

Oliver Heaviside

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Why should I refuse a good dinner simply because I don't understand the digestive processes involved?

~Oliver Heaviside

Shall I refuse my dinner because I do not fully understand the process of digestion?

~Oliver Heaviside

The best result of mathematics is to be able to do without it.

~Oliver Heaviside

Theory is the essence of facts. Without theory scientific knowledge would be only worthy of the madhouse.

~Oliver Heaviside

If it is love that makes the world go round, it is self-induction that makes electromagnetic waves go round the world.

~Oliver Heaviside

Mathematics is an experimental science, and definitions do not come first, but later on.

~Oliver Heaviside

...there is no absolute scale of size in nature, and the small may be as important, or more so than the great.

~Oliver Heaviside

Euclid for children is barbarous.

~Oliver Heaviside

Logic can be patient, for it is eternal.

~Oliver Heaviside

Waves from moving sources: Adagio. Andante. Allegro moderato.

~Oliver Heaviside

However absurd it may seem, I do in all seriousness hereby declare that I am animated mainly by philanthropic motives. I desire to do good to my fellow creatures, even to the Cui bonos.

~Oliver Heaviside

Criticized for using formal mathematical manipulations, without understanding how they worked: Should I refuse a good dinner simply because I do not understand the process of digestion?

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