

## **Contributions to Nanotechnology**

### **Critique of Nanotechnology: A Debate**

Nanotechnology is a new engineering skill which promises great power by manipulating matter at the atom level. To date, the debate over its consequences (solution or problem?) have assumed its inevitability. Critiques of the proposed science -can it actually be done? -have been nonexistent in the public discourse. The following critique of nanotechnology doesn't address all the questions this technology brings up, but what a relief to have any technical challenge. Simson Garfinkle, a reporter for the Christian Science Monitor, starts off this four-part debate by challenging the underlying technical details this new power is based on. Eric Drexler, Visiting Scholar at Stanford University and a key visionary of nanotechnology, offers his rebuttal. Kevin Kelly (Whole Earth Review)