Technocrats of the Imagination: The Rise of the Expert in Modern Culture

In his new book, *Technocrats of the Imagination*, Edward Tenner explores the rise of the expert in modern culture. Tenner argues that the rise of the expert is a direct result of the increasing complexity of our world. As the world becomes more complex, we increasingly rely on experts to help us make sense of it.

Tenner traces the history of the expert from the early days of the scientific revolution to the present day. He shows how the role of the expert has changed over time, and how the rise of the expert has had a profound impact on our culture.



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In the early days of the scientific revolution, experts were seen as outsiders, as people who had access to knowledge that was not available to the general public. However, as the scientific revolution progressed, experts became increasingly integrated into society. By the early 20th century, experts were seen as essential to the functioning of modern society.

The rise of the expert has had a number of consequences. On the one hand, it has led to a great increase in our knowledge and understanding of the world. On the other hand, it has also led to a decline in public trust in institutions and a sense that we are no longer in control of our own lives.

Tenner argues that we need to find a new way to balance the need for expertise with the need for democratic accountability. He proposes a number of ways to do this, including increasing public understanding of science and technology, and giving citizens a greater role in decisionmaking.

Technocrats of the Imagination is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of technology and the future of human creativity.

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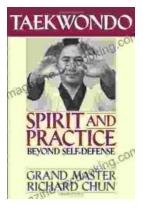


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