



“Our task must be to free ourselves by
widening our circle of compassion to
embrace all living creatures and
the whole of nature and its beauty.”

Albert Einstein

Albert Einstein (1879-1955) was one of the most notable and influential scientists of the twentieth century. He was a theoretical physicist who developed the general theory of relativity—which is one of the two pillars of modern physics. Although he became known as a genius of science, he was slow in learning to speak as a child. Einstein also rebelled in school, which left many teachers to believe he would amount to little. While he was best known for his mass-energy equivalence formula, $E=mc^2$ (which has been dubbed “the world’s most famous equation”), Einstein also received the Nobel Prize in Physics for his discoveries and contributions to theoretical physics. So widely recognized are Einstein’s intellectual achievements and originality, that the word “Einstein” in popular culture has become synonymous with genius.