

Hermann von Helmholtz

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All that science can achieve is a perfect knowledge and a perfect understanding of the action of natural and moral forces.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

The originator of a new concept...finds, as a rule, that it is much more difficult to find out why other people do not understand him, than it was to discover the new truth.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

Music stands in a much closer connection with pure sensation than any of the other arts.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

Whoever, in the pursuit of science, seeks after immediate practical utility, may generally rest assured that he will seek in vain.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

The quantity of force which can be brought into action in the whole of Nature is unchangeable, and can neither be increased nor diminished.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

A moving body whose motion was not retarded by any resisting force would continue to move to all eternity.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

What we see is the solution to a computational problem, our brains compute the most likely causes from the photon absorptions within our eyes.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

The smallest quantity of alcohol scares away novel ideas.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

Black is real sensation, even if it is produced by entire absence of light.

The sensation of black is distinctly different from the lack of all sensations.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

Each individual fact, taken by itself, can indeed arouse our curiosity or our astonishment, or be useful to us in its practical applications.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

Music strikes the ear as a perfectly undisturbed uniform sound which remains unaltered as long as it exists.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

Reason we call that faculty innate in us of discovering laws and applying them with thought.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

A raised weight can produce work, but in doing so it must necessarily sink from its height, and, when it has fallen as deep as it can fall, its gravity remains as before, but it can no longer do work.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

I think the facts leave no doubt that the very mightiest among the chemical forces are of electric origin. The atoms cling to their electric charges, and opposite electric charges cling to each other.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

A metaphysical conclusion is either a false conclusion or a concealed experimental conclusion.

~Hermann von Helmholtz

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