

Passage:

One great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science, as we have seen, has given us powers fit for the gods, yet we use them like small children.

For example, we do not know how to manage our machines. Machines were made to be man's best servants; yet he has grown so dependent on them that they are in a fair way to become his masters. Already most men spend most of the time looking after and waiting upon machines. And the machines are very stern masters. They must be fed with coal, and given petrol to drink, and oil to wash with, and must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work, or burst with rage, and blow up, and spread ruin and destruction all around them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines, and a time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule the animals. (210 words)

# Human Dependence on Machines.

## PRÉCIS:

We are unaware of the use of knowledge. We use God-like scientific power improperly. For say, we can not manage our machines. Today, the human is overly dependent on machines. He has to spend enough time and attention on the machines to look after and ~~feed~~<sup>fuel</sup> them; otherwise they stop working or become destructive. The life is too arduous without machines. It seems that machines may become our masters.

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