

Gregory Benford

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It was getting the results that made science worth doing; the accolades were a thin, secondary pleasure.

~Gregory Benford

Once you've grown up in space, moving on means moving out, not going back to Earth. Nobody wants to be a groundpounder.

~Gregory Benford

When the chemistry is right, all the experiments work.

~Gregory Benford

(Crank theories) always violated the first rule of a scientific model: they were uncheckable.

~Gregory Benford

People fear their hidden selves, afraid that they will burst out.

~Gregory Benford

Any technology that does not appear magical is insufficiently advanced.

~Gregory Benford

To shine is better than to reflect.

~Gregory Benford

Passion is inversely proportional to the amount of real information available

~Gregory Benford

Modern economics and the welfare state borrowed heavily on the future.

~Gregory Benford

Science is like literature, a continuing dialog among diverse and

conflicting voices, no one ever wholly right or wholly wrong, but a steady conversation forever provisional and personal and living.

~Gregory Benford

I don't get even, I get odder.

~Gregory Benford

No matter how much you plan for it, the real thing seems curiously, well, unreal.

~Gregory Benford

The personal was, compared with the tides of great nations, a bothersome detail.

~Gregory Benford

In a tough situation, don't avoid acting just because it's easier or comfortable. Don't lapse into a passive state. People who give up, die.

~Gregory Benford

If you are losing at a game, change the game.

~Gregory Benford

Religions do not teach doubt.

~Gregory Benford

The biggest mistake is being too afraid of making one.

~Gregory Benford

They will do anything for the worker, except become one.

~Gregory Benford

Disintegration of structure equals information loss.

~Gregory Benford

One of the laws of nature," Gordon said, "is that half the people have got to be below average." "For a Gaussian distribution, yeah," Cooper said. "Sad, though.

~Gregory Benford

The peers just fill the air with their speeches." "And from what I've seen, vice versa.

~Gregory Benford

Peter Watts delivers-solid, inventive hard sf about the deep sea, but as we've never seen before. This moves like the wind.

~Gregory Benford

At least being prosperous set one apart in England; here it guaranteed nothing, not even taste.

~Gregory Benford

Everybody feels he has a right to a life of luxury - or at least comfort - so there's a lot of frustration and resentment when the dream craps out.

~Gregory Benford

Ugliness is nature's contraceptive.

~Gregory Benford

Any technology that is distinguishable from magic is not sufficiently advanced.

~Gregory Benford

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