

Erwin Chargaff

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Molecular biology is essentially the practice of biochemistry without a license.

~Erwin Chargaff

Science is wonderfully equipped to answer the question 'How?' but it gets terribly confused when you ask the question 'Why?'

~Erwin Chargaff

If you can modify a cell, it's only a short step to modifying a mouse, and if you can modify a mouse, it's only a step to modifying a higher animal, even man.

~Erwin Chargaff

Outside his own ever-narrowing field of specialization, a scientist is a layman. What members of an academy of science have in common is a certain form of semiparasitic living.

~Erwin Chargaff

One of the most insidious and nefarious properties of scientific models is their tendency to take over, and sometimes supplant, reality.

~Erwin Chargaff

Life is the continuing intervention of the inexplicable.

~Erwin Chargaff

When the so-called think tanks began to replace the thought processes of human beings, I called them the aseptic tanks.

~Erwin Chargaff

If at one time or another I have brushed a few colleagues the wrong way, I must apologize: I had not realized that they were covered with fur.

~Erwin Chargaff

He [said of one or other eminent colleagues] is a very busy man, and half of what he publishes is true, but I don't know which half.

~Erwin Chargaff

Scientific fashions last longer than women's fashions but not as long as men's

~Erwin Chargaff

We manipulate nature as if we were stuffing an Alsatian goose. We create new forms of energy; we make new elements; we kill crops; we wash brains. I can hear them in the dark sharpening their lasers.

~Erwin Chargaff

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