

Ben Goldacre

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You cannot reason people out of a position that they did not reason themselves into.

~Ben Goldacre

Positive findings are around twice as likely to be published as negative findings. This is a cancer at the core of evidence-based medicine.

~Ben Goldacre

You are a placebo responder. Your body plays tricks on your mind. You cannot be trusted.

~Ben Goldacre

Amazing things happen when you pull individual pieces of information together into larger linked datasets: meaning emerges, as you produce facts from figures.

~Ben Goldacre

Science has authority not because of white coats or titles, but because of precision and transparency: you explain your theory, set out your evidence, and reference the studies that support your case.

~Ben Goldacre

Just just because there are flaws in aircraft design that doesn't mean flying carpets exist.

~Ben Goldacre

As it is a major component of blood, water is vital for transporting oxygen to the brain. Heaven forbid that your blood should dry out.

~Ben Goldacre

Transparency and detail are everything in science.

~Ben Goldacre

The plural of anecdotes is not data

~Ben Goldacre

Real science is all about critically appraising the evidence for somebody else's position.

~Ben Goldacre

I spend a lot of time talking to people who disagree with me - I would go so far as to say that it's my favourite leisure activity.

~Ben Goldacre

Homeopathy pills are, after all, empty little sugar pills which seem to work, and so they embody [...] how we can be misled into thinking that any intervention is more effective than it really is.

~Ben Goldacre

Doctors and patients need as much data as possible to make an informed decision about what treatment is best.

~Ben Goldacre

I agree, the world would be a better place if doctors were less enthusiastic about adopting very new drugs.

~Ben Goldacre

I hope that you will be asked to participate in a trial at some stage in your disease

~Ben Goldacre

Data is the fabric of the modern world: just like we walk down pavements, so we trace routes through data, and build knowledge and products out of it.

~Ben Goldacre

Children can be disgusting, and often they can develop extraordinary talents, but I'm yet to meet any child who can stimulate his carotid

arteries inside his ribcage.

~Ben Goldacre

I think you'll find it's a bit more complicated than that.

~Ben Goldacre

These corporations run our culture, and they riddle it with bullshit.

~Ben Goldacre

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