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After accurately discussing rich countries pride and battle with production illusions due to hubris, Schumacher once again dismantles the conjecture “that the soundest foundation of peace would be the universal prosperity (23).” I for one, agree with Schumacher. Growing up many times I have heard people say that if everyone in the world was rich there would not be any more problems, thus causing world peace. Though this may seem like an innocently great ideal, honestly, Schumacher and I believe that it will not bring prosperity nor will it ever be possible. Schumacher comes to this conclusion because he believes that everyone is guilty of greed, which is completely true. Though some might not partake in financial greed, a person has been greedy in other aspects such as science and technology.

This brings us to Schumacher next accurate point, where he states that science and technology will not save us from disaster and bring us prosperity. With a combination of pride and greed we believe that humankind is unstoppable, especially rich countries. Scientifically and theoretically, our technology will not be able to keep the sun from one day going out, this imploding into a supernova consuming planets such as earth in close interstellar proximity. But let's step away from taxing situations out of our reach and talk about mundane issues within planet earth. Schumacher asks us to theoretically question, if we do reach financial prosperity will we be satisfied? As humans, we will always want more, whether it be money, knowledge, or resources. This is why many states and countries have gone to war, for example, the United States and areas in the middle east’s battle over resources such as oil. This is also why humans will always attempt to make microscopic discovers or vast space explorations about the ever expanding universe and ourselves from our limited environment. But it’s not the end of the world yet, so to settle the argument of human greed, Schumacher's states that we need wisdom as it requires us to think about our lifestyle as it teaches us to recognize the limits we find in the natural world.