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The eulogy of Aldous Huxley in Science (by John Walsh, the 13 December issue) might have reassured him that scientists were not so obviously irresponsible despite their aspirations to the "higher life".

At least in a personal conversation he was equally critical of the scientific ignorance and no-nothing attitude that pervades contemporary literature. If Huxley's criticism was so focussed on scientists, this was the compliment of some hope of their understanding. Among our great writers he stood nearly alone in his apprehension of the modern world and the technical forces that might its uncertain gyration.

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