

# Santiago Ramon y Cajal Quotes

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The brain is a world consisting of a number of unexplored continents and great stretches of unknown territory.

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

As long as our brain is a mystery, the universe, the reflection of the structure of the brain will also be a mystery.

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

Every man if he so desires becomes sculptor of his own brain.

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

The worst part is not in making a mistake but in trying to justify it, instead of using it as a heaven-sent warning of our mindlessness or our ignorance.

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

In summary, all great work is the fruit of patience and perseverance, combined with tenacious concentration on a subject over a period of months or years.

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

Unfortunately, nature seems unaware of our intellectual need for convenience and unity, and very often takes delight in complication and diversity.

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

There are no small problems. Problems that appear small are large problems that are not understood

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

It is idle to dispute with old men. Their opinions, like their cranial sutures, are ossified.

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

In adult centers the nerve paths are something fixed, ended, immutable. Everything may die, nothing may be regenerated.

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

That which enters the mind through reason can be corrected. That which is admitted through faith, hardly ever.

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

To know the brain...is equivalent to ascertaining the material course of thought and will, to discovering the intimate history of life in its perpetual duel with external forces.

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

Nothing inspires more reverence and awe in me than an old man who knows how to change his mind.

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

Buffon said unreservedly, "Genius is simply patience carried to the extreme." To those who asked how he achieved fame he replied: "By spending forty years of my life bent over my writing desk."

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

It is notorious that the desire to live increases as life itself shortens.

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

What a cruel irony of fate, to pair together, like Siamese twins united by the shoulders, scientific adversaries of such contrasting character!

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

Physical pain is easily forgotten, but a moral chagrin lasts indefinitely.

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

Intellectual beauty is sufficient unto itself, and only for it rather than for the future good of humanity does the scholar condemn himself to

arduous and painful labors.

~Santiago Ramon y Cajal

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