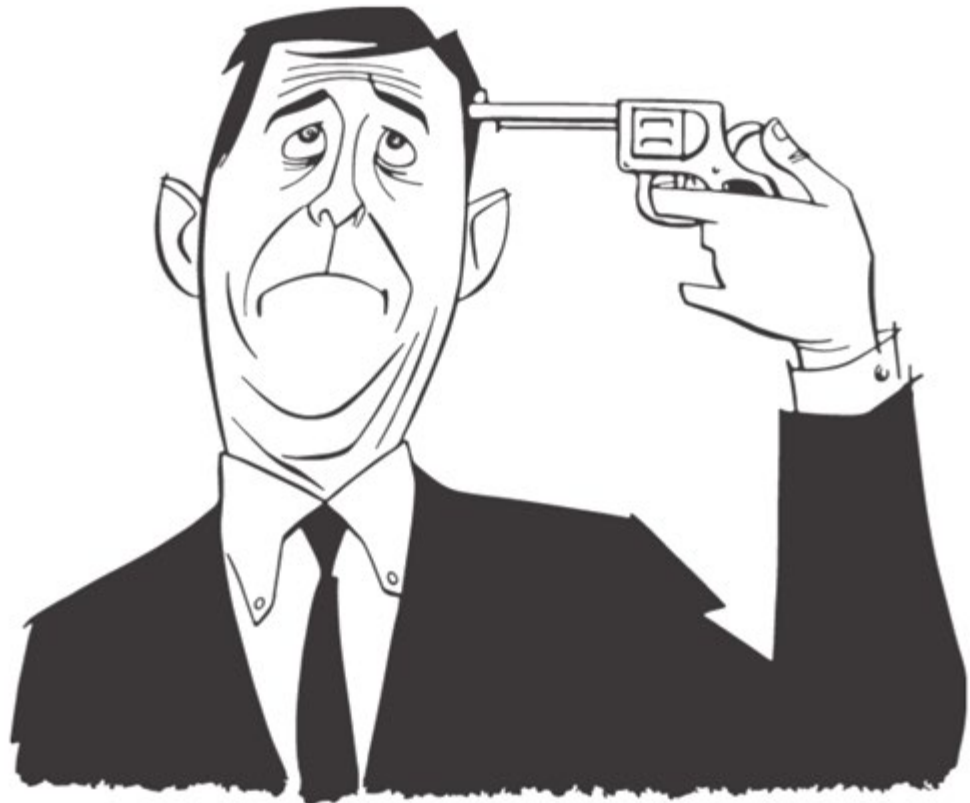
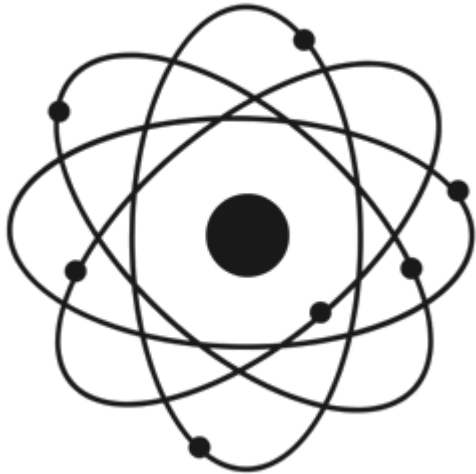


