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SECTION - A

1. "Control communication and you control the people communicating".

"संचार को नियंत्रित कर, आप संचार करने वाले लोगों को नियंत्रित करते हैं"।

2. Perhaps it's time to dumb down our 'smart' life.

शायद यह हमारे 'स्मार्ट' जीवन को कम करने का समय है।

① "Control Communication and you control the people communicating".

The year 1453 witnessed a historical event which became a watershed movement for the pecking future. The Ottoman Turks captured the city of Constantinople which was the main and hitherto only artery linking Europe with the East. The effect of this event on Europeans was profound and resulted into a new era of exploration.

The capture reflects the control over the communication and Europeans' reaction reflects the effect on people communicating.

Human beings, since time immemorial have lived in the State of Nature. Thomas Hobbes described these humans as nasty, brutish, selfish and always at war with others. The social contract transformed this state of nature into political state. The desire for power and control is an inherent feature of human psyche. From controlling fire, humans have evolved to controlling communication as a show of power. Let us look into first what is communication.

The ability to talk to each other with understanding, comprehension and desired reaction from the counter-actor is communication. It is basically the flow of information and emotions towards a desired person or group. How is communication undertaken?

In the physical mode people

communicate through meetings, assemblies, movements and even revolutions. In the virtual mode, there has been a transformation from post to telegraph to telephone to mobile to internet enabled media like social media. On a group level, it takes the form of newspapers, pamphlets, hoardings, news media, blogs and even again social media. Is the communication a neutral phenomenon?

Communication has enabled people to come closer, save time, express themselves, educate and lead to various discoveries. However, it is a double-edged sword with its repercussions in terrorism, violence, fake news, communal hatred and persecution etc.

The negative connotations of communication demand its control by responsive agencies. This control is achieved by restricting meetings and assemblies to regulating

Virtual mode like internet ban, blocking access to websites, deleting tweets, removing web-pages and regulating and censoring media.

This control if legitimate and acceptable leads to maintenance of social order and restoration of social normalcy. It ensures a sense of safety among vulnerable groups. The democratic control over communication thus becomes inevitable in certain circumstances.

Crossing the fine-line of legitimacy :

The 1857 Revolt in India was nipped in the bud due to colonial power's control over telegraph lines. They could easily apprehend the revolutionary plans and jailing them in the infancy itself.

The control over communication is however not always legitimate and demo -

creating. Michel Foucault talks about panoptican society in which the state become surveillance state. This, according to him, produces docile bodies and brings discipline in human character.

But this discipline is not always for legitimate ends -

The Pegasus Spyware developed to monitor activities of deviant people, is often accused of misuse by ruling parties to keep watch over opposition. A democratic tool hence leads to death of democracy itself.

Elections in a democracy are at root of its basic philosophy. But the case of voter-profiling by those in control over social media has the potential of disrupting the whole process.

The authoritarian regimes fare no better. They use media to inculcate ideological doctrination of masses. The Chinese

State control over social media and news media always portrays a hunky-dory situation of the country to its people.

Control by state entities also takes the form of conflicts and wars.

The control of satellites e.g. by US prevented nuclear development of India in early stages. Later, the non-sharing of geographical information during Kargil war with Pakistan further accentuated the conflict.

Non-state actors, when usurp control over communication, cause disastrous challenges to even humanity. Terrorists using satellite communication to plan and execute violence, also use social media to radicalise and recruit people.

Taliban in Afghanistan took control of media and is using it to carry out

atrocities against women. The organised crime syndicates control physical routes to carry out trafficking and smuggling activities.

The society implicitly takes control over interactions and uses it to regulate social behaviour. The caste discrimination in India operates on segmental separation of social spaces. These entities are further repudiated from coming in contact and communicating, thus perpetuating the divides.

Similarly, patriarchy takes precedence over women's life by restricting their movement and communication with other women and especially the opposite sex. The instances of honour killing of women by male members is reflection of society's inability to control communication.

Vested interests in any society when successful in establishing control over people's minds by hijacking their communication

channels, use this clout to spread hatred among sections. The communal disharmony is the natural outcome of this phenomenon. Ongoing Manipur Crisis is stark reflection of this control and its repercussions.

The control over communication thus has the potential to control each and every aspect of human life from micro ~~to~~ individual level to macro-global level. These positive and negative effects of control have not been accepted by people without questioning.

Stretching a rubber-band to break it :

The control when democratic, legitimised by people, apparently in the best interest of society is appreciated and accepted willingly by people with active co-operation. Middle class people in case of India supported 1975 emergency earlier so as to bring order

People even followed lockdown restrictions during COVID-19 to save themselves and others from a deadly disease. But is it always so?

