

Techno Sins

Temptation by Technology









Why the Study? (1)

- We are nearing Romans 13:14 about providing for the flesh.
- The world is bombarding our fleshly lusts everywhere now.
- We have many unmarried children that must be protected.
- We need not pitch toward Sodom ... it has entered our homes.
- If evil communications corrupt ... it is a 24/7 job to protect.
- What the world makes us think we need is not what we need!

Why the Study? (2)

- My goal is to increase sensitivity and conviction to inventions.
- My goal is to provoke you to greater vigilance and holiness.
- My goal is to scare you about your children to be protectors.
- My life and work are to help us all walk more closely with God.
- Every generation has enemies ... I want to identify one of ours.
- We are the children of God and must live differently than Cain.

Assumptions and Explanations

- Popular opinion is wrong (Ex 23:2; Lu 16:15; Jas 4:4; I Jn 2:15-17)!
- A thing cannot commit sin – sin is the human heart abusing it!
- We can take the world's things and use them for the kingdom.
- We face the greatest changes in lifestyle, philosophy, habits.
- We should not care about the historical or technical details.
- More detail could be provided, but not for time or modesty.

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- U.S. Navy Chaplain, Lt. Cmdr. Lulrick Balzora, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Fourteen (NMCB-14), prepares to baptize Construction Mechanic Kyle Ellis. Balzora baptized several members assigned to NMCB-14 and NMCB-74 using a 2.5 cubic yard front-end loader bucket as an improvised baptismal. NMCB-14 and NMCB-74 are currently deployed in Iraq supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).
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- Author U.S. Navy photo by Builder 2nd Class Jerome Kirkland

A Blessing (1)

“I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions” (Prov 8:12).

- We have more witty inventions than any earlier generation.
- Where God’s wisdom goes, there are usually more inventions.
- Israel inventions: circumcision, quarantines, year of release, aqueducts, sundials, tabernacle, temple, sanitation, etc.
- Check out Bezaleel, Hiram, and others (Ex 31:1-5; 1 Kgs 7:13-14).

A Blessing (2)

“For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him.... This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working” (Isaiah 28:26,29).

- Planting, harvesting, and processing is by God’s revelation.
- Adam and his family did not get hungry during trial and error.
- Where God’s wisdom goes, there are inventions for progress.
- But there are nations still using blowguns and boomerangs!

A Blessing (3)

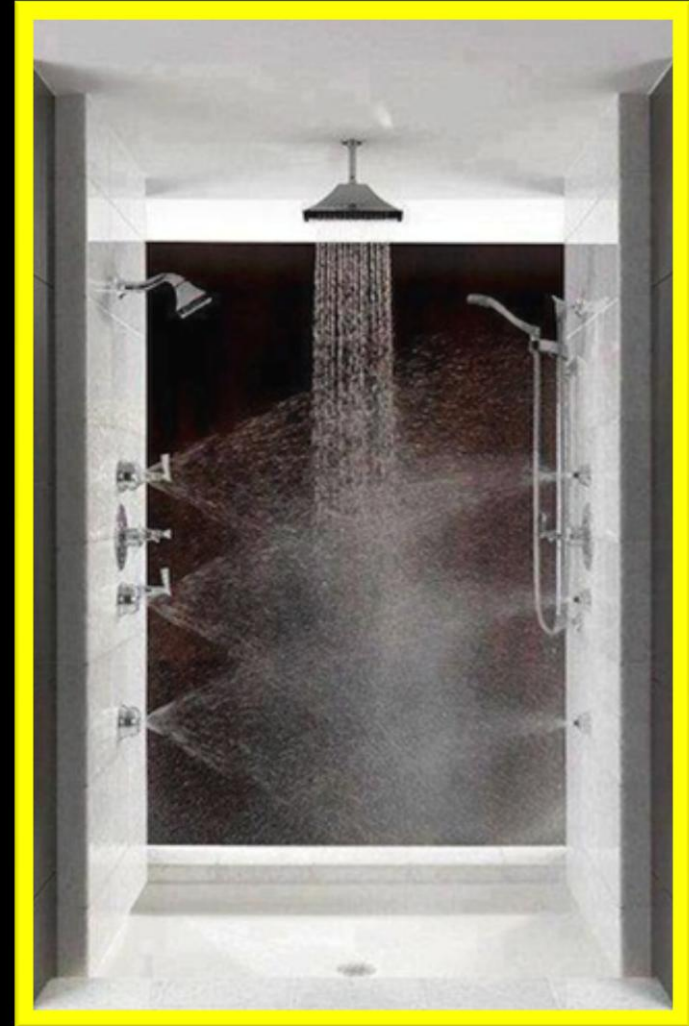
“(Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jasher)” (II Samuel 1:18).

