

# Paul Davies

## Quotes

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It will be in the convergence of evolutionary biology, developmental biology and cancer biology that the answer to cancer will lie. Nor will this confluence be a one-way street.

~Paul Davies

The thing about lucid dreams is that it's not like the real world where you are constrained by all sorts of things, including the laws of physics - you can do magic.

~Paul Davies

It may seem bizarre, but in my opinion science offers a surer path to God than religion.

~Paul Davies

The laws of physics ... seem to be the product of exceedingly ingenious design... The universe must have a purpose.

~Paul Davies

In science, a healthy skepticism is a professional necessity, whereas in religion, having belief without evidence is regarded as a virtue.

~Paul Davies

If we knew we were not alone in the universe it would have a very, very deep impact on our worldview, on our understanding of our place in the universe.

~Paul Davies

To a physicist life looks nothing short of a miracle. It's just amazing what living things can do.

~Paul Davies

The Goldilocks Enigma is the idea that everything in the universe is just right for life, like the porridge in the fairy tale.

~Paul Davies

Science is about explaining the world, and religion is about interpreting it. There shouldn't be any conflict.

~Paul Davies

Technology is, in the broadest sense, mind or intelligence or purpose blending with nature.

~Paul Davies

Is there anything science should not try to explain? Science is knowledge and knowledge is power - power to do good or evil. Sometimes ignorance is bliss.

~Paul Davies

Many billions of years will elapse before the smallest, youngest stars complete their nuclear burning and shrink into white dwarfs. But with slow, agonizing finality perpetual night will surely fall.

~Paul Davies

Mathematics is universal. It's discovered by human beings, but the rules of mathematics are the same throughout the universe and the laws of the universe.

~Paul Davies

We will never fully explain the world by appealing to something outside it that must simply be accepted on faith, be it an unexplained God or an unexplained set of mathematical laws.

~Paul Davies

To expect alien technology to be just a few decades ahead of ours is too incredible to be taken seriously.

~Paul Davies

The anthropic principle is an unfortunate name as it implies something about humanity.

~Paul Davies

For millennia mankind has believed that nothing can come out of nothing. Today we can argue that everything has come out of nothing. Nobody has to pay for the universe. It is the ultimate free lunch.

~Paul Davies

Many investigators feel uneasy stating in public that the origin of life is a mystery, even though behind closed doors they admit they are baffled.

~Paul Davies

The question not many ask is: why are the laws of physics like they are?

~Paul Davies

The origin of life is one of the great outstanding mysteries of science.

~Paul Davies

The secret of our success on planet Earth is space. Lots of it. Our solar system is a tiny island of activity in an ocean of emptiness.

~Paul Davies

Scientists are slowly waking up to an inconvenient truth - the universe looks suspiciously like a fix. The issue concerns the very laws of nature themselves.

~Paul Davies

Man-made computers are limited in their performance by finite processing speed and memory. So, too, the cosmic computer is limited in power by its age and the finite speed of light.

~Paul Davies

Cancer touches every family in one way or another. As other diseases are brought under control, cancer is set to become the number one

killer, and is already in epidemic proportions worldwide.

~Paul Davies

Although the elusive 'cure' may be a distant dream, understanding the true nature of cancer will enable it to be better controlled and less menacing.

~Paul Davies

The Eerie Silence: are we alone in the universe?

~Paul Davies

Ultimate questions will always lie beyond the scope of empirical science as it is.

~Paul Davies

Things changed with the discovery of neutron stars and black holes - objects with gravitational fields so intense that dramatic space and time-warping effects occur.

~Paul Davies

Even if we don't have a precise idea of exactly what took place at the beginning, we can at least see that the origin of the universe from nothing need not be unlawful or unnatural or unscientific.

~Paul Davies

Cancer is such a ruthless adversary because it behaves as if it has its own fiendishly cunning agenda.

~Paul Davies

In the frantic search for an elusive 'cure,' few researchers stand back and ask a very basic question: why does cancer exist? What is its place in the grand story of life?

~Paul Davies

I always look on the black side of life. That way, you won't be disappointed and I'm cheerful if it doesn't work out. I'm a cheerful pessimist.

~Paul Davies

Studying cancer could provide huge insights for astrobiologists into the nature of life itself.

~Paul Davies

It's always good in science to say "Well how do you know that?" and "Are you really sure?" and "Could there be an exceptional case?"

~Paul Davies

When I was a student, the laws of physics were regarded as completely off limits. The job of the scientist, we were told, is to discover the laws and apply them, not inquire into their provenance.

~Paul Davies

The universe contains vastly more order than Earth-life could ever demand. All those distant galaxies, irrelevant for our existence, seem as equally well ordered as our own.

~Paul Davies

Through conscious beings the universe has generated self-awareness. This can be no trivial detail, no minor byproduct of mindless, purposeless forces. We are truly meant to be here.

~Paul Davies

Cancer is like another form of life. It's closely related to healthy life. A healthy body is one form of life. Cancer is in a way nature's experiment with life.

~Paul Davies

The secret of life does not lie in its chemical basis . . . Life succeeds

precisely because it evades chemical imperatives.

~Paul Davies

Scientists have no agreed theory of the origin of life - plenty of scenarios, conjectures and just-so stories, but nothing with solid experimental support.

~Paul Davies

It's only fashion that has said the pendulum has swung from extreme skepticism about extraterrestrial life to extreme credulity. The truth is somewhere in between.

~Paul Davies

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