People are not passive creatures, rather with the ability to critically reflect they weigh the restrictions upon themselves. When out of proportion and not supported, these controls elicit popular response from people.

Reform movements all over the world and even India were products of disproportionate controls. Renaissance in Europe occurred due to reflections upon church's dominance and control in all walks of life. Dalit movement in India is occurring due to upper castes' control over social communication channels. The overstretched separation between the caste groups is questioned frequently. Women's assertion and feminist movements all over world are after effects

of an overly ambitious patriarchal control over women's communication channels and correspondingly their life.

Climate change as an issue was suppressed for decades by hushing out any conversation over it. But even children today are coming to forefront to demand action. Greta Thunberg captured headlines in this regard.

The overstretched rubber band hence tends to break after a limit and cause more damage to the end holding it tightly. The more tighter control over communication becomes dysfunctional in the end.

Humanity has always yearned for freedom, like in the state of Nature. John Locke praised this liberty and aspired for democratic life of rights for people. The modern state with its complexities and problems devises means to regulate its life.

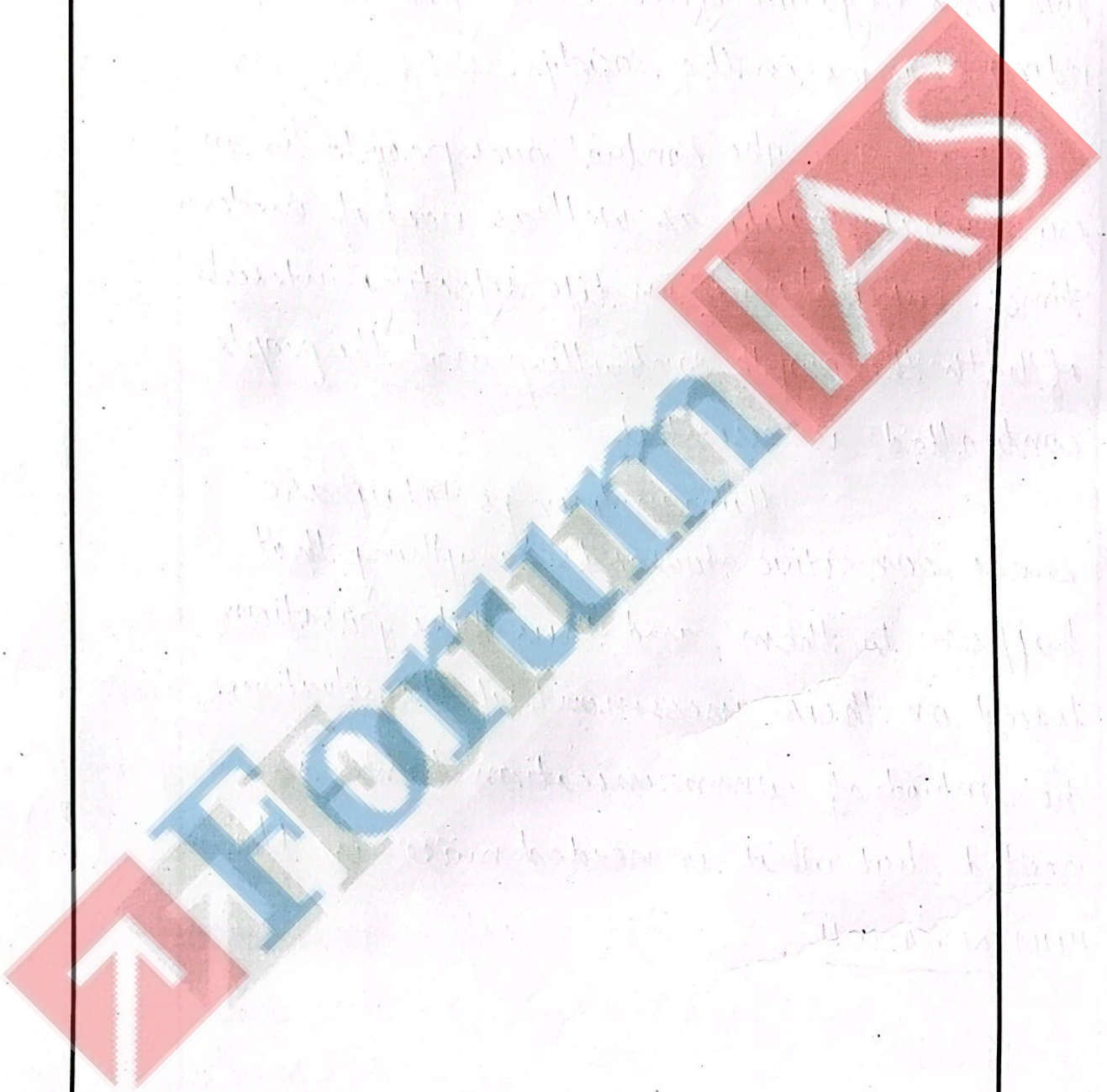
These means sometimes take the form of control over communication with both positive and negative effects leading to corresponding changes in the society.

