

Where Does Wrestling Fit?

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“If you want your life's work to be useful to mankind, it is not enough that you understand applied science as such. Concern for man himself must always constitute the chief objective of all technological effort, concern for the big unsolved problems of how to organize human work

and the distribution of commodities in such a manner as to assure that the results of our scientific thinking be a blessing to mankind and not a curse.”

Albert Einstein addressed these remarks to several hundred students in Pasadena, California, in 1930. The quote

was found in the book, EINSTEIN, The Life and Times by Ronald Clark. If Einstein asked young scientists to focus their efforts with particular regard to the big issues facing mankind, shouldn't those involved in wrestling at least question how wrestling is of value to society?

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