

FUTURE OF RESPECT REQUIRES TECHNOLOGY EFFORT

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1. RESPECT IS A PSYCHOLOGICAL NEED FOR INDIVIDUALS

It was a brilliant study of Tay and Diener that showed clearly to me how important Respect is as a universal psychological need for all human beings. As the world becomes more populous, this cannot be left to laissez faire. Walk into a nightclub in London or New York and you will see the jungle of disrespect. Now Civilisation will have a breakdown if people are not treated with respect that they deserve and they have earned. It is not feasible for everyone to waste huge amounts of their effort to tell their life story to strangers to gain respect. This has to be managed with Technology. Glib lip service does not lead to people treating others with respect. And not managing this at a global scale will lead to disintegration of society to money-centered behaviour, or racial prejudices, and increase friction across the world. We need to produce services that allow people to quickly adjust and treat people with respect *without turning every person into a Ph.D. project*. We will need services to manage cultivated contact between individuals based on real information but not overwhelm them. The basic structures of social cohesion of tribal and national types are primitive and inadequate to meet the demands of the future. I am, for example a Princetonian, and I do not want to expend the rest of my life telling every stranger I meet the whole history of my trajectory. These things need to be known and available and *reliable* for everyone everywhere. That will produce a better civilisation.