Not Einstein, nope. He squandered the last 40 of his life pursuing impossible theoretical notions. Secretly the buffoon / laughingstock of physics derided for such.

Not Feynman, neither. Good guess though. He’s more an ‘honorary Golden Child’ of physics because of his entrenchment of Quantum Theory and the Standard Model.

No, the current Golden Children of Physics, the minor gods of physics, are:
1. Hendrik Casimir
   for his ideas relating to vacuum energy explained below
2. John Stewart Bell
   for proving that local-realism is impossible
3. Peter Higgs
   well, you know what for – the God particle thingy

This is what I think of them:

Or rather, their ideas and how convention has latched-on to those ideas – like a rabid dog, foaming at the mouth, protecting its bone.

I do NOT exaggerate. Because, if you question vacuum energy or the Casimir force, Bell’s theorem, or the function of the Higgs, you might as well be trying to steal one million bones from as many rabid dogs.
Science is not science anymore especially with regard to physics. Science used to be the process of elimination: disproving competing theories leaving yours as the lesser of evils — in an Occam’s razor sense. Nope, not now. You either get on the bus of accepted paradigms XOR, exclusive or, you hit the highway on-foot begging for hand-outs. That means if you don’t espouse the Golden Children’s ideas, you’re shit-outa-luck jack.

Never mind that key scientists conveniently ignore repulsive Casimir, two independent disproofs of Bell’s theorem, and no concrete objective evidence the Higgs does what it’s supposed to do, mediate mass. Okay, there’s one piece of evidence that indicates the Higgs preferentially associates with massive particles, but that hardly proves it mediates mass.

In fact, I have more evidence temporal curvature mediates mass — more than the Higgs:
1. In Special Relativistic scenarios, mass increases and time slows down, Special Relativistic time dilation.
2. In General Relativistic scenarios, as mass increases, time slows down, gravitational time dilation.
3. wave-particle duality
   We accept 3 as a fact of nature specifically elementary particles. So it is NOT meaningless, with reference to accepted fact 3, to speak of intrinsic spin, wavelength, and period of elementary particles. So there is, as an accepted fact of characteristics of elementary particles, a vibratory internal nature of them — relating to time. We can label this intrinsic period without violating Quantum Theory nor Bell’s theorem. It can easily be probabilistic in nature and yet directly related to mass.

So at this point in the history of physics, there’s more evidence for temporal curvature mediating mass — rather than the Higgs. Yet we ignore it because I’m not a Golden Child nor darling of physics. I’m an outsider to be eternally dismissed and ignored simply because my ideas compete with those of the Golden Children.