# 10 Greatest Minds who Committed Suicide





## **In memory of Alan Turing**

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# Alan Turing



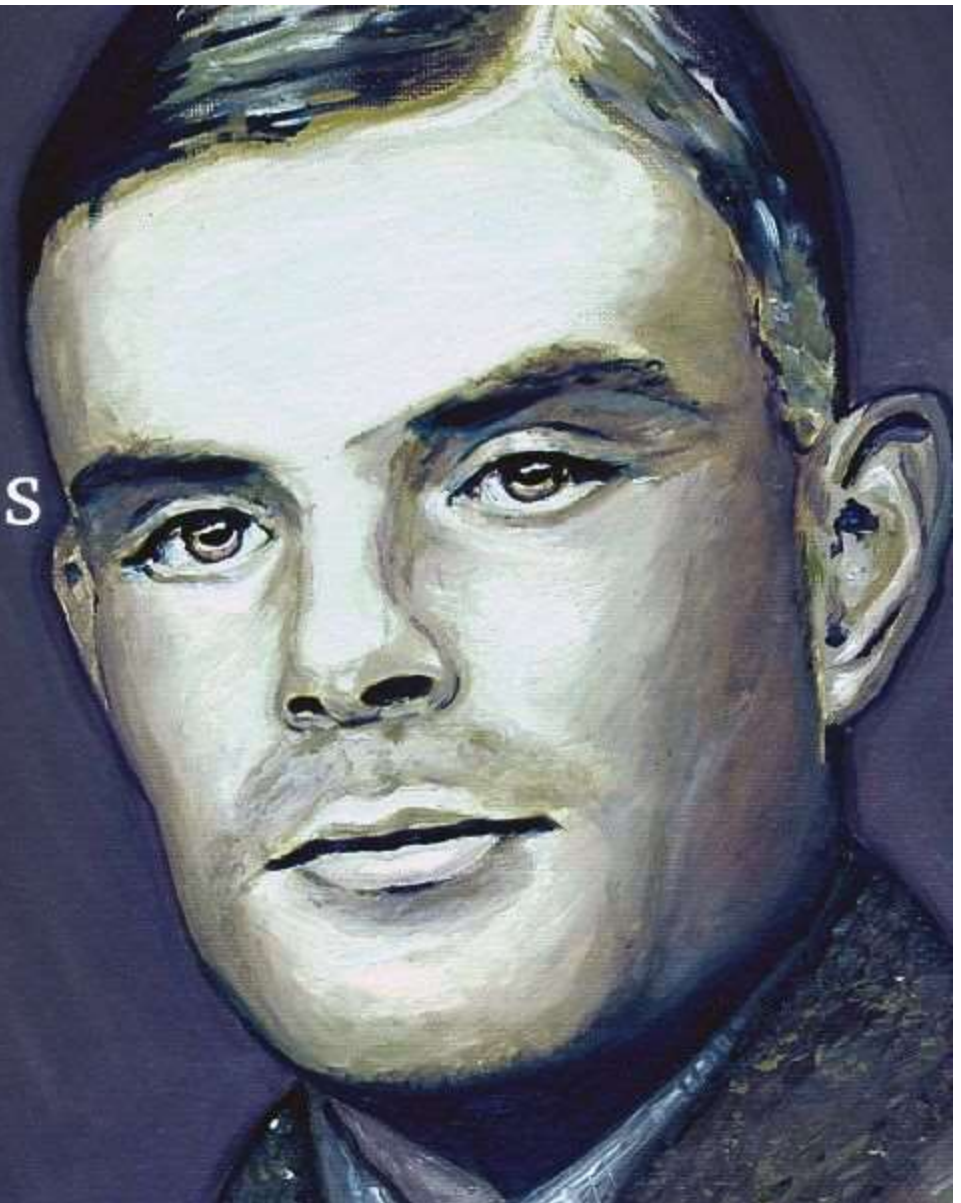
**Cause of death: Suicide**  
**by eating an apple laced**  
**with cyanide**

**Founding father of artificial intelligence and of modern**  
**cognitive science**



“Sometimes  
it's the people  
no one imagines  
anything  
of who do  
the things  
that no  
one can  
imagine.”

Alan Turing



# Wallace Carothers

**Cause of death:** Suicide by  
drinking potassium cyanide



**American chemist who developed nylon**

My interest in chemistry was started by reading Robert Kennedy Duncan's popular books while a high school student in Des Moines, Iowa, so that after some delay when it was possible for me to go to college I had definitely decided to specialize in chemistry.

Wallace Carothers





# George Eastman



**Cause of death:** Suicide by  
gunshot

The pioneer of **popular photography** and  
motion picture film



Light makes photography. Embrace light. Admire it. Love it. But above all, know light. Know it for all you are worth, and you will know the key to photography.

