

Martin Gardner Quotes

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In many cases a dull proof can be supplemented by a geometric analogue so simple and beautiful that the truth of a theorem is almost seen at a glance.

~Martin Gardner

All mathematicians share... a sense of amazement over the infinite depth and the mysterious beauty and usefulness of mathematics.

~Martin Gardner

The last level of metaphor in the Alice books is this: that life, viewed rationally and without illusion, appears to be a nonsense tale told by an idiot mathematician.

~Martin Gardner

Mathematics is not only real, but it is the only reality.

~Martin Gardner

The sudden hunch, the creative leap of mind that "sees" in a flash how to solve a problem in a simple way, is something quite different from general intelligence.

~Martin Gardner

A surprising proportion of mathematicians are accomplished musicians. Is it because music and mathematics share patterns that are beautiful?

~Martin Gardner

As Bertrand Russell once wrote, two plus two is four even in the interior of the sun.

~Martin Gardner

In no other branch of mathematics is it so easy for experts to blunder as in probability theory.

~Martin Gardner

The universe is almost like a huge magic trick and scientists are trying to figure out how it does what it does.

~Martin Gardner

A god whose creation is so imperfect that he must be continually adjusting it to make it work properly seems to me a god of relatively low order, hardly worthy of any worship.

~Martin Gardner

Mathemagical mathematics combines the beauty of mathematical structure with the entertainment value of a trick.

~Martin Gardner

There is still a difference between something and nothing, but it is purely geometrical and there is nothing behind the geometry.

~Martin Gardner

Modern science should indeed arouse in all of us a humility before the immensity of the unexplored and a tolerance for crazy hypotheses.

~Martin Gardner

Although Lewis Carroll thought of *The Hunting of the Snark* as a nonsense ballad for children, it is hard to imagine - in fact one shudders to imagine - a child of today reading and enjoying it.

~Martin Gardner

The computers are not replacing mathematicians; they are breeding them.

~Martin Gardner

The violence and double-talk in the Alice books probably does no harm to children, but the novels should not be allowed to circulate indiscriminately among adults who are undergoing analysis.

~Martin Gardner

As I have often said, electrons and gerbils don't cheat. People do.

~Martin Gardner

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