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¹The greatest scientists are by no means always those whom public opinion dub authorities. The latter are generally those who knew how to exploit the ideas of the great unknown, true discoverers.

2 Pioneers who are a hundred years ahead of their times are never appreciated by their contemporaries. Those who are celebrated and admired are those who synthesize contemporary ideas and, even more, those who popularize discoveries. One example. In the eyes of public opinion, French astronomer Flammarion was a great astronomer, even the “greatest one”. He was not at all. He was, as his superior, Leverrier, called him, “a poet”.

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