The control over people is an existential reality as well as need of modern times. But Balance in life reflecting interests of both the people controlling and the people controlled is essential.

Human beings today are more sensitive towards anything that happens to them, and thus take position based on their assessment of the situation. The control of communication hence is needed but what is needed more is the "HUMAN TOUCH".



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Control Commⁿ and you control the people community

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Means → AI, Surveillance, Internet Ban

Commⁿ → Post, Telegraph, Mobile, Social Media
 ↳ Physical → meetings, associations.

Intro → ① 1953 Ottomans in spy
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SECTION - B

1. Science is organized knowledge, wisdom is organised life.

विज्ञान संगठित ज्ञान है, ज्ञान संगठित जीवन है।

2. Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement and success have no meaning.

निरंतर वृद्धि और प्रगति के बिना सुधार, उपलब्धि और सफलता जैसे शब्दों का कोई अर्थ नहीं है।

① Science is Organised Knowledge, Wisdom is organised life.

There was a man recently in India who was pioneer in giving shape to India's space, nuclear and missile technology programme. Due to his great achievements, he was appointed as the "President of India". As the President, he returned the Office of Profit Bill due to various inconsistencies. He also deposited all his gifts to the state treasury. This description is of none other than Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

The life of Dr Kalam represents 2 aspects of his life. His passion for science gave India organised knowledge, and his wisdom gave Indians an enduring legacy of organised life.

History has been witness to a journey of progress from life in the woods to the life in luxurious homes.

History has also been witness to a journey from barbarism to respect for human rights.

Scientific thought has made the first transition possible, while wise thought made the second possible. But what are these two thoughts?

Science is a body of knowledge or a method of enquiry which is based upon experimentation, empiricism and falsifiability. It aspires to know the laws of nature and make life easier. By turning the information

and facts into an understandable form, it provides human beings a world-view. Science, hence is basically the organised knowledge. Then what is wisdom?

Human beings have been endowed with a capacity to think by nature. This thinking makes reasoning possible. The rationality which leads to reflexivity enables humans to develop universal standards of right and wrong. This capacity to differentiate guides action and hence makes life virtuous and ethical. Wisdom is thus that characteristic of humans which makes their life meaningful, hence an organised life.

The dichotomous relationship :

Science gives humans inventions and discoveries. Mobile phone has given people the ability to obliterate time-space distinctions by bringing them closer. However, people have used them to disturb privacy

of others and indulge in bullying. A wise person on the other hand would use this mobile phone for productive purpose like imparting value education to children.

Invention of whatsapp and other social media have enabled people to express freely and discover their talents. Some people on the other hand use these platforms for hated dissemination leading to communal disharmony.

Nations today have invested heavily in defence research resulting into high-end weapons which are epitome of knowledge put to use. But the 2 world wars and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict display the lack of wisdom in their use.

Genetic engineering has made possible resilient crops and cure to diseases, but the case of designer babies by a Chinese

doctors reflect the dearth of wisdom.

Complementary Aspects:

The scientific thought and wisdom, both reinforce each other as well as are complementary to each other. Scientific thought makes a person wise, also wisdom makes science meaningful.

Dr. Verghese Kurien who was instrumental in revolutionising milk storage technology by skimming milk, was also a man of wisdom. He used this knowledge to empower rural people by organising them into collectives.

Wisdom gives direction to scientific thought and channels it towards socially productive use. Mahatma Gandhi, a man of wisdom advocated technology to make life of labour easier and not displace labour.

Science gives critical reasoning to people so as to question mundane aspects of everyday life and bring the best out of everything. This inherently is also a feature of wisdom. The maker of polio vaccine did not patent it as his ability to reason made him realise the drudgery of poor people and poor countries.

Wisdom, the ability to reflect induces people to search for betterment of life. This search often results into new discoveries. Isaac Newton a man of religion reflected on the social reality of medieval times. This incentivised him to prove some of the misconceptions wrong, which led to discovery of laws of motion and also gravitation.

Science and wisdom hence help each other in enduring civilisational growth and establish mutual relationship between organised knowledge and organised life.

One question arises here that why are only some people able to witness and utilize the positive relationship between the two?

Science is a matter of aptitude, i.e., the intellectual capability of a person.

