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Re: Zeta Notso Ridiculous

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> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> >From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
> >Subject: re: UFO UpDate: Re: Zeta Notso Ridiculous
> >Date: Thu, 18 Sep 1997 11:55:58 -0700

> >For instance, an experiment to prove that the speed of light is not constant
> >faces a pretty tough road, had better work every time for everyone
> >who tries it, and had better have no methodological flaws.

> Hello Mark, Hello Loy

> I'd like to interject here if I could.

> I am one of the people that believes that the speed of light is not
> constant. My reasoning for this is simple.

> When any lesser medium passes through a greater medium it will lose
> speed due to friction. IE if a bullet was to pass through water it
> would slow up a lot quicker that when it passes through air.

> Well light is a lesser medium and the universe is a greater medium.
> However the greater medium also possesses within itself greater and
> lesser mediums. IE "empty space" and a solar system.
> Therefore if a "point" of light left point A and travelled through
> "empty space" it would travel faster and further than a other "point" of
> light that travels through galaxy's would'nt it?
> We could add further complications into this equation like the effect
> that black holes have on light.

The speed of light is constant in a uniform medium although we all know that it is not constant in all mediums. Light will slow down as it goes through a denser medium and it will speed up again when it enters a less dense medium. A bullet cannot do this so the reasoning behind your belief why the speed of light is not constant is faulty.

Of course, there are historical evidences that the speed of light is slowing down with time and there are many other sound arguments that try to show that the speed of light must have been faster in the past than it is now. Would you be interested in the details for these evidences and arguments?

Nick Balaskas

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