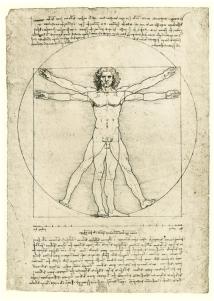
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The REVOLUTION IS NOW



by Miles Mathis

An amazing thing is happening: we are winning.

It is pretty obvious that I didn't start writing about physics in order to win the Nobel Prize or get hired at a university. I just had some things to say and I said them. Writing papers helped me sort things out in my head, and I thought maybe a few others might be interested as well. If they weren't, they didn't have to keep reading. Being a professional artist, I was free to say whatever I wanted, because even if people thought I was crazy, so what? Being called crazy can't hurt an artist's career, and it usually helps it. I was and am insulated from adverse reaction in many different ways, and I have taken full advantage of that fact.

When I started this website, I never imagined it would gain much traction. I know how things work, and I expected to be marginalized. I expected to be called a crank and a crackpot and a crazy artist-boy, and, yes, that has happened, too. But it has happened far less than I predicted, far less than anyone would have predicted. To see what I mean, do a websearch on "Miles Mathis crank", for instance. You get some hits, but not as many as you would expect. And if you click on those links, you find a very curious phenomenon. Even on their own sites, these people trying to dismiss me are losing. Even their own readers aren't buying it. And my readers are doing a great job of defending me.

I don't go to forums and almost never leave comments, especially where I am the topic. My view is that it is up to others to argue these things if they like. I say what I want to say on my own site, in full. Only about once a year do I take a look at what is being said about me, usually in response to a link one of my readers gives me in an email. I always go in hoping to find some real criticism, something I can

use. So far I have not found any of that. Mostly a lot of name calling. But I have found something that has cheered me. Wherever I go, I find my readers have already been there. And I find that my readers are well-armed. They seem to know my theories almost as well as I do. They are well-educated, well-rounded, they know how to write and to argue. They often make my opponents look really bad.

Beyond that, I find people that aren't necessarily staunch supporters of me, but that nevertheless seem interested in something I have said. For instance, if you go to the top-listed site that is trying to trash me, you find a long comment section. The people against me don't have much substantial to say, but those arguing against them do. Several commentators said something like, "Yes, Mathis is a crank and all that, but have you seen his paper on X? (with link to paper). I don't agree with most of what he says, but we should talk about this." That is pretty extraordinary, if you think about it. These are physics or math forums, not Flat-Earth forums, and the people commenting are normally professionals of some kind. If I were really a crank, you would expect very little defense of me in such places. My opponents would outnumber my supporters by many times, and my pathetic little readers would be quickly overwhelmed. This is what happens to real cranks and their readers. Instead, you see as many for me as against, usually more. And, what is more amazing, those for me (or open to discuss my ideas) end up dominating the section. This top-listed site had to end the discussion to keep their own readers from posting more links to me. The title of the discussion is "A new crank and a call for examples." But the discussion didn't go in that direction. Early posters did list a few examples, but soon the discussion diverted into papers of mine that people wanted to talk about.

That seems to be the way these forum discussions tend to go. The first poster wants to provide space to trash me, but ends up providing space for a real discussion of my ideas. Since he sees this as counterproductive, he ends the discussion or bans posters or censors posts. I have been told that several people have been permanently banned from various forums, or given demerits, simply for mentioning my name. That is rich in itself, and reminds me of Hillary Clinton's speech in February [2011] where she was talking about freedom of expression and the right to protest. Her speech was aimed at China, but it backfired when Ray McGovern, retired CIA, stood up in the audience and turned his back to her. McGovern was dragged roughly from the auditorium by armed goons, beaten and jailed. Hillary continued her speech without breaking stride.

In other words, we are constantly told about our freedoms by the paid Teleprompter readers, but whenever we try to exercise any of them, we are shut down. We are told by the various journals that science is "free inquiry", an open discussion, a democratic process, and so on, but then we are given demerits and banned from science forums for asking questions. As just one example, Lee Smolin gave a big speech at Bill Gates' TED conference in 2008 on how science is like democracy. Tell that to the people being banned from forums. Tell that to the people questioning Wikipedia pages, simply by posting on the discussion pages (behind each page). Wiki is sold to us as democratic, but I have seen no evidence of that. Not only are questions banned and belittled, the discussion pages are actually edited and censored. That's right. Not only is Wiki locking the front pages of most science topics, it is locking or cleaning the discussion pages behind them.

In addition, whenever we read or watch the mainstream sources, we see the "blogosphere" being dismissed as "extremist" or something. This is a talking point of both the right and the left, and you see the idea that blogs needs to be regulated being pushed by both those calling themselves conservative and those calling themselves progressive. For example, I just saw <u>Jon Stewart interviewing</u> Tom Brokaw, and Brokaw sneered at blogs, saying that the problem with the new America was the extreme opinion found on blogs. Right. That is the problem with America. Not a growing fascism, not the fact

that the banks just stole trillions from the treasury, not the fact that we are illegally bombing countries off the map, not the fact that the Constitution is being trashed, not the fact that the media has been taken over by the CIA, but that some bloggers are exercising their right to free speech.

Despite that, the revolution continues. Although I have said I intend to drive right around mainstream physics, mainstream physicists are not allowing me to do that. I don't mean they are preventing me from doing anything, I mean they are seeing that they don't want to be left behind. As I drive around them, they grab my bumper. They are happy for the free ride and some even thank me for the lift. They can't say that publicly of course, but it gets said one way or the other.

And I am quite happy to have them onboard, no matter what they feel they have to say publicly. I am not here to stroke my own ego, though some appear to think I am. Nor am I here to get rich: which is just as well since I am not likely to. I am here to try to solve some problems and to be of some use to the world.

Since I am impervious to verbal abuse, I should be able to continue to solve problems. You see that is one of the secrets to this revolution, and it is why my opposition is so confused. Their bluster has worked so well over the years, and they can't understand why it isn't working on me. It is as if the Amish had said to an Amishman, "be quiet or we shall shun you," and the Amishman replied, "go ahead, I don't want to hang with you fellows anyway. I prefer the forests to your ways." The group has no power over such a person, and I am such a person. Thanks to print-on-demand, they can't stop me from publishing, and they can't shame me into silence by withholding their approval—since I care nothing for their approval—so what can they do?

Most are realizing they don't have to do anything. If my ideas are really useless, then no one will find a use for them. Real cranks don't make any headway in physics, because cranks don't have good ideas, by definition. So, either 1) my ideas are garbage, in which case they will fade away pretty quickly, or 2) my ideas are not garbage, in which case it makes no sense to shut me up. There is nothing for a gatekeeper to do.

And that is the real reason you don't see more "Miles Mathis is a crank" sites. The truly intelligent people out there either have no use for me, in which case they ignore me and go on with their business; or they have some use for me, and are working on experiments of their own using my ideas; or they neither have a use for me or no use for me, so they are watching their colleagues to see what happens. They are biding their time before they choose a side. I have no problem with any of those positions, since all could be called logical. However, those in the third camp should be noticing that a lot of physicists seem to be finding a use for me, even while they are not giving me credit or while they are agreeing tacitly "that I am a crank, but...."

That by itself is revolutionary, and is more than I ever expected to see this quickly. We are winning.

I would like to close by thanking all my readers who are defending our position all over the internet. You are doing a great job and don't seem to need me there. Keep it up.