This is enhanced by education and proper training. Wisdom on the other hand is the rational ability of a person. It is shaped by the surroundings and also the socialisation of beings. A critical environment promotes questioning and logic, and hence brings out the true self of the person.

Some individuals are endowed with right inquisitive mind and their socialisation makes them use it in right direction. Our example of Dr Kalam well substantiates the amalgamation of the two aspects.

However, there are instances where there have been gaps between the two and which were later reconciled. Alfred Nobel invented dynamite and gave the world its own destructive device. Later in life he realised it and established Nobel Prize to encourage men of science and wise use of science.

Certain individuals, equipped with a scientific inquisitive mind even use it for wrong and sometimes unethical ends. Their mind works for wisdom-disruption. Adolf Hitler, a great mind used his powers and intellectual capacity to wipe out an entire race and brought the world to its knees. Had he applied his wisdom, the world would have been a better place to live.

Another dimension warrants attention here that is it all relativistic or are there universal connotations?

Relativism vs Universalism :

The industrial revolution is the result of hard work of great scientists and inventors. The after effects of this revolution are being witnessed in climate change phenomenon. Scientists of IPCC are warning about the doomsday and appealing to world leaders to undo this change. A wise mind would listen to this call and work for it considering a universal goal. While a nationalist leader may use his wisdom for growth of his nation, discarding such appeals.

This is a contest between relative and universal aspect of science and wisdom. In such scenario, human race as a whole takes precedence over national citizens. The contest thus works out in favour of universal wisdom and which has been established by philosophers such as Immanuel Kant and Rabindra Nath Tagore.

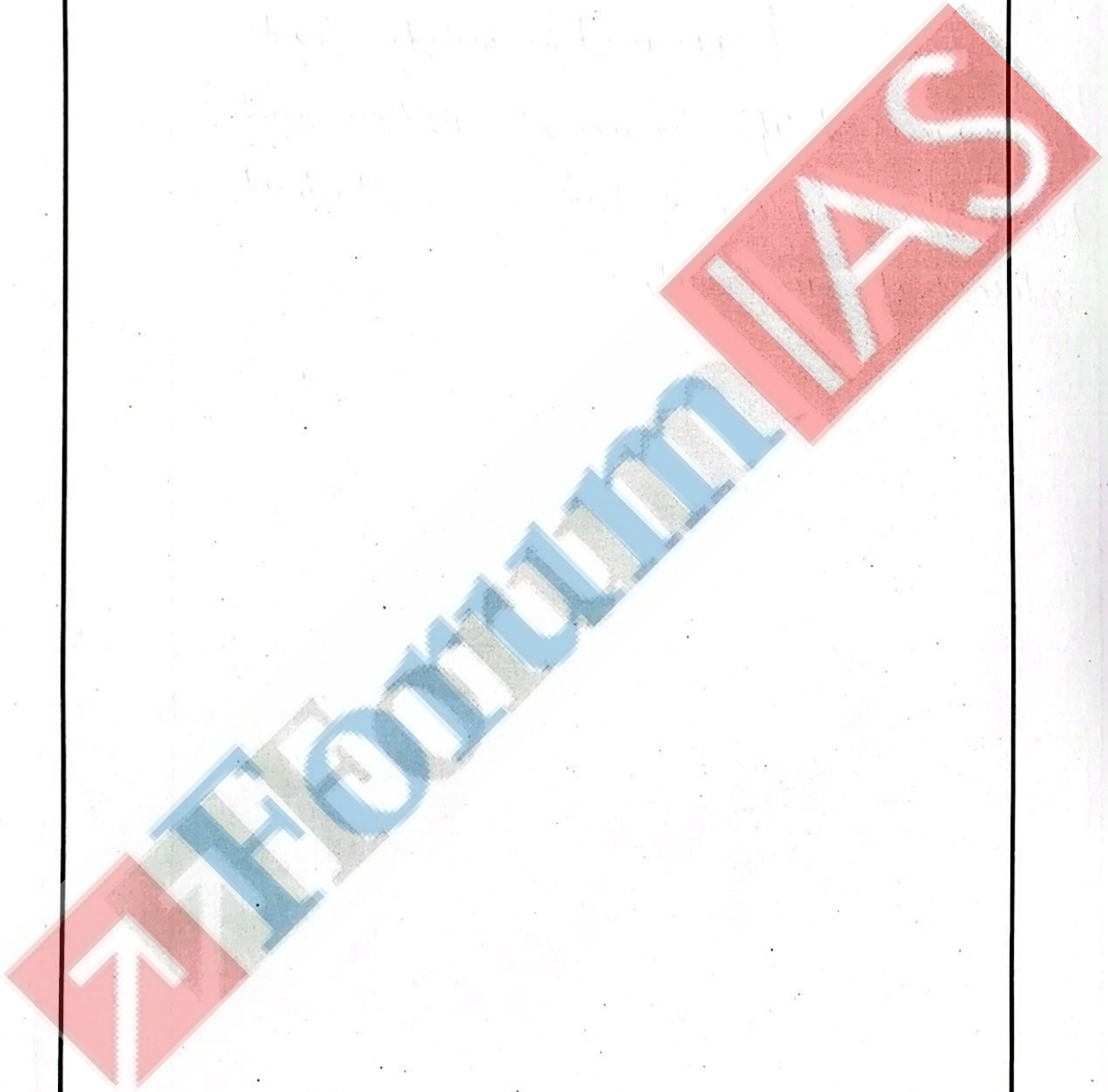
The life of a person oscillates between right and wrong, moral and immoral, ethical and unethical. The thought process of a person keeps on evolving from one stage to another. The various discoveries and inventions have made life easier. The choices available to humans have put a pressure on reflective ability of mind. The relationship of knowledge with life demands greater attention of mind.

