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*“How scientists cheat science and the public”*

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by not doing their sacred duty and reading, using and giving credit to what has already been done and recorded. Newton said of this tradition in science of learning from and using what has gone before: “We stand on the shoulders of giants.” That’s what the scientists preach. Now let’s look at the practice...

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What are the results of this non-reading and also non-citing of the literature? First, of course, it is a degradation of the honesty and integrity of the science system. Second, it is simply cheating the public or who[m]ever else is paying for the research. Why? Because a scientist may very well be repeating work already done. Third, it makes for much worse science because it means that one is missing key ideas or data which would improve one's work...