(George Eastman)

# Nicolas Leblanc



**Cause of death:** Suicide by  
gunshot

**French surgeon and chemist who  
discovered how to manufacture  
soda from common salt**



# Edwin Armstrong

**Cause of death:** Suicide by  
jumping from his apartment  
window in New York



One of the most prolific inventors of  
the **radio era**





Edwin H. Armstrong

I could never accept findings based almost exclusively on mathematics. It ain't ignorance that causes all the trouble in this world. It's the things people know that ain't so.

(Edwin Armstrong)

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# Hans Berger

**Cause of death:** Suicide by  
hanging

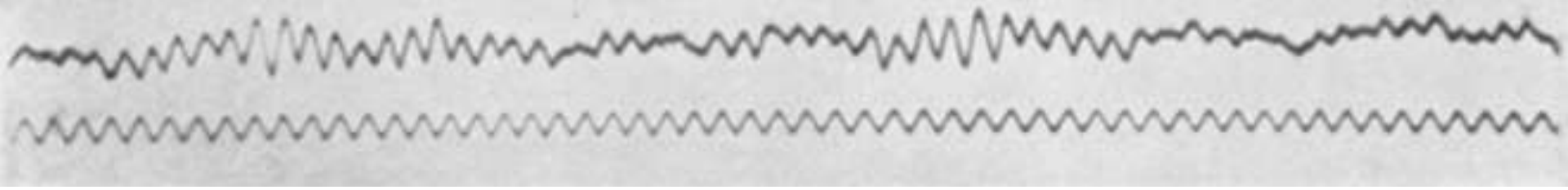
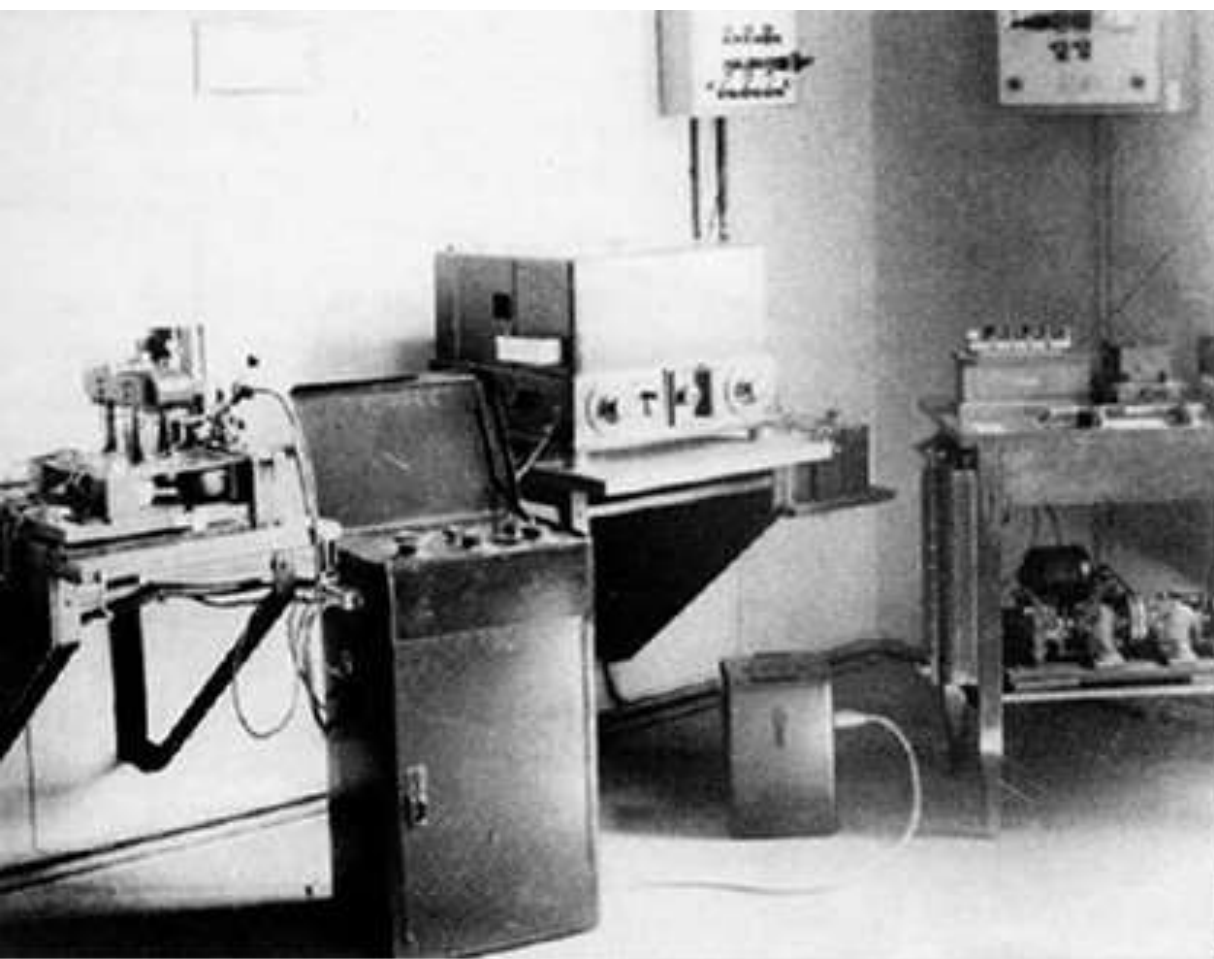
The inventor of  
**electroencephalography**



