

A dictionary of scientific quotations

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The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations: A Comprehensive Overview**

Origins and History

The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations traces its beginnings to the turn of the 20th century. In 1926, Oxford University Press published a dictionary of quotations compiled by British author and scholar Paul Harvey. This initial edition contained approximately 20,000 entries and went through several revisions and expansions over the decades.

Publication History

The first edition of the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations was published in 1926. The second edition was published in 1934, followed by the third edition in 1953. The fourth edition, significantly expanded and updated, was published in 1979. The fifth edition, which included quotations from a wider range of sources, was published in 2004. The sixth edition, the latest version to date, was published in 2014.

Most Quoted Authors

The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations features quotations from a vast array of authors, spanning centuries and cultures. Among the most frequently quoted authors are:

- William Shakespeare
- The Bible
- Alfred Lord Tennyson
- Samuel Johnson
- Oscar Wilde

Quotes About Science

The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations includes numerous quotes about science and its limits. One notable quote is:

"Science is a systematic way of probing and understanding the world around us." - Carl Sagan

Another famous scientific quote is:

"Science cannot solve the ultimate mystery of nature. And that is because, in the last analysis, we ourselves are a part of the mystery that we are trying to solve." - Max Planck

Einstein's Quote

Albert Einstein, one of the most influential scientists of the 20th century, is quoted in the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations as saying:

"If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough."

Aristotle's Quote

The ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle is quoted in the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations as saying:

"Science is organized knowledge."

Complete Dictionary of Scientific Biography

The Oxford University Press also published the Complete Dictionary of Scientific Biography, edited by Charles Gillispie. This monumental work, published in 1970-1980, contains biographies of over 15,000 scientists from all eras.

Oxford Dictionary Learner's Dictionary

The Oxford Learner's Dictionary is a popular resource for students and learners of English. The first edition was published in 1978, and the dictionary has been updated and revised regularly since then.

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