Sir Ronald Aylmer Fisher (17 Feb 1890 - 29 Jul 1962)

 "To call in the statistician after the experiment is done may be no more than asking him to perform a post-mortem examination: he may be able to say what the experiment died of."

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Hills Criteria of Causation

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