- David taught Israel archery after enemy archers wounded Saul.
- Sometimes God’s people adopt pagan inventions for their use.
- God in His benevolent providence may allow pagans to invent.
- God’s people have always used pagan nations for many things.

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A Warning (1)

“Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions” (Ecclesiastes 7:29).

- Adam and Eve had a perfect marriage in a perfect world.
- But they were not content and tried to go beyond God’s rules.
- Anything that alters God’s will for us is an invention by man.
- See also: Ps 99:8; 106:29,39; Ro 1:21-25; II Cor 2:11; Gen 6:12; Jer 4:22.

A Warning (2)

“But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof” (Rom 13:14).

- We begin Romans 13 on Sunday, and this text is coming soon.
- The verse warns against providing for the lusts of the flesh.
- Technology allows fulfillment of fleshly lusts like never before.
- It is our solemn duty to cut off even opportunities for sin.

A Warning (3)

“Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom” (Gen 13:12).

- How did Abraham’s nephew and family get totally destroyed?
- It began with a little compromise of getting close to the world.
- Sodom is now in our houses and usually in a pocket or purse!
- If you allow the devices, you had better strictly rule content.

A Warning (4)

“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners” (1 Co 15:33).

- Paul’s application was for false teaching about resurrection.
- Until the last century, teens were mainly exposed to parents!
- Now there is every conceivable error and heresy in the house.
- Teens hate neutral content; it is sober and requires thinking.
- Content must be ruled with an iron fist by fathers for children.

A Warning (5)

“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”

Matthew 24:12

- Jesus made this prophecy of Israel before desolation in 70AD.
- However, the principle or rule should give us concern today.
- Technology is assisting iniquity to abound everywhere.
- It is our solemn duty to cut off this assistance where we can.

A Warning (6)

“I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me” (Ps 101:2-3).

- David committed himself to perfect living to walk with God.
- David committed to avoid all evil sights and evil persons.
- Technology creates temptations for sight, errors, and friends.
- Do you hate the work of them that turn aside – the world?

A Warning (7)

“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved” (1 Cor 10:31-32).

- Rule #1: All use of technology should be to God’s glory.
- Rule #2: All use of technology should not offend anyone.
- Rule #3: All use of technology should be to convert sinners.

A Warning (8)

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:1-2).

- Here is the mandate we were given when we opened Rom 12!
- What will you sacrifice to be holy and acceptable to God?
- You must avoid any conforming ... to be rather transforming!

A Warning (9)

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world” (Jas 1:27).

- Pure religion, as Rom 12, is by brotherly love + holy living.
- Technology has brought the world up close to make spots.
- Notice it requires “keeping yourself”: so what will you do?
- We must be vigilant and zealous to hate spots of the flesh.

A Warning (10)

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (II Cor 6:14 – 7:1).

- A thing cannot commit sin – sin is the human heart abusing it!
- We must avoid any compromising use with every technology.
- This cleansing you must do yourself – practical godliness.

STOP!

- Get serious and consider an individual Christian's temptations.
- You are about to see 100 years of great changes helping sin!
- A boy or girl in 1880 faced little different than one in 4000 B.C.
- The world has changed more in 100 years than since creation!
- More time could be spent on each invention, but we cannot.
- More details could be given for each one, but modesty denies.



Camera (1830)

- Made realistic, vivid, life-like images possible for the first time.
- Prior to this invention, men had to rely on drawings/paintings.
- The lust of the eyes is very powerful – this invention serves it.
- Images of women are the basis of pornography and addiction.
- Images of things are the basis of covetousness, envy, greed.
- Images of the world are the basis of feeding lusts and fantasy.



