If people don't have a good sense of humour, they are usually not very good scientists either.

Andre Geim (Nobel Prize, 2010)

You will always be lucky if you know how to make friends with strange cats.

-- ancient proverb

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

Chance favors the prepared mind.

Louis Pasteur

To escape criticism—do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.

Elbert Hubbard

Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand.

Albert Einstein

The only one who really likes change is a wet baby.

The First Rule of Holes:

When you are in one, stop digging.

Never confuse motion with action.

Ernest Hemingway

Basic research is what I am doing when I don't know what I am doing.

Wernher von Braun

Beer is a sign that God loves us and wants us to be happy.

Benjamin Franklin

From error to error, one discovers truth.

Sigmund Freud

You can't always get what you want.
But if you try sometime
You just might find
You get what you need.

Mick Jagger

Why do we park in driveways and drive on parkways??

Genius is 1 % inspiration and 99 % perspiration.

Albert Einstein

We must become the change we want to see.

Gandhi

The only difference between a rut and a grave is depth.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

In the world of politics, if you want something said, ask a man. If you want something done, ask a woman.

Margaret Thatcher

Cats' hearing apparatus is built to allow the human voice to go easily in one ear and out the other.

Stephen Baker

Nothing done for a child is ever wasted.

Walt Disney

There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats.

Albert Schweitzer

There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.

Albert Einstein

The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.

Thomas Jefferson

Don't compromise yourself.
You are all you've got.

Janis Japlin

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.

Abraham Lincoln

It isn't necessary to imagine the world ending in fire or ice. There are two possibilities: one is paperwork, and the other is nostalgia.

Frank Zappa

There is no god higher than truth.

Gandhi

Touch a scientist and you touch a child.

Ray Bradbury

Crocodiles are easy. They try to kill and eat you. People are harder. Sometimes they pretend to be your friend first.

Steve Irwin (1962-2006)

I like pigs. Always remember, a cat looks down on a man, a dog looks up to a man, but a pig will look a man right in the eye and see his equal.

Winston Churchill

A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song.

Maya Angelou

A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral.

Antoine de Saint Exupery

Anyone who can be replaced by a machine deserves to be.

Dennis Gunton

Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!!

Dr. Seuss

Time spent laughing is time spent with the gods.

Japanese proverb

One day your life will flash before your eyes.
Make sure it is worth watching.

Always in motion is the future.

Yoda

Baseball is the only field of endeavor where a man can succeed three times out of ten and be considered a good performer.

Ted Williams

In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous.

Aristotle

Whoever said "nothing's impossible" never tried to nail Jell-o to a tree.

Lisa Bryant

I think computer viruses should count as life. I think it says something about human nature that the only form of life we have created so far is purely destructive. We've created life in our own image.

Stephen Hawking

The early bird gets the worm. The second mouse gets the cheese.

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take eyes off your goal.

Henry Ford

Those who write clearly have readers, those who write obscurely have commentators.

Abraham Lincoln.

Ones mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.

Do or do not. There is no try.

Yoda

But they are useless. They can only give you answers.

Pablo Picasso, about computers

Duct tape is like The Force. It has a light side, a dark side, and it holds the universe together.

Oprah Winfrey

Enthusiasm is a very good lubrication for the mind.

Imagine a cat. Now, take away independence, cleanliness, and intelligence, and basically you have a dog.

Older Cat

Your disposition, not your position, determines happiness.

Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes.

Carl Jung

It is a good morning exercise for a research scientist to discard a pet hypothesis every day before breakfast. It keeps him young.

Konrad Lorenz

A new scientific truth does not triumph by convincing its opponents and making them see the light, but rather because its opponents eventually die, and a new generation grows up that is familiar with it.

Max Planck

When you take stuff from one writer it's plagiarism; but when you take it from many writers, it's research.

Wilson Mizner

Give a man a fish,
and he eats for a day.
Teach a man to fish,
and he spends the rest of the day
in a boat drinking beer.

The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries, is not 'Eureka!' (I've found it!), but 'That's funny...'

Isaac Asimov

The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage.

Ernest Rutherford

I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.

Thomas Edison

I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.

IBM Chairman Thomas Watson, 1943

Computers in the future may have only 1,000 vacuum tubes and perhaps only weigh 1 1/2 tons.

Popular Mechanics, 1949

Any science or technology which is sufficiently advanced is indistinguishable from magic.

Arthur C. Clarke

The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today's work superbly well.

William Osler, Canadian physician Better never means better for everyone...it always means worse, for some.

Margaret Atwood