

Should the development of science fill us with enthusiasm or apprehension?

THE RHETORICAL DUEL

in which they will clash
anthropologist Ivo Budil
and philosopher Jiří Hejlek.
Petr Hampl and Tomáš Očadlík
will be seconding in this duel.



The event is connected with
the launch of the Czech version of Tomáš Očadlík's book
"Essay on the limited usefulness of science".

Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m.,
House of technicians, Novotného lávka 200/5, 110 00 Prague 1



In this essay, Tomáš Očadlík tries to justify this statement:

**"The benefit of science is limited by the fact that science has no limit.
(The benefit means usefulness for a large group of intelligent beings at some stage of their development.)"**

The main point of the above statement is that scientists are constantly pushing the boundaries of research and the various applications of the results of science, and are constantly tackling more and more ambitious and, in many cases, more dangerous problems. There is no limit beyond which scientists will not go. If some of them falter just a little, they are immediately replaced by others who have no problem breaking through the next frontier of so-called scientific ethics.

**The gentlemen who contributed
their views to the essay are:**



Petr HAMPL
(sociologist)



Petr ROBEJŠEK
(political scientist)



Tomáš Očadlík
(geophysicist)



Prof. Jaroslav PETR
(biologist, bioethicist)



Petr HOUF
(IT expert)

The author of the essay says:

Science will develop to the point that it will do more harm than good to a large group of people. It will probably affect most of the human population. The enormous development of science will be a major cause of the demise of all traditional social structures and conveniences, such as independent nation states, traditional families and democratic forms of government. Attempts to bureaucratically limit science will not succeed much and will eventually fail completely. This is a perfectly natural development. Scientific and technological progress simply cannot be stopped.

The modern scientist of today is not free.

He needs expensive and complex systems to do its job. These things, and his salary, are mostly provided by the local or global aristocracy through various foundations, public funding and their lackeys in government. The active modern scientist is a servant of the aristocracy and stands on the side of its interests. The aristocrats seize the results of boundless invention and exploit them for themselves, i.e. to maximize their wealth and power at the expense of the rest of humanity.

"The various groups of aristocrats struggle among themselves for power and the enormous profits of international trade, but they never allow this to be against the interests of the aristocracy as a social class." (Petr Hampl)

The practical impossibility of effective long-term regulation of the development modern science and technology, coupled with disproportionate inequality in the distribution of material and intellectual wealth in society, is a lethal cocktail for any advanced civilization.

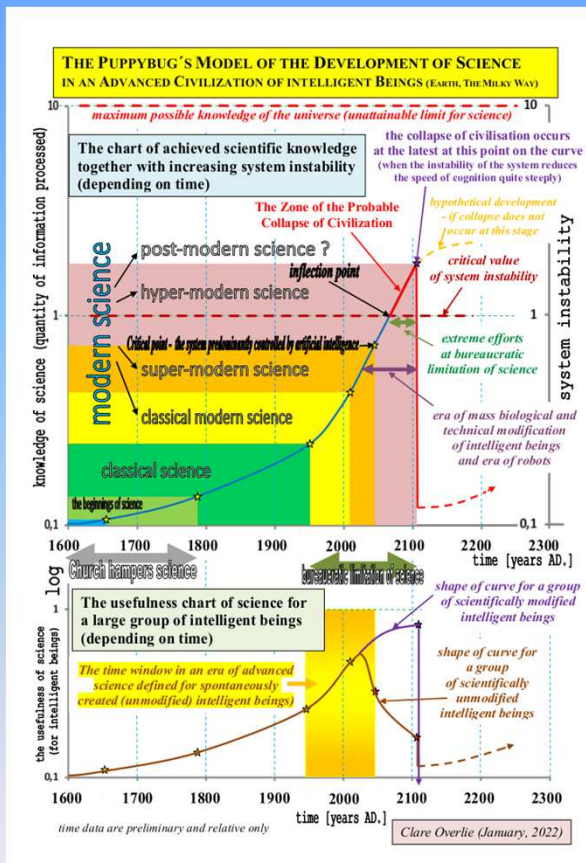


Generalization:

The systematic and highly sophisticated gathering of information and its unlimited use will again result in a chaos that will be on the whole greater than that at the beginning. Why? Because a highly complex artificial system cannot be managed in the long term, even by sophisticated management processes. Therefore, this system must inevitably collapse at some point.

