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**The Electron is a Charged Photon** RICHARD GAUTHIER<sup>1</sup>, Santa Rosa Junior College — The Dirac equation's relativistic electron is modeled as a helically-circulating charged photon whose helical radius at low electron speeds is the Dirac equation's electron amplitude  $\hbar/2mc$ . The helically-circulating charged photon's longitudinal or  $z$ -component of velocity equals the velocity of the electron. The electron's relativistic energy-momentum equation  $E^2 = p^2c^2 + m^2c^4$  corresponds the helically-circulating charged photon's energy  $E = \gamma mc^2 = h\nu$  with the charged photon's total momentum  $p_{total} = \gamma mc$ , its longitudinal momentum component  $p = \gamma mv$  (the electron's linear momentum) and its transverse momentum component  $p_{trans} = mc$ . The charged photon's circulating transverse momentum component  $p_{trans} = mc$ , acting at the charged photon's helical radius  $\hbar/2mc$ , generates the spin-up and spin-down  $z$ -components  $\pm\hbar/2$  of a slowly-moving electron's spin. The relativistic de Broglie wavelength  $h/\gamma mv$  of the electron is easily calculated from the longitudinal component of the circulating charged-photon's wave vector  $\vec{k}$ .

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