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'A man with only one theory is a lost man.'

BERTOLT BRECHT, 1898-1956

'The will to a system is a lack of integrity.'

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE, 1844-1900

'Science is the belief in the ignorance of experts.'

RICHARD FEYNMAN, 1918-88

'Knowledge is the small part of ignorance that we arrange and classify.'

AMBROSE BIERCE, 1842-1914

'Man is a credulous animal, and must believe something; in the absence of good grounds for belief, he will be satisfied with bad ones.'

BERTRAND RUSSELL, 1872-1970

'We must rise above the obsession with quantity of information and speed of transmission, and recognize that the key issue for us is our ability to organize this information once it has been amassed – to assimilate it, find meaning in it.'

GREGORIAN VARTAN, 1934-

'Information is acquired by being told, whereas knowledge can be acquired by thinking.'

FRITZ MACHLUP, 1902-83

'It is the mark of an educated man to look for precision in each class of things just so far as the nature of the subject admits; it is evidently foolish to accept probable reasoning from a mathematician and to demand from a rhetorician scientific proofs.'

ARISTOTLE, 384-322 BCE

'The average man's opinions are much less foolish than they would be if he thought for himself.'

BERTRAND RUSSELL, 1872-1970

'If 50 million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing.'

ANATOLE FRANCE, 1844-1924

'If the world should blow itself up, the last audible voice would be that of an expert saying it can't be done.'

PETER USTINOV, 1921-2004

'Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it.'

SAMUEL JOHNSON, 1709-84

'The more connections and interconnections we ascertain, the more we know the object in question.'

JOHN DEWEY, 1859-1952

Linking Questions

