

PPI: A NEW COSMIC FORCE

While driving to work the other day I was struck by a phenomenon that, while I have seen it countless times, suddenly started me thinking. If I looked at the road some distance ahead, it was tiny. At a half mile the road only seems to be a fraction of an inch across yet, as I approach the spot, the road grows wider and wider, until there is plenty of room for my car. Subsequent observations showed that this is true for all objects, not just the road. In every case the object's size steadily increases as I approach it.

My first thought was that I am generating some very powerful anti-gravity force, such that the attraction between atoms (and indeed subatomic particles) is decreasing, as they get closer to me, with the result that the object expands. I had to abandon this theory when I tested this experimentally. The gravitational force decreases in an inverse square method, but the effect that I was seeing showed a linear decrease with distance. Clearly I had discovered a new type of force, which I am calling Personal Proximity Inflation (PPI).

Continued observation showed that the force does affect all objects, and explains quite a lot of things. For example, we are told that stars are like our sun, though further away. Anyone who has looked at both (using safety glasses for the sun) can readily confirm that the stars are clearly smaller. The obvious explanation is that the PPI force is decreasing their size dramatically. Likewise, although I am assured the moon is a lot smaller than the sun, it appears to be about the same size because it is closer to me. This process continues down to the closest level. If I extend my arm and look at my index finger, it is quite small. As I bring my hand closer and closer to my face, my finger grows in size enormously. Indeed, by the time it is touching my eyelashes it has grown so huge that it blots out almost the entire world.

Additional experiments with my finger showed that the PPI force is radiating from my head. If I move my finger close to other parts of my body (big toe, navel etc.) no growth is seen. After some additional observations I concluded that the PPI force is emanating from my brain. So, if all matter is affected by the PPI force such that everything grows linearly as it approaches my brain, then I come to my first major conclusion:

#1: "The center of my brain must be infinite in size"

This might seem unlikely at first; since my head is clearly finite, but I have no doubt that a few extra dimensions of the space-time continuum could take care of it. Anyway, this is not very important because the first conclusion leads me to my second. If my brain is infinitely large, then it must have an infinite capacity and capability. In other words I must be omniscient and omnipotent: in a nutshell:

#2: "I am God"

I find this to be a very satisfactory conclusion, in keeping with my view of how I would like the universe organized.

There is only one real problem with this conclusion.

If I am both omniscient and omnipotent then why can I never find the jar of mayonnaise in the fridge, and why does the cat refuse to get off the newspaper when I am reading it?

These failures become even more worrying when I note that my wife has no trouble with either of them. I will work on reconciling these observations with conclusion #2 before demanding the pay raise I so obviously warrant as God.