

behaviour of heavenly bodies, just as it will also reveal the factors which determine that water will not only cease to contract but shall actually expand as it approaches the freezing temperature. Newton's theory may be to you a gift from the gods: To me it is an intolerable tyranny from which the mind clamors for emancipation. The theory works for quite definite reasons, but like the first flying-machines it works badly, for it is not able to solve simple problems relating to the solar system. The astronomer has not solved these problems because he has not gone the right way about it. How do I know? Because he has been nearly 300 years on the job. If I have gone the right way about it, initial blunders do not count, for they may be rectified. Your verdict implies that I have not gone the right way about it, else it is irrelevant, but that you cannot know until you have tried it out, in the mean time your verdict is only skin deep, it does not hit the mark.

Yours faithfully

(Signed)

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