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Current truths are nothing of the sort; they are merely the best contemporary insight into a situation. And no matter how logical such insights might seem, they exist only for as long as it takes new research to prove them wrong. As a science, biology need have little concern for these mistakes; the mistakes of the past are simply stepping stones to the truths of the future. But to everybody else—all those who depend on biological advice to organize their lives and safeguard their health and future—such mistakes do matter.

—Robin Baker, *Fragile Science: The Truth behind the Headlines*, 2001

Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted.

—Albert Einstein

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