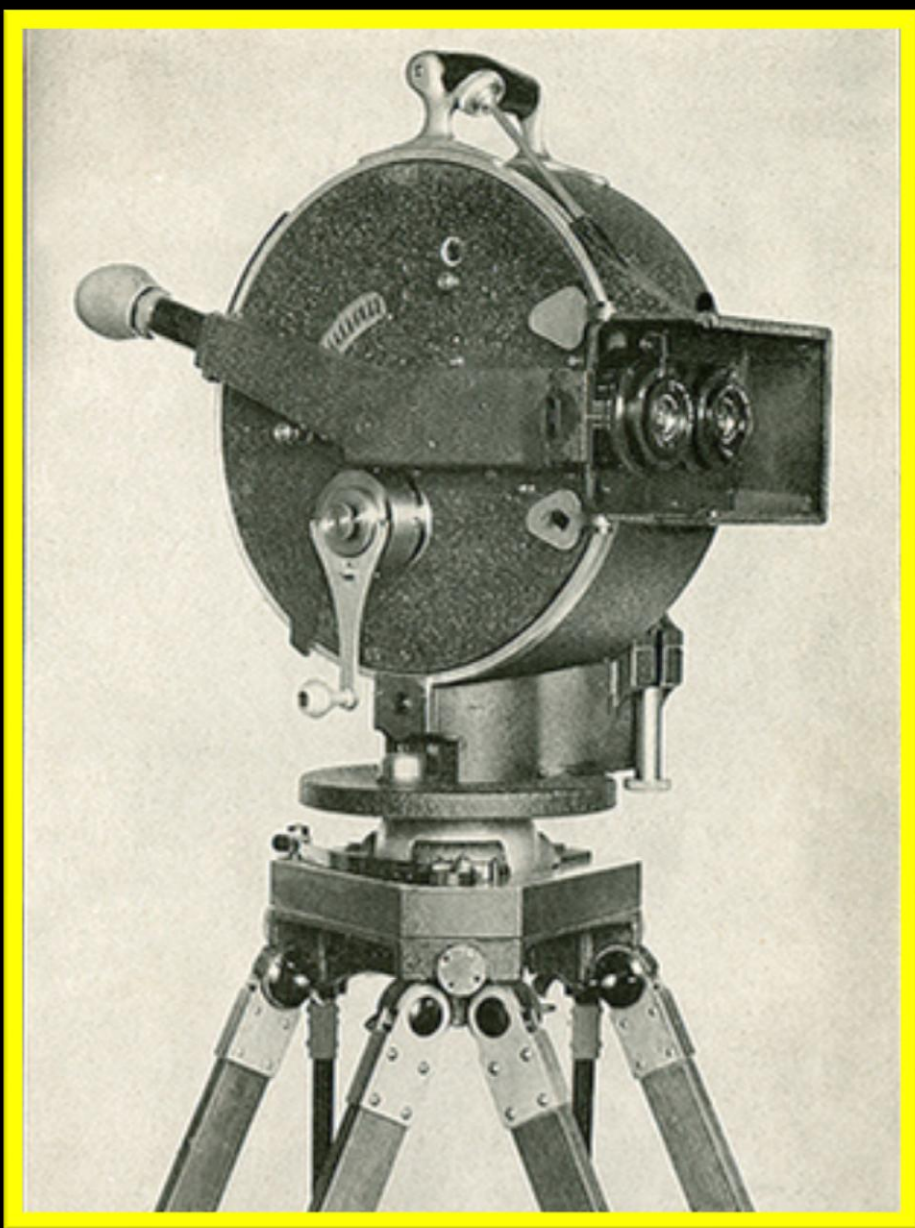
Telephone (1880)

- Allowed clear, instant communication between distant parties.
- The restraint of physical presence for seduction was removed.
- Sinful goals could be easily leveraged by this communication.
- Verbal seduction, one of the most powerful to girls, was born.
- Homes had only one phone for many years in a central place.
- Rules on phone conversations by party and by time were given.



Electricity

- Fear not! I am not out to condemn electricity like the Amish!
- Wow! All kinds of goodies from lights to ovens to computers.
- We now do things at night, good or bad, not done before.
- It provided the energy/power to operate coming techno-sins.
- If you guard cameras, phones, and electricity, you got 80%!
- We are using electricity for godly goals in this presentation!



Movie Camera (1895)

- Enhanced the still photos of a simple camera with movement.
- The appeal was much more enticing, for it was now animated.
- Sound and speech were added to give greater reality by 1930.
- Acting, music, and words could manipulate in any direction.
- Christians did not visit movie houses; they were too worldly.
- Movie houses were located in cities; farm families were safe.

