

Carl Zimmer Quotes

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If you're looking for your own idea of your own identity you know the human genome may not be the best place to look for it. You're just looking at a bunch of viruses.

~Carl Zimmer

One of the big challenges now is to figure out just how many viruses there really are in the human genome. So far the estimate is 8.3% of our genome is virus, but it actually could be a lot higher.

~Carl Zimmer

We really depend on viruses for our complete survival.

~Carl Zimmer

The hand is where the mind meets the world.

~Carl Zimmer

The reason that viruses are so hard to fight, the reason for example we need a flu virus every year is that they evolve very fast.

~Carl Zimmer

We may be sucking in all sorts of viruses and we really don't know the full range of them. Maybe we've got flu virus inside of us. That's a possibility. Maybe we're part flu.

~Carl Zimmer

Borna virus is not a retrovirus. It doesn't actually insert its own genes into our cells. What it does is just hangs out near our DNA and uses some of the molecular machinery to copy itself.

~Carl Zimmer

Evolution is a large political controversy as to what should be taught in the schools. But there is no scientific controversy that we evolved when we talk about evidence from fossils and DNA.

~Carl Zimmer

Evolution has led to some populations of people being able to digest milk without much trouble when they're adults as well.

~Carl Zimmer

Everybody can digest milk when they're little.

~Carl Zimmer

It used to be thought that only a certain kind of virus could get into our genome and it's called a retrovirus and that's a virus that might be HIV for example.

~Carl Zimmer

Viruses don't just make us sick. They can actually sometimes end up in our genomes.

~Carl Zimmer

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