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Propositions accompanying the thesis

A Multidimensional Study of *Streptomyces* Morphogenesis and Development

- 1. Combining different modeling approaches on multiple scales is the only way to come closer to a better understanding of *Streptomyces* behaviour in the fermentor.
 - This Thesis, Chapter 5 and Karr, J.R., Sangvhi, J.C., et al. Cell 2012.
- 2. Modeling always involves a trade-off between simplification and accurate representation.
 - This Thesis, Chapters 5 and 6.
- 3. The act of observing changes that what is being observed; care must therefore be taken when preparing and imaging fluorescent fusions.
 - This Thesis, Chapter 3 and Swulius, M.T. and Jensen, G.J., J Bact 2012.
- 4. Coupling the (ultra)structural information obtained by cryo-electron tomography with the dynamics of live imaging will lead to giant leaps in our understanding of the molecular make-up and functioning of cells.
 - This Thesis, Chapters 2 and 4.
- 5. The importance of bacterial mesosomes has been greatly underestimated.
 - This Thesis, Chapter 5 and Ebersold, H.R., Cordier, J.L., et al. Arch Microbiol 1981.
- 6. If the purpose of science is to better understand the world, then all research data and results should be made Open-Access.
 - Based on 'Open Access' by Peter Suber (available via MIT Press), and Creative Commons.
- 7. A good exercise in open-mindedness is to argue that the opposite of what you believe is true.

- 8. Despite man's ability to "think about thinking", he will never fully understand the complexity of his brain and how his consciousness can arise from it.
 - Based on Douglas Hofstadter's, 'Gödel, Escher, Bach.'
- 9. The more important a matter is, the more controversy it sparks.
- 10. It is always good to develop (and keep) a sense of humour in life; the highest forms of understanding we can achieve are laughter and human compassion.
 - Based on Richard P. Feynman's, 'What do you care what other people think?'

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