

“It's said that science will dehumanize people and turn them into numbers. That's false, tragically false... This is the concentration camp and crematorium at Auschwitz. This is where people were turned into numbers. Into this pond were flushed the ashes of some four million people. And that was not done by gas. It was done by arrogance, it was done by dogma, it was done by ignorance. When people believe that they have absolute knowledge, with no test in reality, this is how they behave...”

Science is a very human form of knowledge. We are always at the brink of the known; we always feel forward for what is to be hoped.

Every judgment in science stands on the edge of error and is personal. Science is a tribute to what we can know although we are fallible.

*We have to cure ourselves
of the itch for absolute
knowledge and power...*

We have to touch people.”

Knowledge or Certainty

**The Ascent of Man, BBC
— Jacob Bronowski, 1973**