

On the Lighter Side, A Newsflash from the 24th Century:
SCIENCE STILL USEFUL
SAYS M. I. T. PROFESSOR

Despite the recent advances in Christianity and Applied Morality, technobiologists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology believe that science is still relevant in the lives of modern Americans. "We are convinced that there is no conflict between Orthodox Christianity and modern science," said Panayiotis Molotovskiy, a spokesperson for the academics, at a recent conference held in Cambridge, Massachusetts. "There are many Orthodox theologians out there who still believe that modern twenty-fourth century science has a place in our lives, despite the many recent advances in virtue and incidents of miraculous healings and clairvoyance," he said, referring to the countless Orthodox monastics scattered throughout Europe and North America who were working signs and miracles on a daily basis. Molotovskiy cited several examples of theologians he knew personally who still believed in science. "I'm sure things will work out for science. Many people feel the need for science in their lives and families," he assured the audience at M. I. T. The Guild of Unmercenary Healers was also holding their convention in nearby Boston during the week. In recent months, many chapters of Saints Anonymous have sprung up in American and Canadian cities, and have been holding vigils closed to the general public. "They're very tight-lipped and modest about their membership," said Molotovskiy, "but we are hoping to be able to meet with some of their representatives here at M. I. T. tomorrow. Scientists today are hoping to hear something re-assuring. After all, if we scientists fade from the scene, who's going to invent better Dream-Recorders for you, or turn your ice and snow into heating fuel, or do your other first-degree knowledge grunt work for you?" asked Molotovskiy with a wan smile.

Other scientists were less optimistic. Igor Stavropoulos, a Harvard nanobiologist, felt that high school students today were more interested in Orthodox Christianity's third-degree knowledge. "Young people aren't going into the sciences anymore. They're all heading for the Mojave Desert, and abandoning the cities," he said. "All you hear on the college campuses these days is 'Evloyite!', and 'Paradise, or bust!' or 'Slava Bogu!'. Representatives from Saints Anonymous, as usual, could not be reached for comment.