

Enrico Fermi

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The fundamental point in fabricating a chain reacting machine is of course to see to it that each fission produces a certain number of neutrons and some of these neutrons will again produce fission.

~Enrico Fermi

Experimental confirmation of a prediction is merely a measurement. An experiment disproving a prediction is a discovery.

~Enrico Fermi

Before I came here I was confused about this subject. Having listened to your lecture I am still confused. But on a higher level.

~Enrico Fermi

There are two possible outcomes: if the result confirms the hypothesis, then you've made a measurement. If the result is contrary to the hypothesis, then you've made a discovery.

~Enrico Fermi

Never underestimate the joy people derive from hearing something they already know.

~Enrico Fermi

I remember my friend Johnny von Neumann used to say, 'with four parameters I can fit an elephant and with five I can make him wiggle his trunk.'

~Enrico Fermi

It is not good to try to stop knowledge from going forward. Ignorance is never better than knowledge.

~Enrico Fermi

[on what characteristics Nobel prize winning physicists had in common] I cannot think of a single one, not even intelligence.

~Enrico Fermi

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Whatever Nature has in store for mankind, unpleasant as it may be, men must accept, for ignorance is never better than knowledge.

~Enrico Fermi

Ignorance is never better than knowledge

~Enrico Fermi

Young man, if I could remember the names of these particles, I would have been a botanist.

~Enrico Fermi

When asked what he meant by a miracle: Oh, anything with a probability of less than 20%.

~Enrico Fermi

It does not say in the Bible that all laws of nature are expressible linearly!

~Enrico Fermi

I hope it won't take long.

~Enrico Fermi

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