

# Leo Szilard

## Quotes

*Thinking, Doe, Important, Years, Science, Men, Jobs, Two, Scientist, Lying, World, Play, Thickness, Knowledge, Aim, Sorrow, Produce, Ideas, Home, Done*

If you want to succeed in the world, you don't have to be much cleverer than other people. You just have to be one day earlier.

~Leo Szilard

Three stages of truth for scientists: It's not true. If it is true, it's not very important. We knew it all along.

~Leo Szilard

You may assume infinite ignorance and unlimited intelligence.

~Leo Szilard

We turned the switch, saw the flashes, watched for ten minutes, then switched everything off and went home. That night I knew the world was headed for sorrow.

~Leo Szilard

Even if we accept, as the basic tenet of true democracy, that one moron is equal to one genius, is it necessary to go a further step and hold that two morons are better than one genius?

~Leo Szilard

Do not destroy what you cannot create.

~Leo Szilard

Do your work for six years; but in the seventh, go into solitude or among strangers, so that the memory of your friends does not hinder you from being what you have become.

~Leo Szilard

If one knows only what one is told, one does not know enough to be able to arrive at a well-balanced decision.

~Leo Szilard

A scientist's aim in a discussion with his colleagues is not to persuade,

but to clarify.

~Leo Szilard

I'm looking for a market for wisdom.

~Leo Szilard

Pronouncement of experts to the effect that something cannot be done has always irritated me.

~Leo Szilard

I am thinking of keeping a diary, not with the intend to publish it, merely to record the facts for the information of God, in case God does not know my version of the facts.

~Leo Szilard

Science is progressing at such a rapid rate that when you make a prediction and think you are ahead of your time by 100 years you may be ahead of your time by 10 at most.

~Leo Szilard

I'm all in favor of the democratic principle that one idiot is as good as one genius, but I draw the line when someone takes the next step and concludes that two idiots are better than one genius.

~Leo Szilard

The most important step in getting a job done is the recognition of the problem. Once I recognize a problem I usually can think of someone who can work it out better than I could.

~Leo Szilard

When a scientist says something, his colleagues must ask themselves only whether it is true. When a politician says something, his colleagues must first of all ask, 'Why does he say it?'

~Leo Szilard

If the thickness is larger than the critical value I can produce an explosion.

~Leo Szilard

In science it is not enough to think of an important problem on which to work. It is also necessary to know the means which could be used to investigate the problem.

~Leo Szilard

Don't lie if you don't have to.

~Leo Szilard

A man's clarity of judgment is never very good when you're involved, and as you grow older, and as you grow more involved, your clarity of judgement suffers.

~Leo Szilard

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