

## **Great Minds Opine on Natural Philosophy**



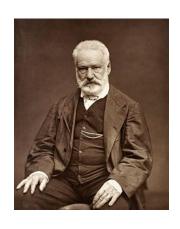
"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

-Aristotle



"Nature understands no jesting; she is always true, always serious, always severe; she is always right, and the errors and faults are always those of man. The man incapable of appreciating her, she despises; and only to the apt, the pure, and the true, does she resign herself and reveal her secrets."

-Johann W. von Goethe



"Galileo, the old man of truth, the magician of the heavens, was reduced to repeating on his knees word for word after the inquisitor, this formula of shame: "Corde sincera et fide non ficta abjuro maledico et detestor supradictos errores et hereses." Falsehood put an ass's hood on science.

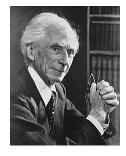
[With a sincere heart, and of faith unfeigned, I deny by oath, condemn and detest the aforesaid errors and heresies.]" - Victor Hugo

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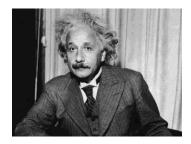


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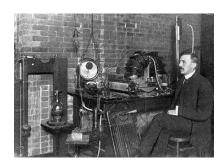
"A true scientist will cheerfully reject lifelong views in light of new evidence" – Bertrand Russell

"The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, and wise people so full of doubts." – Bertrand Russell



"No amount of experimentation can prove me right, a single experiment can prove me wrong"

Albert Einstein



"It is essential for men of science to take an interest in the administration of their own affairs or else the professional civil servant will step in - and then the Lord help you." —Sir Ernest Rutherford (discovered the nucleus of an atom)



"A scientist's highest obligation is to prove himself wrong"

- Richard Feynman

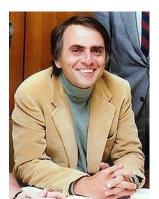


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"There is only one thing worse than Coal; No Coal"

–Petr Beckman (passionate advocate of nuclear energy)



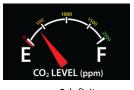
"In science it often happens that scientists say, 'You know that's a really good argument; my position is mistaken,' and then they would actually change their minds and you never hear that old view from them again. They really do it. It doesn't happen as often as it should, because scientists are human and change is sometimes painful. But it happens every day. I cannot recall the last time something like that happened in politics or religion." — Carl Sagan

"One of the saddest lessons of history is this: If we've been bamboozled long enough, we tend to reject any evidence of the bamboozle. We're no longer interested in finding out the truth. The bamboozle has captured us. It's simply too painful to acknowledge, even to ourselves, that we've been taken. Once you give a charlatan power over you, you almost never get it back." — Carl Sagan



"Nature is very generous with negative results."

- Thomas E. Phipps, Jr.



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"Consensus is the Enemy of Science"

- Howard Hayden





"It just so happens that the green religion is now taking over from the Christian religion.

I don't think people have noticed that, but it's got all the sort of terms that religions use... The greens use guilt. That just shows how religious greens are. You can't win people round by saying they are guilty for

putting (carbon dioxide) in the air." - James Lovelock

"The problem is we don't know what the climate is doing. We thought we knew 20 years ago. That led to some alarmist books - mine included - because it looked clear-cut, but it hasn't happened." – James Lovelock





"The science is settled" - Al Gore