This is also somewhat consistent with the fundamental law of the universe of ever-increasing entropy (the second law of thermodynamics).





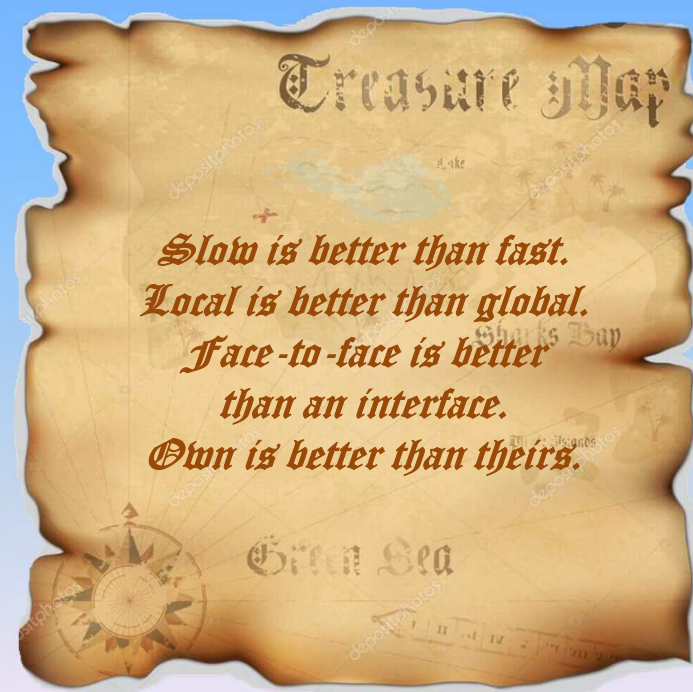
THE TIME WINDOW IN THE ERA OF ADVANCED SCIENCE

Thanks to billions of years of natural evolution and the current state of scientific knowledge, we live in a unique and fantastic time - a short time window in the era of advanced science reserved for spontaneously created human beings. From that window we can already see everything that will come about thanks to science.

Let us happily enjoy the remnants of natural health, freedom and liberty. Let us not feel defeated quite yet.

What can we ordinary people do about it?

Petr Robejšek outlined a possibility in his **Four Rules of Liberation**. These rules for human behaviour cannot completely avert the fate towards which our civilisation is heading. But they can perhaps help to prolong the duration of the society of human beings as we know it so far. No desperate attempt at a planet-wide Great Reset in the social, societal and economic spheres, driven by a section of the aristocratic elites, is needed for that. A Great Reset should be done in science, but unfortunately that is not possible.



The Achilles heel of the world aristocracy

The character of Puppybug does not just appear in the book by chance. „Puppybug“ is the Czech nickname of a twelve-year-old dark-haired girl. She's a very smart and clever girl. Her parents belong to the modern world aristocracy and are incredibly rich. Her father is a collaborator and close friend of many of the world's most influential people. Only a child of true aristocrats could get away with what she did at the 2021 Global Space Forum Annual Meeting. She and "aristocratic" children like her will decide whether it is possible to extend that time window in the era of modern science when they tell their parents:

"Dad, I don't want your new and wonderful world."



Notice

The book is a bit of a philosophical reflection, a biting satire, a theatrical play, a detective story, a parody of scientific papers and a sincere literary sigh. Don't be fooled by the style a la Monty Python.

Because the author of the book means nothing in science and literature and wants to mean nothing, he can afford the luxury of flagrantly violating all publishing rules and good literary manners. He can leave it to the reader to choose for himself where the fun ends and the serious business begins in the essay.



The book can be bought in the Czech Patriotic Bookstore

www.pi-shop.cz

Thank you for your attention.