



## It Was All Going So Well

Let's start by zooming *right* out, and looking at the *really* big picture.

We humans have done pretty well, don't you think? Here we are, flying round the world, communicating globally in the blink of an eye. We understand the workings of the universe, all the way from galaxies down to the intricate mechanisms in our bodies. We store our knowledge in stories, proverbs and books, which form a conversation between humans, across cultures and down the ages.

Along the way we've escaped many of the burdens and risks of the natural world. We've got rid of most of our predators. We build skyscrapers, send rockets into space, and overcome natural limits in lots of other ways too. Of course there are setbacks along the way (and science has given us atom bombs as well as penicillin), but we overcome them one by one, gaining more and more control over nature as we go. Onwards and upwards.