Email exchange between Stephen Goodfellow and Constantine Leshan

Foreword
I am not accustomed to peppering my writings with exclamation marks, but in this case dear reader, I have made an exception - and you shall see why.

Last month my Google Alert popped up with my "Absolute Vacuum" search - and there, in one of my favorite science forums was a posting by a Russian, a Mr. Constantine Leshan, who was accusing me of stealing his ideas about absolute vacuums. I noticed as well that my posts on absolute vacuums had been removed by the moderators of no less than two science forums.

It took only moments to realize that not only was Mr. Leshan shooting from the hip - he was also shooting himself in the foot, because his claim of 'his idea' was published sixteen years after my paper had been written. Once this was realized by the forum moderators, my postings were rehabilitated and on one of them Mr. Leshan was kicked off.

My ideas on absolute vacuums have circulated within the science community for close to two decades and although there is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Leshan developed his ideas on absolute vacuums separate from mine and in good faith, there is no telling what currents and eddies might have influenced him. Although annoyed by the accusation, I was intrigued that there was someone else who had come to similar conclusions about the nature of absolute vacuums and the induction of gravity, and thought it might be worthwhile to engage in discourse, once this misunderstanding had been cleared up. With a little web sleuthing I found one of Mr. Leshans many email accounts and wrote to him, asking if there was a chance of rapprochement.

No such thing.

To my utter amazement, he accused me of - get this - hacking into various servers and placing my paper on them and forging the date! And this, after various moderators had done their own searches and pronounced me bona fide. Over several emails I attempted to assuage him by offering many direct proofs for the authenticity of my paper, but he would have none of it. Towards the end of our discourse I believe he was somewhat convinced that my paper was published in 1979, but unfortunately this realization of his was manifest by a whole new tack, in that he now attacked me with the wacky accusation that I was plagiarizing René Descartes instead!

Finally taking the council of friends, I broke off communication with Mr. Leshan. I can only conclude that this individual is unbalanced and suffering from paranoid delusions of persecution.

Personally, I don't care who thought of this idea first. If there is someone else out there who came up with the notion before me that super-hot plasmas within a dynamo effect are capable of creating absolute vacuums that can induce gravity and that the Sun is an example of this phenomenon - well, I'm perfectly comfortable with that. But I sure as hell am not going to put up with being accused of plagiarism and piracy by someone who published their paper after mine was written and circulated. The whole episode has
been a frustrating waste of my time and energy. To avoid any such nonsense in the future, I have created this video in which a sealed, post-dated letter from 1981 with my paper enclosed, was opened before a notary public, a stamp and paper expert and two sworn witnesses. To reach the largest audience possible I have also had it translated into Russian. Complementing the video, I have also made public further evidence which I have placed on my server, surely enough to convince any reasonable individual of the facts. So let that be the end to it.

For the record, the following is the exchange of emails between myself and Mr. Leshan.

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“I see a continued attack on my Youtube site”
It is not the “attack”. I’m free to publish my opinion and answers everywhere in the world.

“You do not want peace?” I do not have any agreements with you! I never want peace with pirates. I can prove officially your paper is ERRONEOUS. I can prove officially your paper plagiarize other papers. I’ll publish soon my new paper about piracy.

I has the same war with other pirates in 1999.

Please remember: All problems we discuss at public only, no letters or emails. I’ll remove both my e-mail boxes. If you have any questions, please publish online. I'll place ansewrs online only.
“If I see ANY further attacks ANYWHERE, I will replace my site and alert by my peers of your behavior by newsletter.” Your threats will be published online, now I prepare a paper about piracy. I repeat for you: I’m free to publish my opinion everywhere in the world. If you are afraid of criticism then do not publish any provoking posts online.

“offending post again” It is not the offending post. Your paper is erroneous and I can show you these errors. Your paper plagiarize other theories and I can prove it.

I DO NOT HAVE ANY AGREEMENTS WITH YOU.

If you have any questions please publish online. I’ll close my email boxes.

On 10/10/09, Stephen Goodfellow <stephen.goodfellow@gmail.com> wrote:
> Mr. leshan,
> > A short note....
> > Let's see if I can put this nicely.
> > You have accused me of plagiarizing and pirating your work. I have have
> > mounted a defence.
> > I offered you detente.
> > As per our agreement, I've spent a large part of the day removing your
> > name<http://goodfelloweb.com/nature/cgbi/proof%20of%20Authorship/authorship.html>from
> > my defense to your accusations, deleting mutually offensive comments
> > from various sites.
> > In return for this, I see a continued attack on my
> > Youtube<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vlhzb51AqGA&feature=email>site.
> > Is de-escalation not part of your vocabulary?
> > You do not want peace?
> > Is our agreement broken?
> > I will remove the offending post again. If I see ANY further attacks
> > ANYWHERE, I will replace my site and alert by my peers of your behavior by
> > newsletter. It is a large list.
> > The choice is yours,
On Thu, Oct 8, 2009 at 3:26 PM, Constantin Leshan wrote:

Dear S. Goodfellow,

I'll try to remove some of my offending posts; However, I do not wish to have any agreements with you because it creates disadvantages for me. You are free to publish what you wish on your page; my theory is different concerning your Empty Sun theory and I have nothing to do with your "Proof of Authorship";

You may have copyright problems with some authors of Empty Sun-like theories; they also may have sealed letters and other proofs; Some days ago I searched Internet for 'Empty Sun' theories and I found the Russian authors of the same theory; they also prove that the 'space flow into empty Sun' is a source of energy. Probably, they also wish to discuss with you some copyright problems. Thus, you need your "Proof of Authorship" for other authors of "Empty Sun"-like theories.

You wrote: It is regretful that we could not have had fruitful conversations on the actual topic.

In order to have fruitful conversations with scientific community, you must have a scientific behavior: you must send your theory to journals and conferences; there are a lot of conferences and journals which publish papers without any peer review. Usually pirates only appear suddenly after 30 years with new theories and sealed letters.

I am free to publish critique or answers everywhere in the world. If you wish to avoid criticism from other authors, you must abstain from publication of provoking posts.

Sincerely, Leshan