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HUMILITY

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I am surrounded by people who published close to or more than 500 papers, who have a super high Hirsch factor of bigger than 100, who have had third party funding more than 10 mill, who get prices that I have never heard before.

Scientists who spend their life in first class plane seats but not in the lab, who spend their night in expensive hotels while their postdocs do all the work. Scientists at broadcasted talk shows who haven't read a paper from start to finish for years.

[Ritchie "Science Fictions" 2020](#)

In fact, the way academic research is currently set up incentivises these problems, encouraging researchers to obsess about prestige, fame, funding and reputation at the expense of rigorous, reliable results.

For true science the only way is to accept our incapability, our disability and our powerlessness. As @DrTedros said yesterday



Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus ✓
@DrTedros



We've learned so much during the #COVID19 pandemic but I couldn't agree more with my colleagues @DrMikeRyan and Dr @mvankerkhove that humility and leadership are key ingredients in fighting this virus.

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[Standard is Failure](#) not Success...



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Did you ever notice that Academia is like Hollywood?

- (1) Few people get really famous and get invited to all - festivals/conferences
- (2) The same few people get all the production money, and can make blockbusters/nature papers simply by using special effects

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