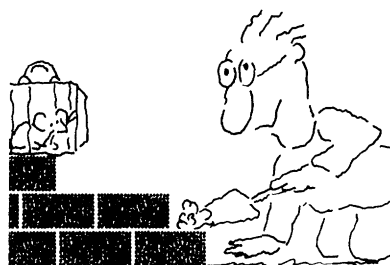


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from incessant book signings, and trying (unsuccessfully) to fend off criticism over the use of the G-word in the title of the book. Meanwhile, I've been lying in bed munching nachos and watching Amy Fisher TV movies.

But I digress. Any criticism of the title (which comes, by the way, from a comment Lederman made in a 1986 speech to high school students) should rightfully be directed at me, since I came up with it. It was meant as a joke. I inserted it on the proposal we wrote back in 1989 as a temporary thing, meant to fill that awkward space at the top of the page right above the important stuff, our bylines.

We had hoped to find a better title, but the name just sort of stuck. Lederman and I later lobbied to call the book *The Goddam Particle*, since that's how most journalists today regard particle physics. As a second choice, I suggested *Boys in the Band*, since a history of physics is mostly a story about a bunch of men, but it seems that title had been taken. SSC, *We Hardly Knew Ye* was also ruled out as too downbeat. So *The God Particle* it is, and while neither of the book's authors believes in God, at least one of us believes in particles.

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Incorrect GenBank Numbers

Note 12 in the report "Rejection of the 'flying primate' hypothesis by phylogenetic evidence from the ϵ -globin gene" by Wendy J. Bailey, Jerry L. Slightom, and me (3 Apr. 1992, p. 86) (1) contained incorrect GenBank accession numbers and voucher specimen numbers for the flying lemur, tree shrew, megabat, and microbat. The correct numbers for these sequences and specimens are as follows. Flying lemur, M81368, CM87909; tree shrew, M81367, CM88634; megabat, M81365, CM88359; and microbat, M81366, CM88012. In the GenBank listing under M81366, the species name that was originally given, *Megaderma spasma*, was incorrect and should have been *Megaderma lyra*. Also, under M81365, in the section called Definition, the word *Cenopterus* was a misspelling of *Cynopterus*.

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