

# Stanislaw Ulam

## Quotes

*Mathematics, Years, Littles, Brain, Able, World, Important, Three, Technology, Connections, May, Exactly Is, Latin, Formulas, Certain, Two, Pieces, Giving, Physics, Way*

Whatever is worth saying, can be stated in fifty words or less.

~Stanislaw Ulam

Knowing what is big and what is small is more important than being able to solve partial differential equations.

~Stanislaw Ulam

I am turned off when I see only formulas and symbols, and little text.

~Stanislaw Ulam

It is still an unending source of surprise for me how a few scribbles on a blackboard or on a piece of paper can change the course of human affairs.

~Stanislaw Ulam

Thoughts are steered in different ways.

~Stanislaw Ulam

The infinite we shall do right away. The finite may take a little longer.

~Stanislaw Ulam

The mathematicians know a great deal about very little and the physicists very little about a great deal.

~Stanislaw Ulam

It is most important in creative science not to give up. If you are an optimist you will be willing to "try" more than if you are a pessimist.

~Stanislaw Ulam

What exactly is mathematics? Many have tried but nobody has really succeeded in defining mathematics; it is always something else.

~Stanislaw Ulam

Do not lose your faith. A mighty fortress is our mathematics.

Mathematics will rise to the challenge, as it always has.

~Stanislaw Ulam

Mathematics may be a way of developing physically, that is anatomically, new connections in the brain.

~Stanislaw Ulam

It was not so much that I was doing mathematics, but rather that mathematics had taken possession of me.

~Stanislaw Ulam

Ada came from Lwów. She was a very good looking girl who was studying mathematics at the University of Geneva. For a few years I had an off-and-on romance with her.

~Stanislaw Ulam

He [John von Neumann] had the invaluable faculty of being able to take the most difficult problem and separate it into its components, whereupon everything looked brilliantly simple.

~Stanislaw Ulam

Sometimes I feel that a more rational explanation for all that has happened during my lifetime is that I am still only thirteen years old, reading Jules Verne or H. G. Wells, and have fallen asleep.

~Stanislaw Ulam

I am always amazed how much a certain facility with a special and apparently narrow technique can accomplish.

~Stanislaw Ulam

With sixty professors there are roughly eighteen hundred pairs of professors. Out of that many pairs it was not surprising that there were some whose members did not like one another.

~Stanislaw Ulam

... there's nothing new under the sun - everything can be traced back to Archimedes or even earlier.

~Stanislaw Ulam

It is not so much whether a theorem is useful that matters, but how elegant it is.

~Stanislaw Ulam

For many years I was the youngest among my mathematical friends. It makes me melancholy to realize that I now have become the oldest in most groups of scientists.

~Stanislaw Ulam

According to recent studies, at least one star out of three is multiple.

~Stanislaw Ulam

Rota's personality is compatible with mine.

~Stanislaw Ulam

In mathematics, as in physics, so much depends on chance, on a propitious moment.

~Stanislaw Ulam

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