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THE PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF TECHNOLOGY

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Technology did much for our civilization. It changed our lives for the better. Since the invention of stone tools and wheel, humanity has started developing really fast. Tech companies pay high salaries. However many of us see it as a necessary evil. We may get addicted to it, but we need it.

Simply put, technology is a man's creation that helps him to achieve certain goals. It is a common thought that machines make our lives easier, but do they really? Actually, some aspects of our life are getting worse. Technology causes addiction, divides society, generates laziness and quickly becomes obsolete. Often it is shown as the symbol of materialism, consumptionism and so on. The fact is, technology does not only provide us with the opportunity to live in a better world but also makes us feel its negative influence. For example, the Internet allowed us to communicate with others in the world, but it did not improve us as communicators. This is the problem that technology cannot solve. Technology creates a big problem in education when it comes to teenagers because it distracts young students from the lessons. Also regarding the youth, the problem of cyberbulling became a huge problem in recent years. On the other hand, technology Is used to improve education and accelerate the process of learning. It can provide more job opportunities as new branches of science are created, but at the same time automatization causes many people to lose their jobs. Other problems are: human cloning, weapons (including nuclear ones), viruses, global warming. In the broader sense, technology has improved the efficiency of business because a lot of things can be done instantly. As it was said above, communication is now easier than ever. Thanks to the development of medical care in XX century, far less people are dying or suffering from serious illnesses. Travelling has enlarged its scale thanks to airplanes and rockets, new ways of entertainment developed (e.g. video games), new ways of expressing art, such as Tilt Brush made by Google.

In conclusion, people should try to create more and more advanced technology, but also be aware of the downsides. Technology should be aimed at improving our lives and reducing the negative outcomes as it progresses to stop eventual catastrophe. Technology, when used correctly, exists to shorten the distance between two points and the goal is easier to accomplish.

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