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**From:** Michael Vassar <[REDACTED]>  
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This is surprisingly hard for me, as the very large majority of my efforts are directed at people with social agendas of one sort or another. There are some very smart and interesting people like Michael Nielsen, <http://michaelnielsen.org>, who's agendas are almost entirely confined to the scientific community. My focus is very long term, and not very effected by do-gooding cliché, but a-la Szilard, it really is generally directed by what I expect to be important. Domains like fundamental physics, while they sound very interesting, seem unlikely to be important enough to justify the level of expertise needed to reliably determine what's really high-leverage (although I do vaguely think that anyone who hasn't jumped onto the information theoretic bandwagon by now should probably get with the program).

OTOH, you mention 'cures' here, and I'm certainly familiar with a lot of those. Especially in regenerative medicine and cancer, though schizophrenia and OCD interest me much more.

On Mon, Jan 12, 2015 at 6:48 AM, Michael Vassar <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I'll think about that.

For now, here's the paper I had on blue eyes

<http://www.gnXP.com/blog/2007/11/blue-eyed-ice-queens-and-brown-eyed.php>

Maybe Melanin supplementation would help a lot.

> fun - thanks for taking the time, - I d appreciate it if you both would  
> take a moment and list what you thought I should pay attention to. people  
> .etc. mathematicians . institute models. cures. ? I think the well  
> intentioned effort to point out that the medical system is broken or that  
> academic institutions sometimes hinder creativity , is not time best spent  
> . Groundbreaking ideas . ( ketamine aside ). seems to cause you both to  
> light up as opposed to the I can't believe gambling is goin on here  
> reaction to the concerns of the c plusses.

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