

# Vannevar Bush

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Play, Long, Important, Belief, Law, Use, People, Real, Talking, Logical*

Science has a simple faith, which transcends utility... It is the faith that it is the privilege of man to learn to understand, and that this is his mission.

~Vannevar Bush

Fear cannot be banished, but it can be calm and without panic; it can be mitigated by reason and evaluation.

~Vannevar Bush

Science can give mankind a better standard of living, better health and a better mental life, if mankind in turn gives science the sympathy and support so essential to its progress.

~Vannevar Bush

To pursue science is not to disparage the things of the spirit. In fact, to pursue science rightly is to furnish the framework on which the spirit may rise.

~Vannevar Bush

As long as scientists are free to pursue the truth wherever it may lead, there will be a flow of new scientific knowledge to those who can apply it to practical problems.

~Vannevar Bush

Give these people money, let them play, and they'll come up with something.

~Vannevar Bush

Publication has been extended far beyond our present ability to make real use of the record.

~Vannevar Bush

Basic scientific research is scientific capital.

~Vannevar Bush

Wholly new forms of encyclopedias will appear, ready made with a mesh of associative trails running through them, ready to be dropped into the memex and there amplified.

~Vannevar Bush

The world has arrived at an age of cheap complex devices of great reliability, and something is bound to come of it.

~Vannevar Bush

The scene changes but the aspirations of men of good will persist.

~Vannevar Bush

Scientific progress on a broad front results from the free play of free intellects, working on subjects of their own choice, in the manner dictated by their curiosity for exploration of the unknown.

~Vannevar Bush

There will always be plenty of things to compute in the detailed affairs of millions of people doing complicated things.

~Vannevar Bush

If scientific reasoning were limited to the logical processes of arithmetic, we should not get very far in our understanding of the physical world

~Vannevar Bush

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Presumably man's spirit should be elevated if he can better review his shady past and analyze more completely and objectively his present problems.

~Vannevar Bush

A belief may be larger than a fact.

~Vannevar Bush

Knowledge for the sake of understanding, not merely to prevail, that is the essence of our being. None can define its limits, or set its ultimate boundaries.

~Vannevar Bush

The camera hound of the future wears on his forehead a lump a little larger than a walnut.

~Vannevar Bush

Thus science may implement the ways in which man produces, stores, and consults the record of the race.

~Vannevar Bush

A record, if it is to be useful to science, must be continuously extended, it must be stored, and above all it must be consulted.

~Vannevar Bush

A belief may be larger than a fact. A faith that is overdefined is the very faith most likely to prove inadequate to the great moments of life.

~Vannevar Bush

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