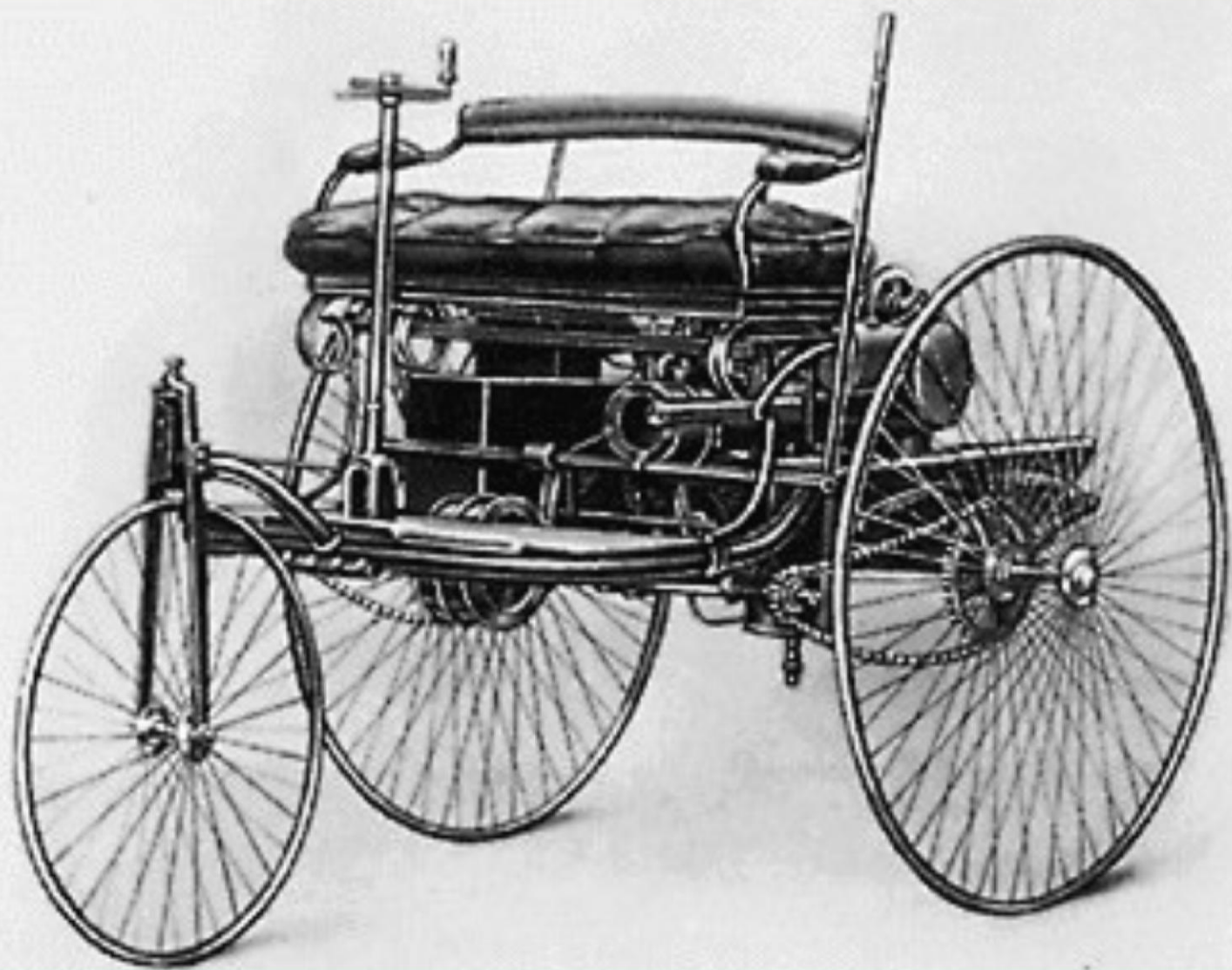






Phonograph or Record Player (1900)

- For the first time music could be stored and played anywhere.
- Music is a very powerful medium; now it could be repeated.
- Music stored and played repeatedly made powerful medium.
- Platters or discs became cheap to duplicate to spread music.
- Rock and roll music spread millions of records to USA youth.
- Teenagers could rock around the clock to revolutionary music.





Automobile (1900)

- Wow! Easy and fast transportation from one place to another.
- Opened up “dating” environment visualized by 50’s drive-ins.
- Teens could get away from home and go farther than before.
- Teens could get away from home and associate with anyone.
- Teens or adults could go forbidden places easily and quickly.
- No child/youth has a right to a car or to use a car as they wish.



