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Today (10 September) is Stephen Jay Gould's birthday. He would have been 72.

SJG was an inspiration to many, and especially to me; my fascination with geology was spurred, in no small part, by his writings. With his untimely passing, we lost a great scientist and a great science

communicator. NCSE's [Project Steve](#) [6] is named in his honor.

Below is a video of some remarks SJG made on the 20th anniversary of the McLean case; he is introduced by NCSE's Eugenie Scott:

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