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We're really moving along briskly now. Welcome to the third package of goodies for your Protocol Kit. The theme of this package is *danger* and safety. Anchoring the collection, we have Nadia Asporouvhova's Dangerous Protocols and Timber Schroff's Safe New World.

Focusing in particular on internet social technologies, Nadia argues that protocols are no panacea for the ills of a world of platforms; they merely reproduce many of the fundamentally difficult tradeoffs in newer, less legible forms. While they mitigate some of the problems of platforms, they introduce new ones of their own. Among them, she identifies a particularly tough problem — that of protocol participants internalizing protocols and becoming "protocolized" themselves, turning into unconscious inhabitants of infrastructures whose dispositions they cannot quite see. For better or worse, the medium is the message, and new sorts of humans are the message of protocols.

Where Nadia explores the inherent dangers of protocols as technologies, Timber explores the role of protocols in *ensuring* the safety of humans in dangerous circumstances. Tracing the history of safety protocols in coal mining over two centuries, he develops a general theory of protocol evolution that attempts to explain how safety gradually improves as humans learn, invent, and adapt. But as workplaces get safer, the focus shifts from acute dangers to chronic stressors, and then to mental health, and ultimately we land in a tradeoff space similar to the one Nadia explores, where safety protocols themselves go from mitigating external dangers to being sources of inherent new dangers.

Two more essays, by Shreeda Segan (on dangerous dating protocols) and Janna Tay (on the phenomenology of protocols) add some layered perspectives. Where Shreeda dives deep into issues of dangers and safety in the world of dating apps, Janna takes a meditative look at danger and safety through the lenses of morality, agency, flourishing, and conviviality.

What we have in this set of essays may be the beginnings of an entire praxis of protocols; a lived (and livable) philosophy of protocols. Dirty hands, clear thoughts.

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