

Technology Is Our Tower of Babel

Genesis 11

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Genesis 6

The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

We live in an age of technological marvels that are expanding and developing at warp speed. In the brief time since Gommel (my dad) went home to be with God:

✓ Cell phones have developed increasing complexity and capabilities to where they are no longer cell phones. They are more



properly called "devices or even mini-computers. They no longer are optional, but a necessity to efficiency and smooth function in this complex world. No longer do we go TO a phone to use it – it has come TO US, placing us in a virtual prison from which we cannot escape. We MUST be in touch at all times, so that we get nervous and upset without it.

✓ Text messaging is the new email, demanding and occupying huge and growing



amounts of time to deal with it. Yes, it can be somewhat controlled, but not without much effort. We can boast about our vigilance, but soon tiny online critters creep into your phone, er, mini-computer again, forcing you to delete-delete-delete or block-block-block AGAIN and AGAIN.

✓ Automobiles, while using fundamentally the same internal combustion engines since their inception, with the exception of electric cars, have been dressed up with bells and whistles that make driving safer and more pleasurable while lulling us into a dependency on them that also stunts our personal development of judgment, discipline, vigilance. The freeway crush almost requires this kind of technological help, for both good and bad.

✓ Medicine has developed in all sorts of ways, of which I am mostly ignorant but to which I can testify personally from my own multiple involvements. No longer is a hysterectomy an in-hospital surgery but an outpatient procedure from which one walks away. The development of the Cochlear Implant has saved many from the dungeon of deafness, keeping them engaged and productive. Artificial joints are easy, relatively painless (except knees), and life-extending. Wow! All good, right?

✓ Elon Musk alone has developed jaw-dropping technologies, from a pioneering payment system that is now PayPal, to Space X rockets, Starlink satellites, and many technologies involved in the Tesla enterprise.

✓ Money markets, crypto currencies, the stock markets – I have no clue how they operate, but it is highly complex and can crash entire economies and make lives miserable almost instantly..

✓ Super computers, computer farms, Amazon, Microsoft, the convenience of online shopping and activities, the oh, so innocuous and helpful new things the browsers will do for you (so that you can't keep up with the location of this or that link that you've used forever because it changes almost daily). So convenient, and so mind numbing.

✓ Artificial intelligence (AI) is engulfing us. The floodgates are open! Even Elon Musk recognizes its dangers and is developing a "good" AI to counter "bad" AI.

It's no wonder that mankind has a high opinion of itself. The list above is partial, limited to what I see through my microscopic peephole into the world of high tech. (And then we expect a President of the United States to understand enough of all of this to do an effective job of leadership!)



Does that not lead a person who retains a modicum of awareness and thought to compare our great "advancements" to the ancient Tower of Babel? We humans are so full of ourselves, so resistant to humility before our Creator, so open to the deceptions and manipulation of the Evil One, that we ignore the dual good/evil nature of all of this advancement and allow, and even promote, the evil side, no matter how good the intentions were originally. Think AI – so wonderful, and so fraught with evil uses.

We now have built our own technological Tower of Babel, reaching to the skies! We don't need that mythological God Who has so many rules and keeps us from doing as we please. He's just a sop for weak people who need a babysitter. We are our own gods. We can build new humans who can live forever. Who needs that other God?

So here we are, back in the days of Noah, watching evil grow exponentially, coated with a thin veneer of good to make it look ok.

God help us! Thank You for eyes that see and ears that hear. We know that a that a Noah-like reckoning is on the near horizon. When it comes, we want to be on YOUR side. We want to be resistant to the lure of this attractive, sparkling stuff. We want to be able to stand before You and hear You say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Thank You!

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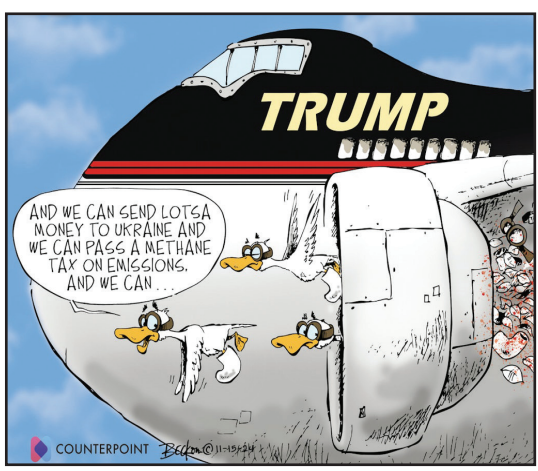


DESPITE THIS, WE HAD SCHOOLS, ROADS, RAILROADS, AND A MILITARY.

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