

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

My second conference will be taking place June 16 to 20 in Taos, New Mexico. Limited to ten people, and several from my first conference have already taken slots.

A \$350 fee covers tuition only. All other costs are not included and no food is provided. Taos is a tourist town with lots of accommodations and food. I would be happy to recommend places nearby based on your budget. If you fly here, you will need a rental car out of Albuquerque. That is one reason I am keeping the tuition so low. Another reason is that this is my second conference. I have given many painting and drawing workshops before, but only one physics “workshop,” so I want to start small.

This is just a meeting in a private home, sitting around a big table and discussing any topic that comes up. Five days, five or six hours a day. No conference rooms, no rules, no syllabus: the students help determine what we talk about. Give and take. I will *not* be just reading my papers—although we will certainly use them as a starting point for all discussions. I will not be lecturing (much), although I will probably give some very extended answers to questions. I do have some topics I definitely want to hit in the five days, but it will be very informal and most of the time will be spent responding directly to students' specific needs. Just as in my art workshops, all instruction will be tailored to the needs of the students present, not to a preset course. I will have a chalkboard, but don't expect any multimedia presentations. This is old school. Think Pythagoras sitting on the grass, not a Nobel Prize or TED lecture.

When I say there are no rules, I mean I will not take attendance and will not be offended if you come late or leave early. That applies to each day and to the conference as a whole. If you wish to come for only 3 or 4 of the five days, that is up to you. If you don't want to show up until after lunch, also fine. There is a lot of great hiking around here, and you may wake up one day with the need to get into the mountains. In my mind, you lay your money down and then do what you want. That said, I expect we will get into it pretty deep. I don't like to waste time—yours or my own—and I have no interest staying on the surface of anything, as you probably already know. Some very interesting things will get said.

I see the purpose of this conference as the clarification—for each student—of the main lines of my theory. Since the theory is so extensive and detailed already, we will not be going beyond it. I will limit questions to things I have already written about, so that we don't dive off into philosophical dead-ends. We will stick to the papers pretty closely, both the math and the theory, and will not get into future applications, societal implications, religious implications, or the paranormal. This is a physical conference, and it will be heavy on mechanics. As my readers would expect, we will stick close to cause and effect, realism, locality, and straight kinematics. Although we will talk physics history, we will not talk politics (except maybe at lunch). We could spend the whole five days talking politics of science, but we won't.

If you need a lot of structure, this may not be the conference for you. But if you are looking for something out of the ordinary that retains its own sort of rigor and logic, you shouldn't be disappointed. This second conference will not just be a repeat of the first. We are going to look at some new things, including papers I have published in the past year. We will definitely be diagramming some nuclei.