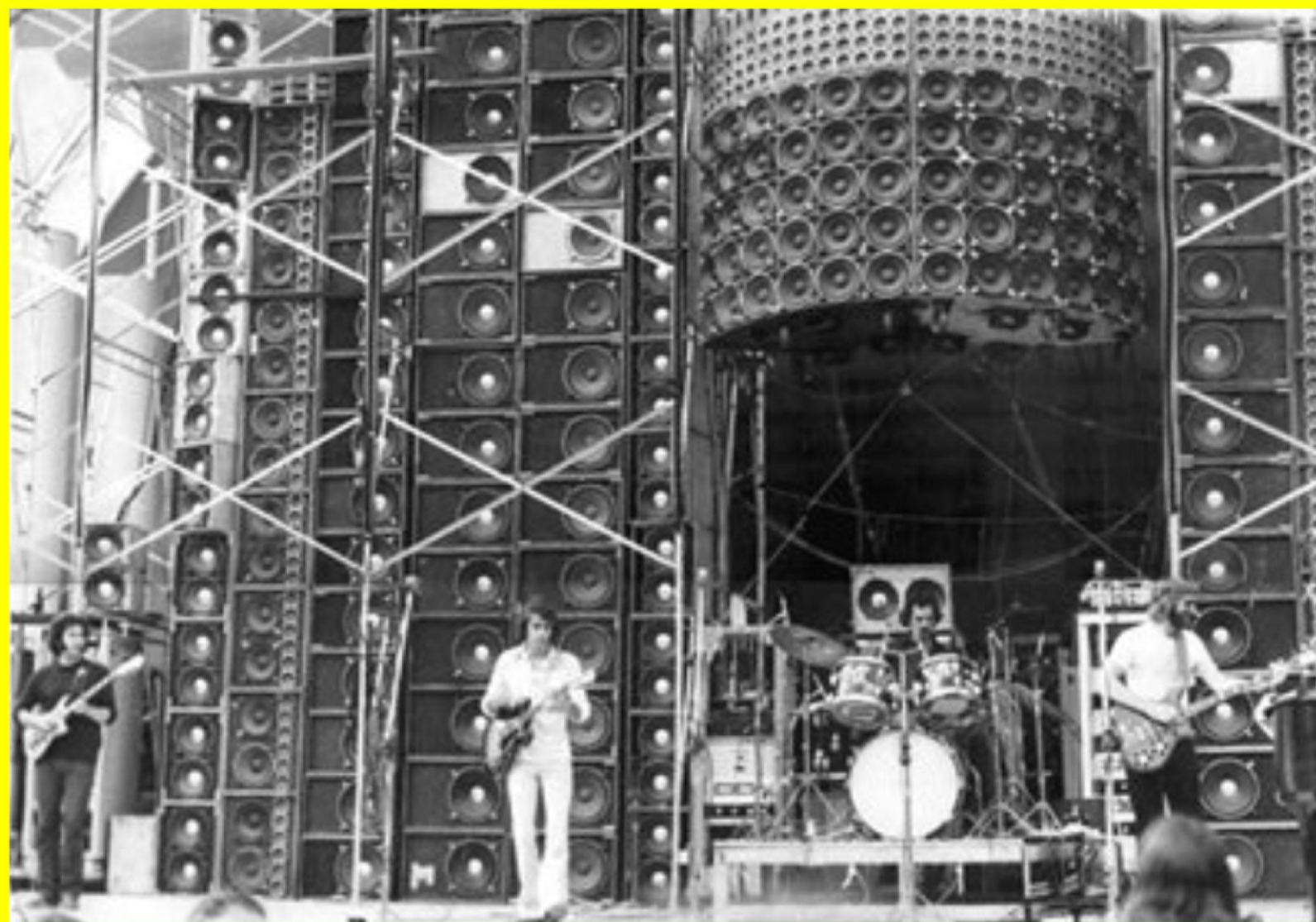




Movie Theater (1915)

- Powerful video-audio form of worldly dramas and philosophy.
- Community form of entertainment increasing peer pressure.
- As with all sins, loss of sensitivity requires more and more sin.
- Drive-in variety allowed private room with couch (in your car).
- Larger than life presentation in sight and sound overwhelms.
- Previews are typically 5 taking 10-12 minutes of assorted junk.





Amplifiers (1920)

- Large audiences could hear for pleasure, business, or politics.
- Sound was no longer limited to normal, but could be elevated.
- No one listens to rock-n-roll, rap, or such music at low levels.
- Decibels: power mower at 3 feet (100); loud concert (130).
- Rock and roll at high levels is irresistible to most females.
- “Churches” like New Spring or Elevation totally depend on it.







Radio (1920)

- Audio sound no longer limited to “live” or “stored” devices.
- Into the home: faithless men, music, dramas, news, ads, etc.
- City immorality was invited right into the rural living room.
- Large early radios precluded portability or use by children.
- Limited stations and programming precluded much sin early.
- Now in automobiles, on cell phones, watches, etc., etc.

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THE BEATLES
They're here again
and what a racket!

