

# Darold Treffert

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The beginning of wisdom is to call things by their right names in research.

~Darold Treffert

Not everyone who has a savant skill I would equate with a genius.

~Darold Treffert

Savant syndrome and autism, I think, are not disorders of brain structure, but they're disorders of brain function.

~Darold Treffert

Savant syndrome, characteristically, consists of left hemisphere dysfunction coupled with right hemisphere emergence, and what you see in the savant are basically right brain skills.

~Darold Treffert

We have medicalized a lot of things that I think are not really medical conditions.

~Darold Treffert

To some extent, we all have quirks or idiosyncrasies, and some geniuses, because of how bright they are and how focused they are, may have liberal eccentricities, but they're not at a disabling level.

~Darold Treffert

There does seem to be a higher educational level in parents of autistic youngsters, and I guess that's something that we need to look into.

~Darold Treffert

The narrower we define autism, and the more strictly we control for particular behaviors, the more likely we are to find what I think are the subgroups of autism.

~Darold Treffert

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