

## Knowledge and Society

Knowledge is to be shared, not monopolized

Knowledge not shared, is knowledge wasted

When knowledge is shared by the many, it becomes a social tool with a human mission that contributes to make society more progressive, life more pleasant, freedom more abundant, economy more productive, and standards of living much higher; it will make our sense of unity as one race residing in one place facing same challenges and destiny much stronger, and our commitment to maintaining unity of purpose and making more progress much deeper, while motivating us to foster and enjoy our freedom, promote social justice, and protect our environment.

However, when knowledge is monopolized by the few, it becomes a potent weapon with an ugly face and no human mission, controlled by the rich and powerful to launch new wars and kill more people, to undermine equality and justice, to exploit the poor and powerless, to enslave the weak and ignorant, and make life less pleasant. As a consequence, we become less free, less productive, and less happy; and life becomes less enjoyable and less peaceful, and our environment less beautiful and livable. The monopolization of knowledge will reduce our sense of unity and humanity and thus undermine our commitment to sharing the world's resources for the benefit of all.

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