

## If You Chose "No"

▀ You are a *scientist* and not an engineer.

- There is nothing wrong with that. You will receive satisfaction from finding out things and from understanding how things work.
- You may never experience the joy of having lived through a project that actually resulted in a *product*, which other people buy and use.
- In compensation, you may on occasion experience the joy of being the only human who for a brief moment of glory found out something about nature that nobody else on this side of Pluto knows about <sup>1)</sup>.
- You probably will not earn (or at least not receive) a great deal of money and become the leader of men (and women), but probably you won't miss it very much.

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<sup>1)</sup> An old joke along this line is: Hans **Bethe** (or take **Weizsäcker** if you like) was taking a walk with some girl friend at a nice summer night. The girl remarks on how *nice* the stars are shining. "Yes", says Bethe, "and right now I am the only one who knows *why* they are shining" - having just discovered the principles of the hydrogen fusion chain that fires the stars!