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**inspiring excerpts, interesting excerpts, and funny excerpts!**

**Technology**

**You don't really need advanced technology to excel. Shakespeare had no typewriter; Darwin no computer. And David decked Goliath withouty the help of Howard Cosell. (Changing Timnes, The Kiplinger Magazine)**

**Last year, American's use of credit cards, debit cards, and other electronic ways to pay bills eclipsed paper checks for the first time ever. *(Associated Press, as it appeared in The Week magazine, (December 17, 2004)***

**Man has made many machines, complex and cunning, but which of them indeed rivals the workings of his heart. *(Pablo Casals, in Joys and Sorrows)***

**Now that my mother’s office has a fax machine, I fax my correspondence to her instead of using the post office. Although I’ve told her many times that it’s a faster and less expensive way to communicate, she continued to mail me weekly letters. On my last birthday, however, she showed that she now has a full grasp of technology. She faxed me a $100 bill with the note, “Happy Birthday. You’re right – it is cheaper to fax than mail. Love, Mom.” *(Susan Reilly, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Because Google is so popular, it’s conceited. Have you tried misspelling something lately? See the tone that it takes? “Um, did you mean . . . ?” *(Arj Barker, comedian)***

**No machine can replace the human spark: spirit, compassion, love and understanding. *(Louis V. Gerstner, Jr.)***

**Hi-Tech Treatment: A lady came to the hospital to visit a friend. She had not been in a hospital in several years and felt very ignorant about all of the new technology. A technician followed her onto the elevator, wheeling a large, intimidating looking machine with tubes and wires and dials. "Boy, would I hate to be hooked up to that thing," she said. "So would I,," replied the technician. "It's a floor-cleaning machine." *(The PassTime Paper)***

**Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic. *(Arthur C. Clarke)***

**Technology keeps making things and people harder to lose and easier to find – is this really progress? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

**Lady Gaga's drone army: The drone tech behind Lady Gaga's Super Bowl performance could revolutionize more than halftime entertainment, said Brian Barrett in Wired.com. "An army of dancing drones, ducking and dodging over the Houston skyline," accompanied the pop megastar, transforming from stars to a fluttering flag to the Pepsi logo. The choreographed display -- which was taped one week before the game to abide by FAA regulations -- used Intel's Shooting Star drone system, involving 300 drones. The plastic and foam drones are roughly 1 foot square, weighing just over 8 ounces. Each communicated wirelessly with a central computer to execute its coded routine. "But the technology offers far more practical, and potentially life-saving applications." Swarms of synchronized drones could one day be used to carry out search and rescue operations, perform crop inspection, and work on construction sites. *(The Week magazine, February 17, 2017)***

**Machines are beneficial to the degree that they eliminate the need for labor; harmful to the degree that they eliminate the need for skill. *(W. H. Auden, A Certain World)***

**The marvels of modern technology include the development of a soda can which, when discarded, will last forever -- and a $7,000 car which, when properly cared for, will rust out in two or three years. *(Paul Harwitz, in The Wall Street Journal)***

**Just because your voice reaches halfway around the world doesn’t mean you are wiser than when it reached only to the end of the bar. *(Edward R. Murrow)***

**On January 2, 1813, in York, England, Ned Ludd and his followers were placed on trial for destroying automated looms that were being used in textile factories. They blamed their unemployment on the use of such machinery. In modern usage, Luddite is a term describing those opposed to technology. *(The Daily Chronicle)***

**Technology is a way of organizing the universe so that man doesn't have to experience it. (*Max Frisch)***

**I don’t believe in e-mail. I’m an old-fashioned girl. I prefer calling and hanging up. *(Sarah Jessica Parker, Sex and the City)***

**You know that technology has passed you by when you have a power outage and nothing you own is blinking. *(Hart, Creators Syndicate)***

**One of the marvels of modern technology is the plastic wrap that clings to the roll and not to the bowl. *(John Gratton, in Odessa, Missouri, Odessan)***

**Machines certainly can solve problems, store information, correlate, and play games – but not with pleasure! *(Leo Rosten, in Passions & Prejudices, on the difference between man and machine)***

**The real problem of humanity is the following: We have Paleolithic emotions, medieval institutions, and god-like technology. *(Edward O. Wilson, biologist)***

**Technology is a queer thing. It brings you great gifts with one hand, and it stabs you in the back with the other. *(C. P. Snow)***

**Once upon a time we were just plain people. But that was before we began having relationships with mechanical systems. Get involved with a machine and sooner or later you are reduced to a factor. *(Ellen Goodman)***

**We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology. *(Carl Sagan)***

**This is perhaps the most beautiful time in human history; it is really pregnant with all kinds of creative possibilities made possible by science and technology which now constitute the slave of man – if man is not enslaved by it. *(Jonas Salk)***

**If you want to show how technologically advanced you are, you could have an answering machine attached to your car phone that says that says you're not in because you're home. *(The Cockle Bur)***

**Serving Up Software: $59.2 billion: The amount estimated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder that U. S. companies spend every year on business software. $5: The amount analysts estimate that business-software customers spend installing and fixing their software for every $1 they spend on software. *(BusinessWeek Online, as it appeared in Rocky Mountain News, November 24, 2003)***

**Today is January 6, Technology Day, celebrating the innovations that transform society. What innovations might occur in the decades to come? Scientists are developing concrete that can "fix" itself, tactile holograms, and floating farms. *(The Daily Chronicle)***

**Personally, I’m waiting for caller IQ. *(Sandra Bernhard)***

**If it keeps up, man will atrophy all his limbs but the push-button finger.**

***(Frank Lloyd Wright)***

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