

## A PARATUDOMÁNY PARADOXONA

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**Abstract:** The paradox of para-science is that it flourishes in the knowledge-based society: while the role and the significance of science has never been so extensive, as today, while the scientific research-development is the most dynamic sector of the social activities, the need for para-sciences has huge dimensions. The paper looks for an answer to this paradox phenomenon, to the mass attraction toward the para-sciences. It deals with matters as science-fiction, ufology, astrology, parapsychology. It draws a parallel between science and para-science from methodological, epistemological and sociological perspective, underlying their reciprocal incompatibility.

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