

*Letter to the editor*

## The two Letters to the editors by Steve Vik and Wolfgang Junge

Discoveries are often independent and the perception of priorities is based on a multitude of factors including those known to only the authors themselves. The following two letters are examples of independent thought. I was delighted to edit these two letters.

I provide below the philosophy that the authors of 'Celebrating the Millennium: Historical Highlights of Photosynthesis Research' (Govindjee and Gest 2002; Govindjee et al. 2003, 2004a, 2005) were given (see Govindjee et al. 2004b, p. 5) for presenting the stories of their discoveries; they were in the spirit of Leo Szilard's humorous insight (although all of them were reviewed and edited):

'The physicist Leo Szilard once announced to his friend Hans Bethe that he was thinking of keeping a diary: 'I don't intend to publish it: I am merely going to record the facts for the information of God.' 'Don't you think God knows the facts?' Bethe asked. 'Yes,' said Szilard. 'He knows the facts, but he does not know this version of the facts.' 'Freeman Dyson, Disturbing the Universe (Preface).

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