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And yet Archimedes possessed such a lofty spirit, so profound a soul, and such a wealth of scientific theory, that although his inventions had won for him a name and fame for superhuman sagacity, he would not consent to leave behind him any treatise on this subject, but regarding the work of an engineer and every art that ministers to the needs of life as ignoble and vulgar, he devoted his earnest efforts only to those studies the subtlety and charm of which are not affected by the claims of necessity.

So at least partially at the feet of the Socratic-Pythagorean axis and their deprecation of "natural science" we can lay the charge that they held back one of the greatest engineering minds of the ancient world from further practical discoveries.

Absolutely disgusting to think about.