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Lee Berman — 23 Dec 2011, 14:22

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David Stockhoff — 23 Dec 2011, 14:36 · in reply to Lee Berman

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Naturally, to a scientist or priest, that equal sign doesn't work at all.