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I have yet to be convinced that a detailed understanding of atomic structure and nuclear physics is necessary to the appreciation of the benefits and drawbacks of reliance upon a nuclear power industry, so Pirani's well-meant second chapter, which attempts to provide that understanding, turns me right off and perhaps obscures the clarity of the rest of his objective study of the nuclear power dilemma. This provides a neat exposition of growing global energy needs in the face of dwindling resources, the history of nuclear power development on military and domestic fronts, and --- well stressed --- the need for and difficulties of its responsible stewardship. Pirani concludes that 'The answer is to have more nuclear power and manage it properly.' As our prevailing winds here come straight from Chapelcross I cannot but endorse the second part of this statement, but I have yet to be convinced that proper management will ever be as safe and easy as he makes it sound. However --- and especially as his consideration of alternative (i.e. natural) energy strategies is but sketchy --- Pirani's clearly expressed arguments are certainly informative and may convince others.

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