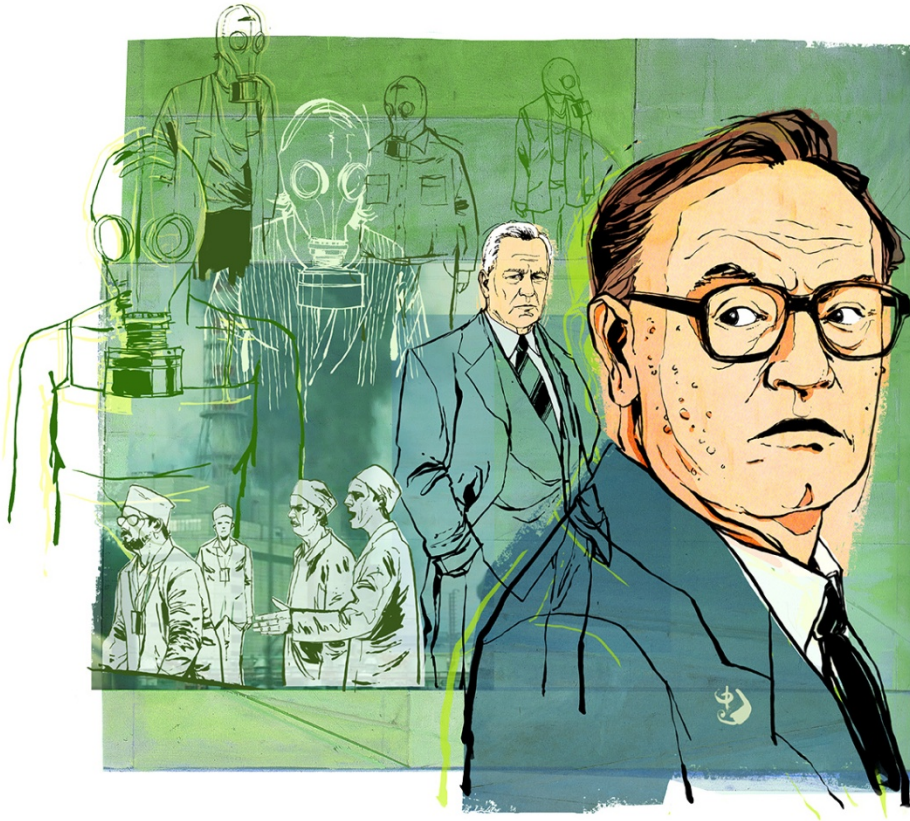


We see in the electroencephalogram a concomitant phenomenon of the continuous nerve processes which take place in the brain, exactly as the electrocardiogram represents a concomitant phenomenon of the contractions of the individual segments of the heart.

