

Louis Agassiz

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The glacier was God's great plough . . . set at work ages ago to grind, furrow, and knead over, as it were, the surface of the earth?

~Louis Agassiz

Study nature not books

~Louis Agassiz

The study of Nature is intercourse with the Highest Mind.

~Louis Agassiz

I cannot afford to waste my time making money

~Louis Agassiz

The time has come when scientific truth must cease to be the property of the few, when it must be woven into the common life of the world.

~Louis Agassiz

Nature brings us back to absolute truth whenever we wander.

~Louis Agassiz

Facts are stupid until brought into connection with some general law.

~Louis Agassiz

Every great scientific truth goes through three states: first, people say it conflicts with the Bible; next, they say it has been discovered before; lastly, they say they always believed it.

~Louis Agassiz

It is the job of prophets and scientists alike to proclaim the glories of God.

~Louis Agassiz

I sometimes hear preachers speak of the sad condition of men who live without God in the world, but a scientist who lives without God in the

world seems to me worse off than ordinary men.

~Louis Agassiz

A laboratory of natural history is a sanctuary where nothing profane should be tolerated. I feel less agony at improprieties in churches than in a scientific laboratory.

~Louis Agassiz

The theory [of evolution] is a scientific mistake.

~Louis Agassiz

Philosophers and theologians have yet to learn that a physical fact is as sacred as a moral principle. Our own nature demands from us this double allegiance.

~Louis Agassiz

The resources of the Deity cannot be so meagre, that, in order to create a human being endowed with reason, he must change a monkey into a man.

~Louis Agassiz

The facts will eventually test all our theories, and they form, after all, the only impartial jury to which we can appeal.

~Louis Agassiz

The possibilities of existence run so deeply into the extravagant that there is scarcely any conception too extraordinary for Nature to realise.

~Louis Agassiz

In Europe I have been accused of taking my scientific ideas from the Church. In America I have been called a heretic, because I will not let my church-going friends pat me on the head.

~Louis Agassiz

Embryology furnishes, also, the best measure of true affinities existing between animals.

~Louis Agassiz

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