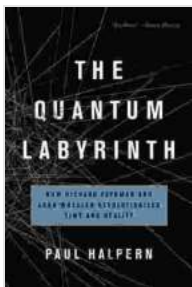


# How Richard Feynman and John Wheeler Revolutionized Time and Reality

Richard Feynman and John Wheeler were two of the most brilliant physicists of the 20th century. Their work on quantum mechanics and gravity revolutionized our understanding of the universe, and their ideas continue to inspire physicists today.

In this article, we will explore the lives and work of Feynman and Wheeler, and we will discuss how their ideas changed our understanding of time and reality.



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### Richard Feynman

Richard Feynman was born in New York City in 1918. He showed an early interest in science and mathematics, and he enrolled at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) at the age of 17.

Feynman quickly made a name for himself at MIT, and he soon became one of the top students in his class. He graduated from MIT in 1939, and he went on to earn a Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1942.

During World War II, Feynman worked on the Manhattan Project, which developed the atomic bomb. After the war, he returned to academia, and he began to work on quantum mechanics.

Feynman made several important contributions to quantum mechanics, including the development of Feynman diagrams. Feynman diagrams are a visual representation of quantum mechanical interactions, and they have become a standard tool for physicists.

Feynman was also a gifted teacher, and he wrote several popular books on physics, including "Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!" and "QED: The Strange Theory of Light and Matter."

## **John Wheeler**

John Wheeler was born in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1911. He showed an early interest in science and mathematics, and he enrolled at the University of Chicago at the age of 17.

Wheeler quickly made a name for himself at the University of Chicago, and he soon became one of the top students in his class. He graduated from the University of Chicago in 1933, and he went on to earn a Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1938.

During World War II, Wheeler worked on the Manhattan Project, which developed the atomic bomb. After the war, he returned to academia, and he

began to work on general relativity.

Wheeler made several important contributions to general relativity, including the development of the concept of black holes. Black holes are regions of spacetime where gravity is so strong that nothing, not even light, can escape.

Wheeler was also a gifted teacher, and he wrote several popular books on physics, including "Gravity and Spacetime" and "Black Holes: A Scientific Journey into the Heart of the Universe."

### **The Feynman-Wheeler Collaboration**

Feynman and Wheeler first met in 1948, when they were both working on the Manhattan Project. They quickly became friends, and they began to collaborate on a number of projects.

One of the most important projects that Feynman and Wheeler worked on together was the development of quantum gravity. Quantum gravity is a theory that attempts to combine the principles of quantum mechanics with the principles of general relativity.

Feynman and Wheeler made several important contributions to quantum gravity, including the development of the Wheeler-Feynman absorber theory. The Wheeler-Feynman absorber theory is a model of how gravity can be quantized.

Feynman and Wheeler also worked on a number of other topics, including the foundations of quantum mechanics and the nature of time.

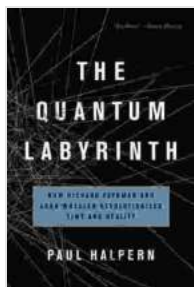
### **Feynman and Wheeler's Legacy**

Feynman and Wheeler were two of the most important physicists of the 20th century. Their work on quantum mechanics and gravity revolutionized our understanding of the universe, and their ideas continue to inspire physicists today.

Feynman and Wheeler's legacy is immense. They helped to lay the foundations of quantum mechanics and gravity, and their ideas have shaped the way we think about the universe.

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