(Hans Berger)



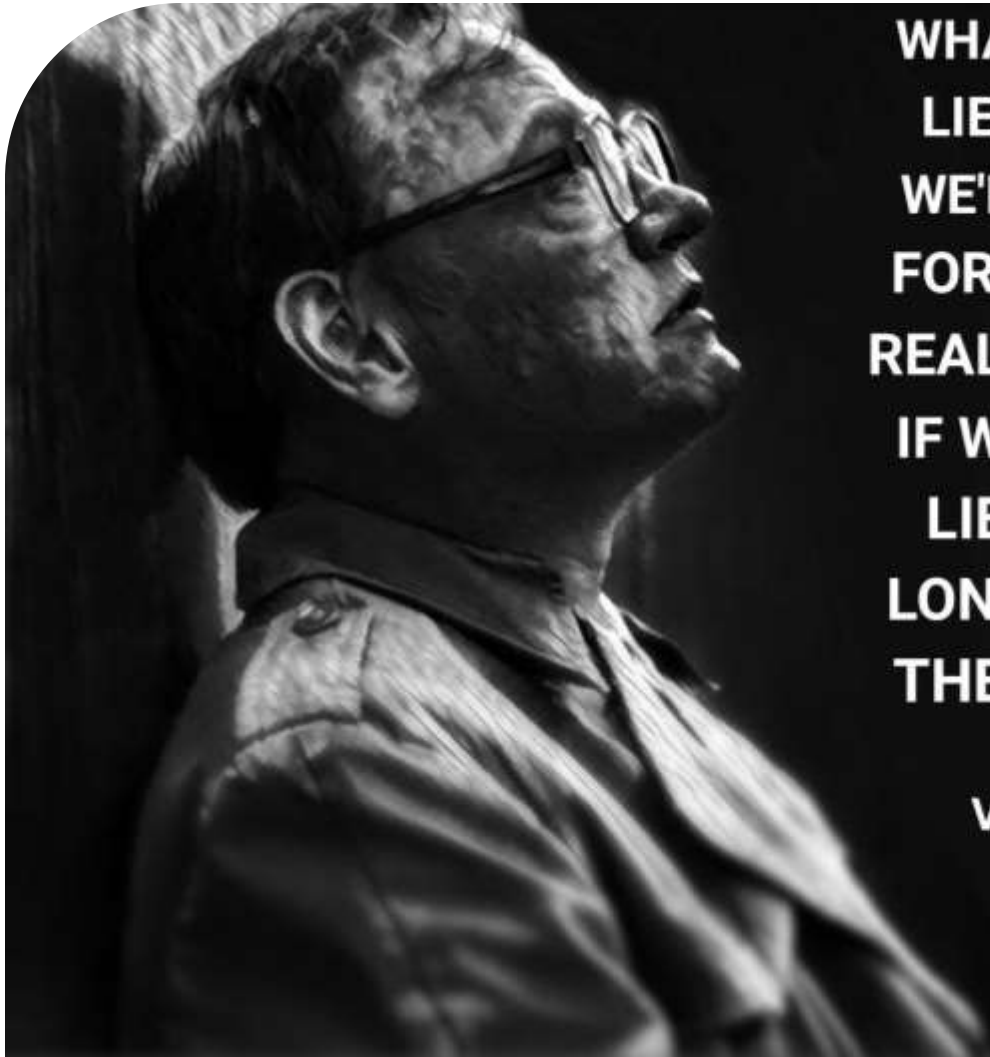
# Valery Legasov



**Cause of death:** Suicide by hanging

**Mainly remembered for his work as Chief Scientific Advisor of the commission investigating the Chernobyl disaster**





**WHAT IS THE COST OF  
LIES? IT'S NOT THAT  
WE'LL MISTAKE THEM  
FOR THE TRUTH. THE  
REAL DANGER IS THAT  
IF WE HEAR ENOUGH  
LIES, THEN WE NO  
LONGER RECOGNIZE  
THE TRUTH AT ALL.**

