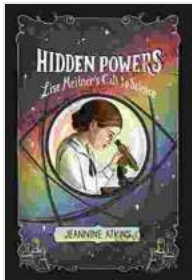


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Lise Meitner, an Austrian physicist, was one of the most influential scientists of the 20th century. She made groundbreaking contributions to the field of nuclear physics, including her discovery of nuclear fission. Meitner's work has had a profound impact on our understanding of the atom and has led to the development of new technologies, such as nuclear power and medicine.

In addition to her scientific achievements, Meitner was also a passionate advocate for science and education. She believed that science could help us to understand the world around us and solve some of the most pressing challenges facing humanity. Meitner's call to science is still relevant today,

as we continue to face new and complex problems that require scientific knowledge and innovation.

The Life and Work of Lise Meitner

Lise Meitner was born in Vienna, Austria, on November 7, 1878. She was the daughter of Philipp Meitner, a lawyer, and Hedwig Sponer, a musician. Meitner showed an early interest in science and mathematics, and she attended the University of Vienna, where she studied physics. In 1906, she became the first woman to receive a doctorate in physics from the University of Vienna.

After graduating from university, Meitner worked as a researcher at the University of Berlin. In 1917, she met Otto Hahn, a chemist who would become her lifelong collaborator. Together, they conducted groundbreaking research on radioactivity and nuclear physics.

In 1938, Meitner and Hahn discovered nuclear fission. This was a major scientific breakthrough that led to the development of nuclear power and nuclear weapons. However, Meitner was forced to flee Nazi Germany in 1938 because she was Jewish. She continued her research in Sweden, where she made further important contributions to the field of nuclear physics.

Meitner died in Cambridge, England, on October 27, 1968. She was 89 years old. She is remembered as one of the most influential scientists of the 20th century, and her work continues to inspire scientists today.

Meitner's Call to Science

Meitner was a passionate advocate for science and education. She believed that science could help us to understand the world around us and solve some of the most pressing challenges facing humanity.

In a speech delivered in 1946, Meitner said:



“Science is not just a collection of knowledge; it is a way of thinking. It is a way of looking at the world and understanding how it works. Science is not just about facts and figures; it is about creativity and imagination. It is about asking questions and finding answers. It is about pushing the boundaries of human knowledge and understanding.”

Meitner believed that science was essential for progress and that it had the power to make the world a better place. She urged scientists to use their knowledge and skills to solve some of the world's most pressing problems, such as poverty, disease, and environmental degradation.

Meitner's call to science is still relevant today. As we continue to face new and complex problems, we need scientists more than ever before.

Scientists have the knowledge and skills to help us to understand the world around us and to find solutions to the challenges we face.

The Legacy of Lise Meitner

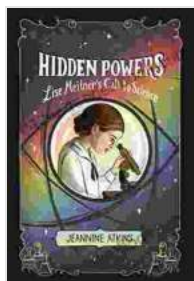
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Meitner's legacy is a reminder that science is essential for progress and that it has the power to make the world a better place. We need to continue to support science and education, and we need to encourage young people to pursue careers in science. By ng so, we can help to ensure that Meitner's call to science will continue to be heard for generations to come.

Further Reading

- Lise Meitner on Britannica.com
- Lise Meitner on the American Institute of Physics website
- Otto Hahn on Nobelprize.org



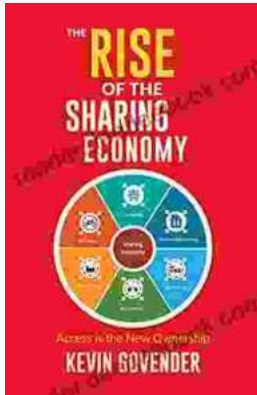
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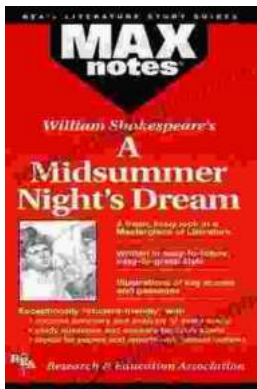
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