

[Greetings to Bertrand Russell]

In a memorable sentence Bertrand Russell tells us: »The question is a simple one: Is it possible for a scientific society to continue to exist or must such a society inevitably bring itself to destruction?«

- 5     The answer, so it seems to me, can be given only in a conditional form. ›A scientific society‹ can, I think, continue to exist only if science is humanized, i. e. if in its very action it asserts the existence of man as such. The theory of modern physics has made the first step by including the observer, man as observer, in its object of research. It is now for the practice of modern physics to make the second and decisive step: to include
- 10    man as a whole, human life and death, in its reckonings. This would mean, of course, that at the sight of the nearing catastrophe the mind of man will disobey.