

# Fred Hoyle

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A common sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a superintellect has monkeyed with physics.

~Fred Hoyle

Space isn't remote at all. It's only an hour's drive away if your car could go straight upwards.

~Fred Hoyle

It is the true nature of mankind to learn from mistakes, not from example.

~Fred Hoyle

Once a photograph of the Earth, taken from outside, is available, once the sheer isolation of the Earth becomes known, a new idea as powerful as any in history will be let loose.

~Fred Hoyle

In short there is not a shred of objective evidence to support the hypothesis that life began in an organic soup here on the Earth.

~Fred Hoyle

I have always thought it curious that, while most scientists claim to eschew religion, it actually dominates their thoughts more than it does the clergy.

~Fred Hoyle

There is a coherent plan to the universe, though I don't know what it's a plan for.

~Fred Hoyle

The man who voyages strange seas must of necessity be a little unsure of himself. It is the man with the flashy air of knowing everything, who is always with it, that we should beware of.

~Fred Hoyle

Once I had learnt my twelve times table (at the age of three) it was downhill all the way.

~Fred Hoyle

Things are the way they are because they were the way they were.

~Fred Hoyle

Words are like harpoons. Once they go in, they are very hard to pull out.

~Fred Hoyle

The big bang theory requires a recent origin of the Universe that openly invites the concept of creation.

~Fred Hoyle

It is in the world of ideas and in the relation of his brain to the universe itself that the superiority of Man lies. The rise of Man may justly be described as an adventure in ideas.

~Fred Hoyle

When I was young, the old regarded me as an outrageous young fellow, and now that I'm old the young regard me as an outrageous old fellow.

~Fred Hoyle

A superintellect has monkeyed with physics.

~Fred Hoyle

I don't see the logic of rejecting data just because they seem incredible.

~Fred Hoyle

It is no more likely that our world has evolved out of chaos than that a hurricane, blowing through a junk yard, should create a Boeing.

~Fred Hoyle

Here we are in this wholly fantastic universe with scarcely a clue as to whether our existence has any real significance.

~Fred Hoyle

There are many ways of knocking electrons out of atoms. The simplest is to rub two surfaces together.

~Fred Hoyle

He who lives among dogs must learn to pant.

~Fred Hoyle

Some super-calculating intellect must have designed the properties of the carbon atom, otherwise the chance of my finding such an atom through the blind forces of nature would be utterly minuscule.

~Fred Hoyle

The notion that not only the biopolymer but the operating program of a living cell could be arrived at by chance in a primordial organic soup here on the Earth is evidently nonsense of a high order.

~Fred Hoyle

The main efforts of investigators have been in papering over contradictions in the big bang theory, to build up an idea which has become ever more complex and cumbersome.

~Fred Hoyle

Earlier theories ... were based on the hypothesis that all the matter in the universe was created in one big bang at a particular time in the remote past. [Coining the "big bang" expression.]

~Fred Hoyle

It seems to be a characteristic of all great work that its creators wear a

cloak of imprecision.

~Fred Hoyle

The universe is a put-up job.

~Fred Hoyle

Science is prediction, not explanation.

~Fred Hoyle

Once a photograph of the Earth, taken from outside, is available, we shall, in an emotional sense, acquire an additional dimension.

~Fred Hoyle

I don't see the logic of rejecting data just because they seem incredible ... the establishment defends itself by complicating everything to the point of incomprehensibility.

~Fred Hoyle

Outstanding examples of genius - a Mozart, a Shakespeare, or a Carl Friedrich Gauss - are markers on the path along which our species appears destined to tread.

~Fred Hoyle

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