**VALERY LEGASOV**

# Ludwig Boltzmann

**Cause of death:** Suicide by hanging

**Austrian physicist who is known mostly for his work on **statistical mechanics** and the field of thermodynamics**



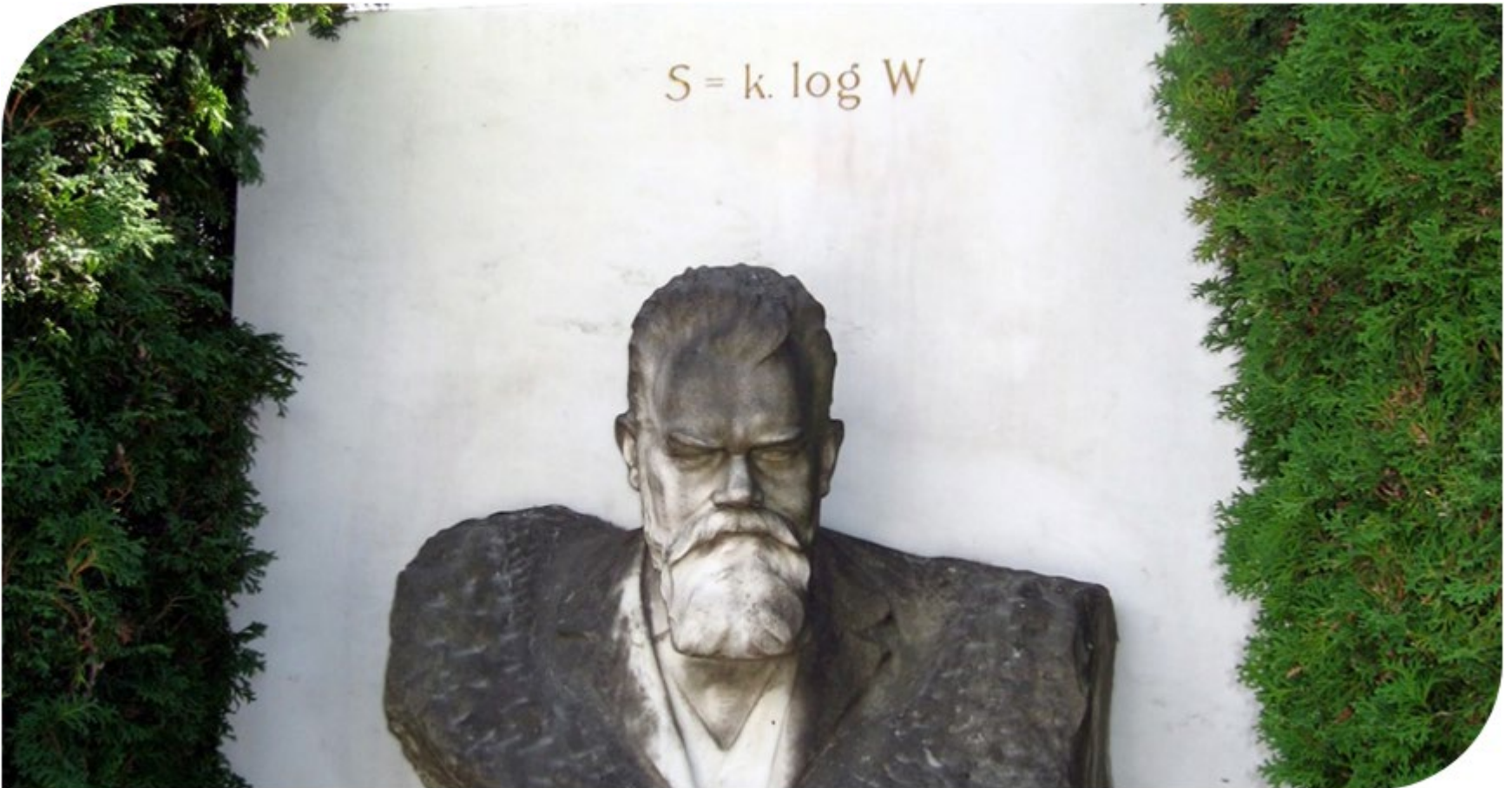
WHO SEES THE FUTURE? LET US HAVE  
FREE SCOPE FOR ALL DIRECTIONS OF  
RESEARCH; AWAY WITH DOGMATISM,  
EITHER ATOMISTIC OR ANTI-ATOMISTIC!

