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Reflection piece of As We May Think by Vannevar Bush

It is admirable to witness Dr. Bush's perception of technology as not only a tool of massive destruction and a pawn of war, but rather one of great possibility and revolutionary discovery that could serve towards the benefits of humankind. Not only does Dr. Bush acknowledges new instruments to tremendously improve the quality of life for human, he also recognizes that science can be used to effectively grant the public easy access to our colossal collection of knowledge throughout history. Published shortly after the World War, the article proves that the loss of lives indirectly and directly caused by the development of science did not blind people into an endless loop of vengeance or take away the humanity in people's heart.

The numerous devices described in the article are now massively outdated, yet it is the core, the foundation of science that allows the advancement of sophisticated modern machinery. Dr. Bush's vision of a hypothetical device that stores all pertinent information regarding an individual seems to have come to fruition with the invention of the computer and its groundbreaking improvements over the courses of the year. It is unimaginable to see such pioneering growth of science in the short span of 75 years. His wish of giving human easy access to the knowledge of the ages has also been fulfilled as demonstrated by the continuation of education online despite the unfortunate circumstances and the social distancing measurements as preventions against the COVID-19 pandemic.