

ON SPECIAL CASES

Some aphorisms, sayings, maxims, adages, dictums, epigrams, proverbs, precepts attributed to Li Kiang by Albert G. Wilson

1. Everything is a special case, including this statement.
2. Synthesis will never obliterate pluralism.
3. We live in a time of melded discrimination of illusory choices.
4. We cut ourselves off from goals merely by having them.
5. Full potential can never be realized; part must always be sacrificed to gain what remains.
6. The water of truth must flow, what we capture in a cup becomes false.
7. Every realization reduces potentiality.
8. Give me your problem, not your solutions.
9. The central limit theorem is a special case
10. Robbing the facing stones of the pyramid to build other dwellings also robs the pyramid of its information—an even greater loss than the stones. We burn the undergrowth on timber lands because it impedes lumbering operations, then we learn that the yew tree is valuable for curing cancer. Each endangered species may contain just the information we need for some future requirement. We must not forget the raw power of the special case.