation, still not being understood.

With best wishes for a happy Easter time
yours, Michael Schmiechen.