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Last Lecture

I think the idea of a Last Lecture is a fascinating idea in concept but doesn’t quite carry over to a true Swan Song in practice. I don’t personally have any strong feelings towards death but I do have notions as to what I want to leave behind when I do go. While a last lecture may impact the lives of those listening to it and perhaps their children, I want my legacy to be a bit more tangible. I don’t mean to say that the speaker’s method isn’t moving or didn’t have the outcome he wished for it to have, as it did, I just don’t really connect to the idea of disappearing from the lives of others very well. In terms of what I would want to leave behind when I eventually die I would want to leave a lasting impression on one of the “big movers” of society, whether that be science or culture or whatever. I don’t have a whole lot to say on the matter, though, as I don’t spend a lot of time thinking about such big unanswerable questions. I believe my purpose in life is simple, make an impact that lasts for as long as it can without harm.