

The whole point of technical advance is that it enables man to manipulate his environment to live in the sort of conditions he wants to live in. So you ask 'What will man's everyday surroundings be like in forty years' time?' Other animals will get the environment they deserve, man will get the one he wants.

And will man be so very different in forty years time? I do not think so. Healthier, yes, I imagine we shall have mastered the viruses and the problem of cancer in the young and I am sure we shall know enough to be able to avoid passing on hereditary abnormalities to our children; but I suspect that the illnesses and hurts of old age will still be with us, because I doubt whether we shall have overcome the necessity of growing old.

And shall we be any more sensible? No, certainly not, the recorded history of several thousand years shows us that all the logical absurdities of man have always been with us; what we have not outgrown in 4,000 years we shall not outgrow in another forty.

Food is already becoming increasingly hygienic, quick frozen, packaged and prepackaged in impregnable plastic containers, increasingly free from all taint of decay—forgetting the fact that many of the flavours which we prize

most highly are due to the early stages of decay of one sort or another. Already the production of our organic food is becoming increasingly mechanized. One obvious step remains, and that is to produce all our food—the proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins roughage and what have you entirely synthetically.

And how shall we communicate? We shall still talk to each other. Shall we write? Not, I think, in the way we do today. Even today, handwriting is dying out. Typing will last longer, but the time will come when the manual typewriter will in its turn become obsolete, and will be relegated to the status of a toy, like a child's printing set. For already computers are beginning to tackle the problem of recognition of ordinary written texts; and already a simple computer exists which will obey verbal instructions. Put these ideas together, and you will see that even today we are within sight of the possibility of a machine that will take dictation, and will then automatically print out the dictated text.

Do you find this sort of prospect worrying, depressing, even frightening? I have envisaged nothing that will not be technically possible in forty years if we really want it. For it is what we want now that will decide what we get in the future. (444 words)

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Technical advancements helps man create an environment according to his desires. In forty years, man will have the environment which he wants while animals will live a life that they deserve. Mans line will be healthier as we shall have overcome deadly diseases and ^{trans-}fer of hereditary abnormalities to our children. We shall never overcome the necessity of growing old and the logical absurdity of man. Food is more easily available & free of spoilage using industrial preservation methods. Organic food is prepared by using machines. Only step left is to ~~produce~~ synthetically derive macronutrients and micronutrients. The mode of communication will shift from hand written letters and manual typewriters to advanced computers ~~they~~ which will have the ability to obey verbal instructions. Our future depends on what we work for today. Words = 123