"The subtlety of nature is greater many times over than the subtlety of the senses and understanding; so that all those specious meditations, speculations, and glosses in which men indulge are quite from the purpose, only there is no one by to observe it."

– Francis Bacon, Novum Organum, 1620

"I swear, by my life and my love of it, that I will never live for the sake of another man, nor ask another man to live for mine."

– Ayn Rand, Atlas Shrugged, 1957

"In theory, theory and practice are the same. In practice, they're not."

– Lawrence Peter Berra