

Take those frauds who practice pseudoscience—do you know who they’re most afraid of?”

“Scientists, of course.”

“No. Many of the best scientists can be fooled by pseudoscience and sometimes devote their lives to it. But pseudoscience is afraid of one particular type of people who are very hard to fool: stage magicians. In fact, many pseudoscientific hoaxes were exposed by stage magicians. Compared to the bookworms of the scientific world, your experience as a cop makes you far more likely to perceive such a large-scale conspiracy.”

— The Three-Body Problem

Cixin Liu’nun *The Three-Body Problem* (Üç Kütle Problemi) kitabından bir alıntı. Sahtebilimle uğraşanlar kimden korkar? Bilimcilerden değil, sahne sibirbazlarından. Bilimcilerin zihni daima bir *tutarlılık* arıyor çünkü, boşlukları doldurmaya ayarlı zihni illüzyonların arasını doldurup *mantıklı* hale getiriyor. Sihirbazların da *sanatı* bu, insanlara çaktırmadan *hayal kurdurmak*.