

The threat from academia

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I like this, a lot:

<https://youtu.be/2KRyLn0i2IE?si=DYMQUcakB2Jjc17R>

I agree with much that the commentator has to say.

This line stood out for me on where progress comes from:

The finest candle makers in the world could not even think of electric lights.

Of course, they could not. They thought within the paradigm they knew. That is now the curse of the economic and political worlds we now live in. Thinking is required to come from within existing paradigms to be acceptable to academia. That, unfortunately, is why most of those over-exposed to academia (which includes most graduates) will never have, let alone take the risk of having, an original idea.

I admit to feeling more than a little liberated by breaking free.