Science and wisdom, sometimes at loggerheads, sometimes reconciliatory and sometimes complementary display the continuum of capacity of mind from intellectual orientations to philosophical dispositions.

The mutual relationship of the two, reinforcing each other is need of present world of great contradictions. The thought generation and channelling of those thoughts in a

humane direction establishes the relationship between organised knowledge and organised life.

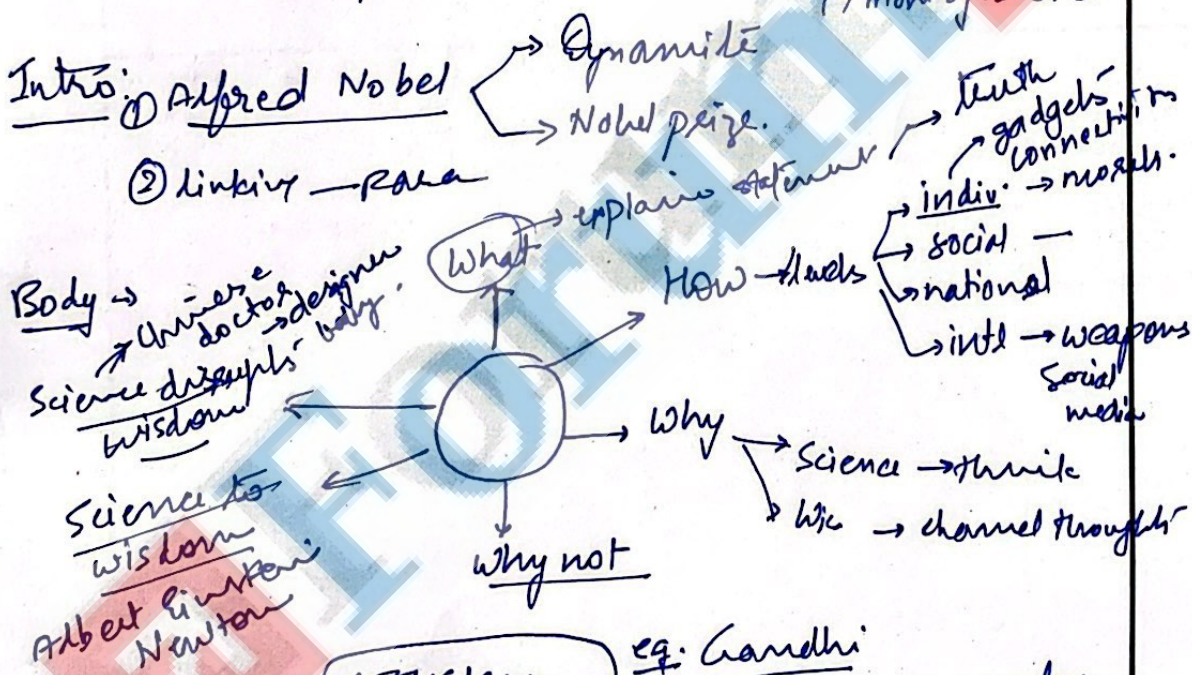
Organised knowledge leads to organised life by use of wisdom and hence the coupling of two is in the best interest of humanity.



Rough Work

Science v/s Wisdom → ethical life.
~~growth & progress~~ Sc ↔ Wisdom

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Conclusion: APJ Kalam eg: Gandhi

↳ missile man + space prog. + nuclear

↳ integrity → return bill

↳ gifts to treasury

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