- LUDWIG BOLTZMANN -

$$S = k \log W$$



**Ludwig Boltzmann's grave in Vienna's Central Cemetery bears a cryptic epitaph:  $S = k_B \log W$**





# David Kelly

**Cause of death:** Suicide by slashing his wrist with a blunt gardening knife

**Biological weapons scientist who was an employee of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence and a former United Nations weapons inspector in Iraq**



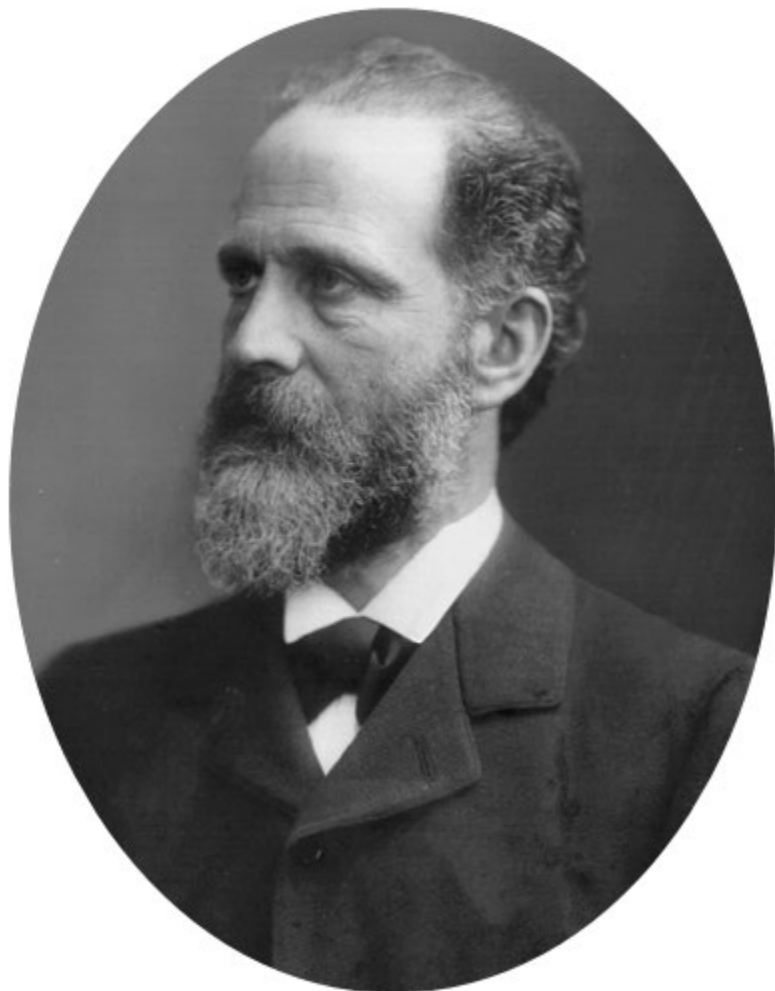


Education is important, but we're to the point where almost everyone knows they shouldn't drink and drive. The people who are still doing it are choosing to do it. The most effective way to deal with them is to arrest them.

(David Kelly)



# Viktor Meyer



**Cause of death:** Suicide by  
taking cyanide

Best known for inventing an  
apparatus for determining **vapor  
densities** and for discovering  
**thiophene**



**His tomb in Heidelberg**



“The bitterest tears  
shed over graves  
are for words  
left unsaid and  
deeds left undone.”  
—Harriet Beecher Stowe

