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Heloïse Tchouka

1. "I know that I know nothing" Socrates, that is why we always learn more.
2. The maximum quadrupole splitting for  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{L}]^{2-}$  complexes is not 2.54 mm/s.  
*(a) Golding, R. M. Mol. Phys. 1967, 12 13 (b) Johnson, C. R.; Shepherd, R. E. Inorg. Chem. 1983, 22, 3506.*
3. We should be very careful when comparing IR spectra with those of compounds in an online database; for some of the spectra available are no more than nujol.
4. The means and effort employed to get the PhD degree do not depend on whether you are AIO or Bursaal.
5. In science the main questions are: what, why and how. The excitement of the research comes from their incomplete answers.
6. Most PhD theses are not exactly based on their initial projects.
7. Each person belongs to one family living in one region of one country in one of the continents in the world. Each person has his own character, each region has its own culture, each country its own rules. The divergence of personal character and culture should stop people from judging others on the basis of the continent they are from.
8. You should not say you can't until you have tried.
9. Given that there are many new students and visitors coming to Groningen every year, there should always be an English version of the announcement about the splitting of the train at Zwolle.
10. When the only tool you own is a hammer, every problem begins to look like a nail.
11. Experience is what you get when you don't get what you wanted.
12. If you don't know where you are going to, you should at least know where you are coming from.