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Louis Pasteur or Continuous Open Health

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1. An inventive observer who considered all viewpoints and synthesized experience

Louis Pasteur loved to observe even more than he loved to formulate hypotheses. He spanned disciplines and viewpoints in an age when doctors didn't tolerate outsiders intruding on their particular preserve. It took Louis Pasteur a long time to be accepted by the medical community. In carrying out his observations, he didn't hesitate to get as close as possible physically to the phenomena and epidemics he was investigating. Louis Pasteur was also an inventive experimenter, able to produce a synthesis of all his work.

2. A researcher who never gave up searching

Louis Pasteur's work was lasting and has left an ongoing legacy into the 20th and 21st centuries through the Pasteur Institutes based all around the world.

3. Is the Pasteurian spirit still alive today?

The mindset embodied and encouraged by Louis Pasteur lives on today. The researchers working at Pasteur Institutes are a real community. They truly feel they are the inheritors of a mission to continue Louis Pasteur's work. Although their core work is empirical, they also strive to advance hypotheses that they submit for experimental verification.

4. A special relationship with the pharmaceutical industry

Pasteur Institutes are private entities that need to raise funds and commercialize their results. This means rewarding researchers and their achievements. Rewarding them by establishing procedures, filing patents and using them in real life, is largely absent in the French public health system.