

21st century read

SIR - For Guy Hewlett's comment (*Nature* **368**, 697; 1994), that there is a 95% probability that we will be reading correspondence relating to Gott's over the next 30.6 years, to be credible in Gott's terms, one has to accept Gott's assumptions (the Copernican view). Those reading this Scientific Correspondence, as well as [the original Hypothesis](#), now have a different Gott probability time period to contend with to that suggested by Hewlett.

Criticism so far of Gott's Hypothesis largely springs from the interpretation and recognition (or lack of) of his assumptions -a largely fruitless game we can all play. And so, in Machiavellian gratification of my human desire for notoriety, I have placed my travelling atomic alarm clock in a box marked 'Gott', set for AD2024, with instructions to write to *Nature*.

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