

THE CHALLENGE

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For me, to have an association of my tribal knowledge with Einstein and his world famous THEORY OF RELATIVITY, was indeed a honor for me.

Maybe because of my ancient tribal upbringing, I did not want to appear like the stupid fool, who knew nothing of the subject that one was to talk on, so a journey to the local Library and return found me with three books that would help me through any questions and answers on the speed of light according to EINSTEIN and my tribal knowledge and keeping me from becoming the fool..

The books were: THE MEANING OF RELATIVITY, Einstein, 5th Ed., Princeton University Press;
RELATIVITY FOR THE MILLION, Cardner, Macmillan;
ALBERT EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF GENERAL RELATIVITY,
60 years of its influence on Man and the Universe,
Tauber, Crown Publishers Inc.

After all, the White Man took me from my parents, placed me in a Government Indian School and gave me 30 days to forget my Dakota Language and learn to speak the english language under a threat of death, in which I've seen this threat carried out over 100 times on Indian children all under 8 years old.

This White Man taught me to work out equations in record time under the same threat. There was no such excuse as- "Teacher! I can't work out the Hypothesis of Euclidean Geometry or Configurations of Cartesian coordinates."

What good would such physical principles do an Indian on the reservation because the White Man would never give an Indian a job, besides these were doctrines of long-gone Philosophers who believed in CAUSE and EFFECT with nothing in-between.

Like most, after reading Einstein's 5th. Edition about 5 or 6 times, my conclusion would have been the same as others, except having some prior teachings on these Philosophers, that Einstein was applying the Euclidean and Cartesian theurums to such as Poincar'e, Taylor, Maxwell/ Lorentz, Newtons, Gailean Transformation, and others.

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