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To whom it may concern,

I have heard Dr.Scerri lecture on the subject of the Periodic Table to both lay and scientific audiences. He makes this otherwise complex material 'user friendly' to both the professional and lay audience.

As scientists, we assume certain principles to be true, particularly those that fall outside of our own purview. Dr.Scerri takes the seemingly inviolable Periodic Table concept to task, and in so doing teaches us not to take concepts and ideas at face value. Instead, he challenges us to think about the status quo as 'fluid' rather than being carved in stone.

This is an invaluable lesson for those doing hypothesis-testing science, challenging us to question existing paradigms in our respective fields. This precept is particularly important in contemporary biology and medicine, given the powerful tools we now have at hand to 'tip' sacred cows!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John S. Torday".

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