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Survival of the fittest led to "nature red in tooth and claw" and this is not sufficiently wishy-washy for modern scientists.

~Anthony Standen

But regular biology, as an "ology," has to be "scientific," and this means in practice that it has to be made dull.... Everything has to be expressed in utterly impersonal terms.

~Anthony Standen

Physical scientists probably deserve the reputation they enjoy for incorruptibility and unswerving devotion to pure truth. The reason for this is that it is not worth while to bribe them.

~Anthony Standen

Education, like everything else, goes in fads, and has the normal human tendency to put up with something bad for just so long, and then rush to the other extreme.

~Anthony Standen

There's many a true word spoken in jest; scientists are abominably solemn; therefore scientists miss many a true word.

~Anthony Standen

Psychologists pay lip service to the scientific method, and use it whenever it is convenient; but when it isn't they make wild leaps of their uncontrolled fancy.

~Anthony Standen

Physicists, being in no way different from the rest of the population, have short memories for what is inconvenient.

~Anthony Standen

Psychologists, like other scientists, pride themselves on being extremely modern, and therefore much better than any group of people

that ever were before.

~Anthony Standen

Insight is not the same as scientific deduction, but even at that it may be more reliable than statistics.

~Anthony Standen

The dreadful cocksureness that is characteristic of scientists in bulk is not only quite foreign to the spirit of true science, it is not even justified by a superficial view.

~Anthony Standen

[Scientists] define these [terms] in tight phrases which convey a meaning only to those who already understand it.

~Anthony Standen

Such instances of the almost infinite unpredictability of man are known to social scientists, but they are no more affected by them than the asylum inmate is by being told that he is not Napoleon.

~Anthony Standen

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