TOPIC OF THE WEEK

IS TECHNOLOGY THE ANSWER- 3

But what is “humanity”?

This is where the question becomes philosophical.

If we say *humanity is the problem*, we could mean:

human nature — our impulses and limitations;

human behaviour — what we actually choose to do;

human institutions — governments, corporations and social systems;

human values — what we consider desirable;

or perhaps **the separation between our technological power and our moral development**.

These aren't the same thing.

And your earlier distinction between **“I” and “my behaviour”** becomes relevant here.

Perhaps we should not say:

> *Humanity is the problem.*

Perhaps:

> **Humanity's capacity for behaviour has outgrown its capacity for self-understanding.**

That is a considerably more interesting proposition.

Because it leaves open the possibility of change.

The deepest question

Technology asks:

> **What can we do?**

Science asks:

> **How does it work?**

Politics asks:

> **Who decides?**

Ethics asks:

> **What should we do?**

Philosophy asks:

> **What does “should” mean?**

And perhaps the survival question asks something still deeper:

> **Can a species powerful enough to transform its world also become wise enough to transform itself?**

If the answer is yes, technology could become one of humanity's greatest instruments for survival.

If the answer is no, **technology may simply amplify our existing human contradictions.**

That is why the real 21st-century imperative may not be **technological progress**.

It may be **human maturity proportional to human power**.