

Carl Friedrich Gauss

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It is not knowledge, but the act of learning, not possession but the act of getting there, which grants the greatest enjoyment.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

Life stands before me like an eternal spring with new and brilliant clothes.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

You know that I write slowly. This is chiefly because I am never satisfied until I have said as much as possible in a few words, and writing briefly takes far more time than writing at length.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

Theory attracts practice as the magnet attracts iron.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

You have no idea, how much poetry there is in the calculation of a table of logarithms!

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

There have been only three epoch-making mathematicians, Archimedes, Newton, and Eisenstein.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

If others would but reflect on mathematical truths as deeply and as continuously as I have, they would make my discoveries.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

Mathematicians stand on each other's shoulders.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

We must admit with humility that, while number is purely a product of our minds, space has a reality outside our minds, so that we cannot completely prescribe its properties a priori.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

I have had my results for a long time: but I do not yet know how I am to arrive at them.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

The enchanting charms of this sublime science reveal only to those who have the courage to go deeply into it.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

The problem of distinguishing prime numbers from composite numbers and of resolving the latter into their prime factors is known to be one of the most important and useful in arithmetic.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

Ask her to wait a moment - I am almost done.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

When I have clarified and exhausted a subject, then I turn away from it, in order to go into darkness again.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

I protest against the use of infinite magnitude ..., which is never permissible in mathematics.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

Mathematics is the queen of science, and arithmetic the queen of mathematics.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

Mathematical discoveries, like springtime violets in the woods, have their season which no human can hasten or retard.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

Mathematics is the queen of the sciences.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

Mathematics is concerned only with the enumeration and comparison of relations.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

Further, the dignity of the science itself seems to require that every possible means be explored for the solution of a problem so elegant and so celebrated.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

It may be true, that men, who are mere mathematicians, have certain specific shortcomings, but that is not the fault of mathematics, for it is equally true of every other exclusive occupation.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

When a philosopher says something that is true then it is trivial. When he says something that is not trivial then it is false.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

I believe you are more believing in the Bible than I. I am not, and, you are much happier than I.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

No contradictions will arise as long as Finite Man does not mistake the infinite for something fixed, as long as he is not led by an acquired habit of mind to regard the infinite as something bounded.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

Arc, amplitude, and curvature sustain a similar relation to each other as time, motion, and velocity, or as volume, mass, and density.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

Less depends upon the choice of words than upon this, that their introduction shall be justified by pregnant theorems.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

The Infinite is only a manner of speaking.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

The total number of Dirichlet's publications is not large: jewels are not weighed on a grocery scale.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

Sophie Germain proved to the world that even a woman can accomplish something in the most rigorous and abstract of sciences and for that reason would well have deserved an honorary degree.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

In mathematics there are no true controversies.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

His second motto: Thou, nature, art my goddess; to thy laws my services are bound.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

It is always noteworthy that all those who seriously study this science [the theory of numbers] conceive a sort of passion for it.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

My young friend, I wish that science would intoxicate you as much as our good Göttingen beer! Upon seeing a student staggering down a street.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

I have the vagary of taking a lively interest in mathematical subjects only where I may anticipate ingenious association of ideas and results

recommending themselves by elegance or generality.

~Carl Friedrich Gauss

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