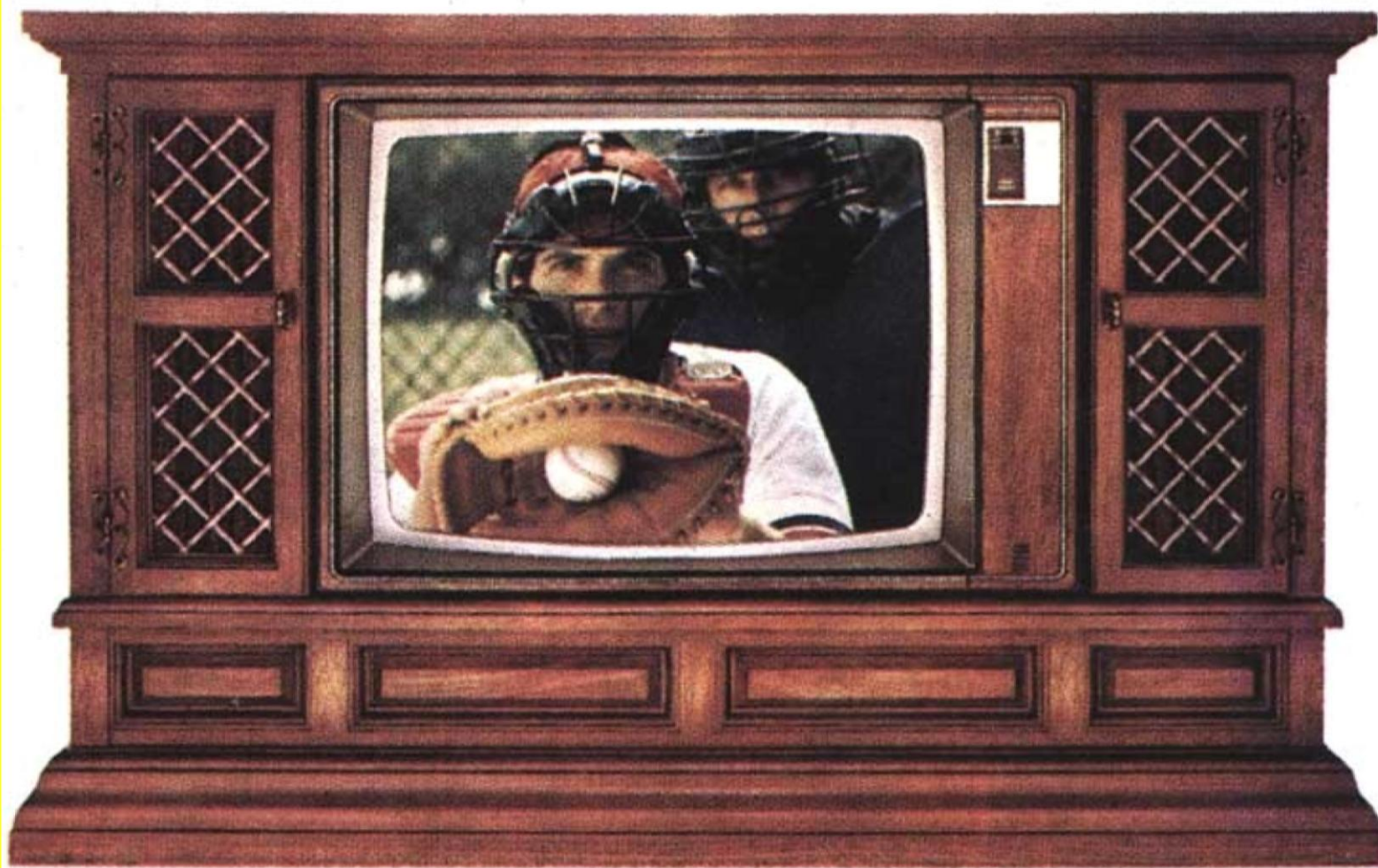


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Color Printing (1930)

- Lifelike color images are reproduced easily and inexpensively.
- Magazines proliferate for any acceptable or deviant purpose.
- Graphic images from Life to National Geographic tease senses.
- Pornography for 30 years (1970-2000) relied on slick magazines.
- People magazine and others marketed lifestyles of wicked.
- Physical object had to be sold or mailed limiting use by youth.







Television (1940)

- Video images with audio create powerful medium in homes.
- Inside your home this stranger espouses everything but truth.
- He is able to show and tell stories that are utterly captivating.
- Preaching or reading no longer hold the attention or interest.
- This is probably the single most dangerous invention ever.
- The devil preaches faithless, hopeless fun while showing sin.



