

Theodosius Dobzhansky

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Nothing in biology makes sense except in the light of evolution.

~Theodosius Dobzhansky

The more we know, the better we realize that our knowledge is a little island in the midst of an ocean of ignorance.

~Theodosius Dobzhansky

Does the evolutionary doctrine clash with religious faith? It does not. It is a blunder to mistake the Holy Scriptures for elementary textbooks of astronomy, geology, biology, and anthropology.

~Theodosius Dobzhansky

Natural selection must be replaced by eugenical artificial selection. This idea constitutes the sound core of eugenics, the applied science of human betterment.

~Theodosius Dobzhansky

The living world is not a single array... connected by unbroken series of intergrades.

~Theodosius Dobzhansky

No evidence is powerful enough to force acceptance of a conclusion that is emotionally distasteful.

~Theodosius Dobzhansky

Nature's stern discipline enjoins mutual help at least as often as warfare. The fittest may also be the gentlest.

~Theodosius Dobzhansky

Scientists often have a naive faith that if only they could discover enough facts about a problem, these facts would somehow arrange themselves in a compelling and true solution.

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Pat answers to complex problems are the hallmark of intellectual mediocrity

~Theodosius Dobzhansky

No known human group... simply throw out its dead without any ritual or ceremony. In stark contrast, no animal practices burial of dead individuals of its own species.

~Theodosius Dobzhansky

An accident, a random change, in any delicate mechanism can hardly be expected to improve it. Poking a stick into the machinery of one's watch or one's radio set will seldom make it work better.

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Man is the only living being who has a developed self-awareness and death-awareness.

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