

Quotations:

"Strange is our situation here upon the earth. Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to divine a purpose." Albert Einstein from "My Credo" for the German League of Human Rights, 1932.

There is no reason to suppose that the world had a beginning at all. The idea that things must have a beginning is really due to the poverty of our thoughts. -Bertrand Russell

I still say a church steeple with a lightning rod on top shows a lack of confidence. -Dout McLeod

For instance, on the planet Earth, man had always assumed that he was more intelligent than dolphins because he had achieved so much--the wheel, New York, wars and so on--while all the dolphins had ever done was muck about in the water having a good time. But conversely, the dolphins had always believed that they were far more intelligent than man--for precisely the same reasons. -Douglas Adams ; Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

"Everything is determined... by forces over which we have no control. It is determined for the insect as well as for the star. Human beings, vegetables, or cosmic dust--we all dance to a mysterious tune, intoned in the distance by an invisible piper." Albert Einstein Writing in the Saturday Evening Post, October 26, 1929.

If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent Her. -Voltaire

He gave man speech, and speech created thought, which is the measure of the universe. --Percy Bysshe Shelley

Where the telescope ends, the microscope begins. Which of the two has a grander view? --Victor Hugo

We had the sky up there, and we used to lay on our backs and look up at them, and discuss whether they was made or just happened. -Mark Twain

"It is very difficult to elucidate this [cosmic religious] feeling to anyone who is entirely without it... The religious geniuses of all ages have been distinguished by this kind of religious feeling, which knows no dogma and no God conceived in man's image; so that there can be no church whose central teachings are based on it.... In my view, it is the most important function of art and science to awaken this feeling and keep it alive in those who are receptive to it. Albert Einstein, from on "cosmic religion"

"Nothing is too wonderful to be true."
Michael Faraday 1791-1867

"Insight, untested and unsupported, is an insufficient guarantee of truth?"
Bertrand Russell From *Mysticism and Logic*

We also know how cruel the truth often is, and we wonder whether delusion is not more consoling.

Henri Poincare 1854-1912

Man is not an end but a beginning. We are at the beginning of the second week. We are children of the eighth day. -Thornton Wilder

My dear, descended from the apes! Let us hope it is not true, but if it is, let us pray it will not become generally known.

- In 1860 the famous duel between T.H. Huxley and Bishop Wilberforce took place, and the wife of the bishop of Worcester is reported to have said this in reaction to hearing Darwin's theory of evolution.

(S)he who knows everything has a lot to learn. - Gene Poole

"Everyone who is seriously involved in the pursuit of science becomes convinced that a spirit is manifest in the laws of the Universe-- a spirit vastly superior to that of man... In this way the pursuit of science leads to a religious feeling of a special sort, which is indeed quite different from the religiosity of someone more naive."

Albert Einstein in a letter to a child who asked if scientists pray, January 24, 1936.

A scientific truth does not triumph by convincing its opponents and making them see the light, but rather because its opponents eventually die and a new generation grows up that is familiar with it." -Max Planck

Last year the Dalai Lama wrote the book "The Universe in a Single Atom: The Convergence of Science and Spirituality." And he is not the only great mind that has seen parallels between science and Buddhism. "If there is any religion that would cope with modern scientific needs it would be Buddhism," per Albert Einstein.

How to survive: Find a niche and fill it. -Gene Poole