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The Only Way Of Knowing

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As of today there are 7 billion people on this planet; according to the wireless industry 5 billion of them have cell phones. It's possible to call anyone on Earth with a 2-ounce pocket mobile. The knowledge behind this politically-powerful technology did not come from sacred texts or government offices. The only way of knowing is by scientific observation and testing. In theory, the public learns from the media. As I will show, the media is not a reliable source.