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## Post-Enlightenment Paradox: The Perils of Advancement

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Abstract: The dark- medieval ages plagued by religious mayhem and genocidal conflicts began to fade in the light of rising tides of questions, dissents, and skepticism which threatened institutional hegemonies of existing powers. Thinkers, mathematicians, philosophers and other scholarly men and women challenged the prevailing orthodoxies of mindless believers. The Flat Earthers die hard. However, a new causal perspective explained the effects of unexplained phenomena from natural disasters to human depravity. This article seeks to signify the rise of humanities and science in search of a civil—secular and egalitarian—society that values decency and human dignity. The ordeal of existence need not be catastrophic. It's imperative to overcome the serendipitous paradox of the Enlightenment.

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