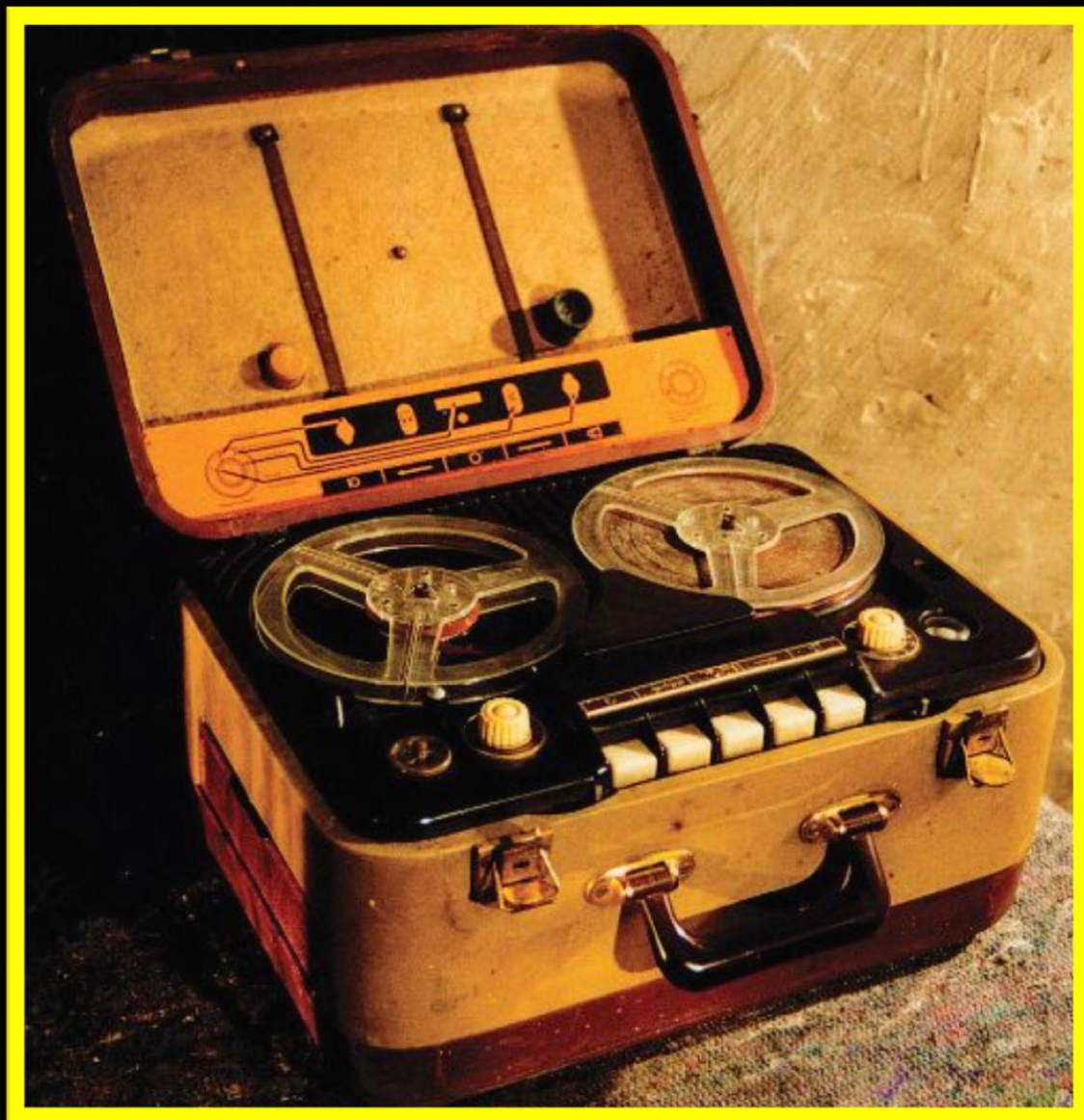
Electric Guitar (1940)

- Creates a musical tone for amplification to overwhelm senses.
- Lead and base guitars, and drums, are the tools of rock-n-roll.
- Consider Chuck Berry to Jimi Hendrix to Peter Townshend.
- Driving beats of lead, base, and drums take control of body.
- Senses cannot be overpowered with a harp or acoustic guitar.
- This invention is indispensable for seeker-sensitive churches.



Portable Radio (1950)

- Transistorized radios arrived with the rise of rock-n-roll music.
- A large, centrally-located family radio was a thing of the past.
- Children could be brainwashed 24 hours a day without control.
- Radios installed in cars were taken anywhere without control.
- Teenagers were driven wild with the new African sex music.
- Rock stars as heroes instead of athletes, generals, or titans.







Audio Tape (1950)

- Audio stored and copied and easy to use on small players.
- Music was recorded, copied, replayed with enhancements.
- Quality, quantity, portability, and accessibility were improved.
- Cars became equipped with 8-track and then audio cassettes.
- Worldly music (The Who) or philosophy (Think and Grow Rich).
- Saints used the medium for sending the gospel everywhere.



