

Martin Rees

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In future, children won't perceive the stars as mere twinkling points of light: they'll learn that each is a 'Sun', orbited by planets fully as interesting as those in our Solar system.

~Martin Rees

Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.

~Martin Rees

It will not be humans who watch the sun's demise, six billion years from now. Any creatures that then exist will be as different from us as we are from bacteria or amoebae.

~Martin Rees

I think a few hundred years from now we'll start having the 'posthuman' era of different species.

~Martin Rees

It's better to read first rate science fiction than second rate science-it's a lot more fun, and no more likely to be wrong.

~Martin Rees

I hope that by 2050 the entire solar system will have been explored and mapped by flotillas of tiny robotic craft.

~Martin Rees

We need to broaden our sympathies both in space and time - and perceive ourselves as part of a long heritage, and stewards for an immense future.

~Martin Rees

Science is a part of culture. Indeed, it is the only truly global culture because protons and proteins are the same all over the world, and it's the one culture we can all share.

~Martin Rees

I'm not myself religious but have no wish to insult or denigrate those who are.

~Martin Rees

I think all countries need to aim to cut the CO2 emissions per person, taking account of externalities like imports and exports.

~Martin Rees

The carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere is measured. It's uncontroversial. It's going up. We know that has a tendency to warm the atmosphere and we should be worried about that.

~Martin Rees

The 'clean energy' challenge deserves a commitment akin to the Manhattan project or the Apollo moon landing.

~Martin Rees

Crucial to science education is hands-on involvement: showing, not just telling; real experiments and field trips and not just "virtual reality".

~Martin Rees

An insect is more complex than a star..and is a far greater challenge to understand.

~Martin Rees

To ensure continuing prosperity in the global economy, nothing is more important than the development and application of knowledge and skills.

~Martin Rees

God invented space so that not everything had to happen in Princeton.

~Martin Rees

Collective human actions are transforming, even ravaging, the

biosphere - perhaps irreversibly - through global warming and loss of biodiversity.

~Martin Rees

The extreme sophistication of modern technology - wonderful though its benefits are - is, ironically, an impediment to engaging young people with basics: with learning how things work.

~Martin Rees

The U.S., France, Germany and Canada have all responded to the financial crisis by boosting rather than cutting their science funding. The U.K. has not.

~Martin Rees

Experiments that crash atoms together could start a chain reaction that erodes everything on Earth.

~Martin Rees

The politics is far harder than the science. And even if we accept the science we have a big issue of how to deal with it.

~Martin Rees

Some claim that computers will, by 2050, achieve human capabilities. Of course, in some respects they already have.

~Martin Rees

All space projects push the frontiers of technology and are drivers of innovation.

~Martin Rees

Nuclear weapons can be dismantled, but they cannot be uninvented.

~Martin Rees

The universe is still a place of mystery and wonder.

~Martin Rees

Science isn't just for scientists - it's not just a training for careers.

~Martin Rees

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