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## Stellingen

- The Mature Cardiac Conduction System is Formed from Tbx3<sup>+</sup> Embryonic Cardiomyocytes (*This Thesis*)
- Cardiac-Specific *Scn5a* Expression is Controlled by an Evolutionary Conserved Cluster of Regulatory DNA Elements (*This Thesis*).
- The Non-Protein Coding Part of the Genome Contributes Significantly to Form, Function and Disease (*This Thesis*).
- Tbx3 Dose Establishes and Maintains a Genome-Wide Expression Profile of the Atrioventricular Conduction System (*This Thesis*).
- The Greatest Joy in Nature is the Absence of Man (*Bliss Carman*).
- All Science is Either Physics or Stamp Collecting (*Ernest Rutherford*).
- It is not Birth, Marriage, or Death, but Gastrulation Which is Truly the Most Important Time in Your Life (*Lewis Wolpert*).
- False Facts are Highly Injurious to the Progress of Science, for they Often Endure Long; but False Views, if Supported by Some Evidence, do Little Harm, for Everyone Takes a Salutary Pleasure in Proving Their Falseness; and When This is Done, one Path Towards Error is Closed and the Road to the Truth is Often at the Same Time Opened (*Charles Darwin*).
- Life is What Happens to you, While you're Busy Making Other Plans (*John Lennon*).