Cell Phones (1970)

- Single family phone was replaced by personal mobile phones.
- Monitoring teen calls was no longer possible by time or place.
- Relationships could not be controlled as easily as before.
- Cell phones are a “necessity” by peer pressure and marketing.
- Wicked news can be spread rather quickly by cell phone chain.
- Real fathers will fear these devices and monitor them closely.



CD Players (1980)

- More advanced music medium for greater storage and quality.
- Much more music stored on smaller discs for improved sound.
- CD players of large stereo systems to Sony Walkman portable.
- Multi-disc capacity with programming gave incredible options.
- Storage reduced in size for medium and player for concealing.
- Godly men can exploit these inventions for good and holy use.



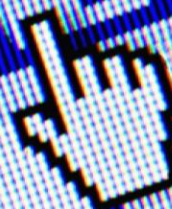
Internet (1985)

- Brought all media home for private use with cheap computer.
- Anything can be seen, heard, studied, stored, copied, resent.
- Pornography available without leaving home (now mostly free).
- Chatrooms allowed anonymous, private filthiness or seduction.
- Safety measures include location, filters, passwords, time, etc.
- The entire world for no cost on either end is now in your home.

compose

Inbox (1)

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Email (1990)

- Private written communication between any computers.
- Compare limits and risk of notes/letters to ease and safety.
- Without a phone ringing or a door knocking, messages sent.
- Privacy is only for those people with something to hide.
- Make every email comply with three rules earlier (I Co 10:31-33).
- We have exploited it for 10 years with our Proverbs project.



MP3 Player (1998)

- More advanced music medium for greater storage and quality.
- Does not need any physical object to store or play music.
- Digital quality, storage, accessibility better than anything yet.
- Store 1000's of songs in a pocket-sized device for headphones.
- Did not take long for MP4 that included full video function.
- All the world's filth in audio and video now in a teen's pocket.



Smart Phone (1996)

- Pocket phones can now do most everything invented above.
- Calls, take pictures, take videos, play music, surf Internet.
- Send email, text messaging, GPS, and apps for most anything.
- The world is no longer in your home ... it is in your pocket.
- Pitching a tent toward Sodom? ... Sodom is in your clothes!
- Incredible convenience must be offset by provision for flesh.





Texting (1998)

- Communication no longer required sound as with cell phone.
- Consider ... family phone ... to cell phone ... to text messaging.
- The average American youth sends 110 text messages a day.
- Youth may communicate silently, anywhere, with small device.
- Texting for sex, called sexting, popular with youth in places.
- Who has determined these devices are “necessary” for youth?





Social Media (2003)

- Why limit cool you to direct exchanges? Free, private website!
- MySpace and Facebook came along to market your coolness!
- You can let everyone know your favorite music or toilet paper!
- A generation of narcissistic youth can display self-obsession!
- Add your friends and friends of friends and you seem popular!
- Recent studies ... 6 days ago ... more Facebook, the less happy!



ok glass, google...

take a picture

record a video

get directions to...

send a message to...

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Lots of Other Techno to Consider

iTunes	Sirius Satellite Radio	Pandora
Digital Camcorders	Private Bedrooms	Personal Computers
Search Engines	Video Games	Shopping Malls
Credit Cards	Dime Store Novels	MP4 Players
MUZAK	Music on Telephone Holds	Twitter
Daylight Savings Time	Cosmetic Surgery	Cable Television
Tanning Beds	Mobile Phones	Video Games
Instant Messaging	Internet Dating	MP4 Players
YouTube	Music Videos	Laptops / Tablets
Kindle Books	Backward Masking	Subliminal Advertising
Teleprompters	Trick Photography	Electronic Music
Online Gambling	1-900-Sex-Lines	Every Possible App
VHS Recorders/Players	DVD Recorders/Players	Digital Cameras

Other Consequences to Consider

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Conclusions (1)

- Is Jesus Lord of the technology and inventions in your life?
- Are you using technology to save time or does it waste time?
- Are you setting any evil thing before your eyes?
- Are you communicating with filthiness, foolish talking, jesting?
- Are you staying out from among them and not touching sin?
- Are you sacrificing your children without an altar to Molech?

Conclusions (2)

- God will soon burn up all technology. Do you live like it?
- Do you remember Achan? What happened for compromise?
- Fathers, do you manage what your family sees? Are you sure?
- Fathers, do you manage what your family hears? Are you sure?
- Will you be Anabaptists, Pilgrims, Puritans and hide from evil?
- Will you be a living sacrifice to make no provision for the flesh?



For Further Study

- **Is Jesus Lord?** ... www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/christ/he-is-lord-of.../sermon.php
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