



THE INFORMATION BOMB

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The civilianization or militarization of science?

If truth is what is verifiable, the truth of contemporary science is not so much the extent of progress achieved as the scale of technical catastrophes occasioned.

Science, after having been carried along for almost half a century in the arms race of the East-West deterrence era, has developed solely with a view to the pursuit of limit performances, to the detriment of any effort to discover a coherent truth useful to humanity.

Modern science, having progressively become technoscience - the product of the fatal confusion between the operational instrument and exploratory research - has slipped its philosophical moorings and lost its way, without anyone taking umbrage at this, except for a few ecological and religious leaders.

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