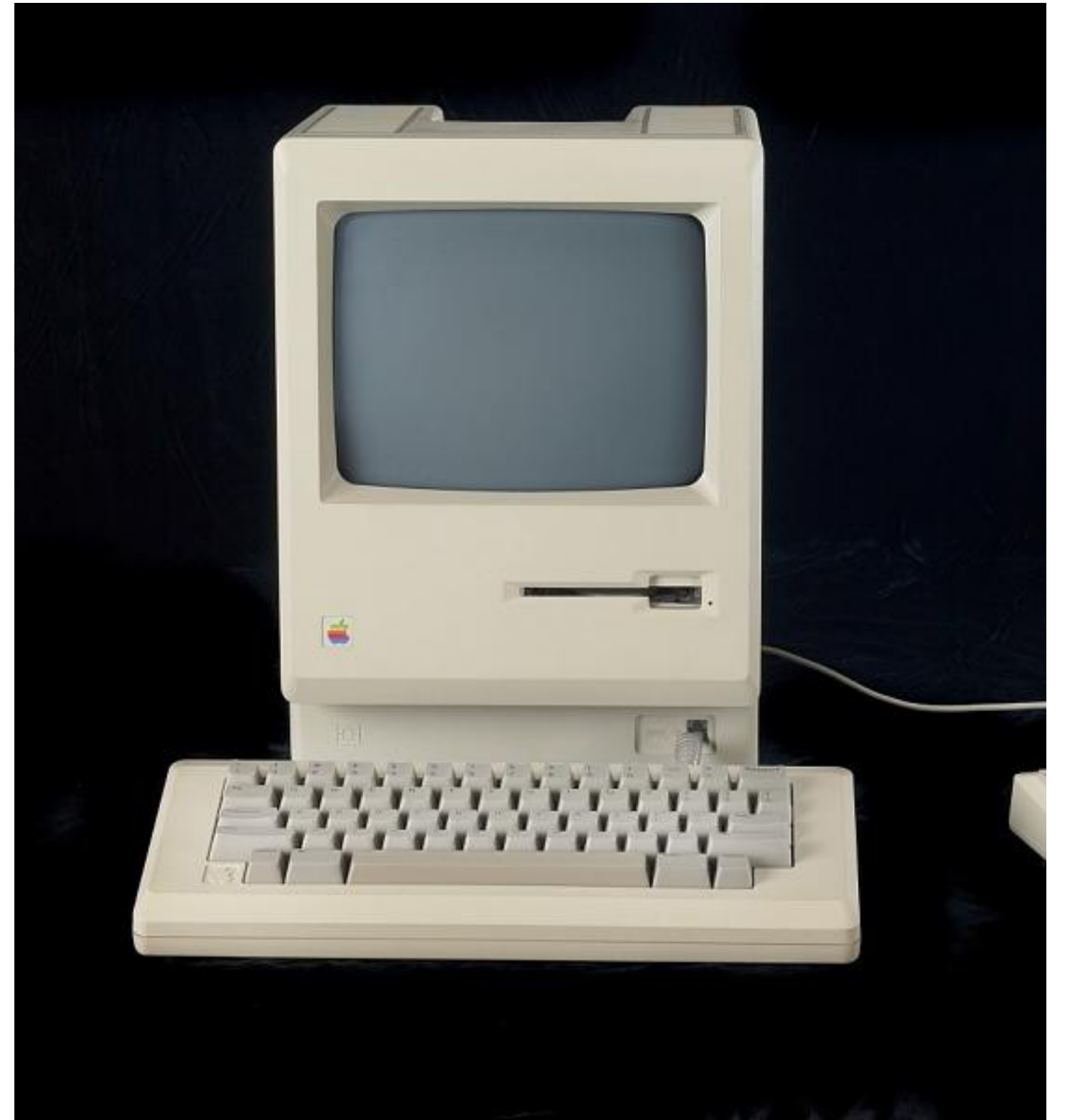


WISDOM FOR A DIGITAL AGE



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Chat GPT



TOWARD A THEOLOGY OF TECHNOLOGY

Looking for Wisdom in All the Right Places.



10,000 Hours (Time required to master a complex skill)



69,000 Hours (Time a 20-year-old will have spent engaged with digital technology—equivalent to 8 full years)

400 BILLION
EMAILS

30 BILLION
TEXTS

16 BILLION
GOOGLE QUERIES

900 MILLION
APP DOWNLOADS

2.5 BILLION
CHATGPT PROMPTS

The average adult (40-75) spends **70-80%** of discretionary time (6+ hours/day) on non-work devices.

The Cycle of Creation and Craftsmanship

The Standard
Our work must be pure (Phil. 4:8-9).
All efforts must be marked by truth,
honor, justice, and excellence.

The Danger
We become our idols (Psalm 115:4-8).
Warning: We become like the things
we make and trust in.

The Potter

God shapes us (Isaiah 64:8). We are
the clay, the work of His hand.

The Mandate

We shape the earth (Gen. 1:28).
Created to fill, subdue, and rule.

The Blessing

God establishes our work (Psalm 90:16-17).
Using the work of our hands to
accomplish His purposes.



What is Technology?

Techne (Skill/Art) + Logia (Systematic Study)

“Technology is the creative activity of using tools to shape and use God’s creation for practical purposes.”

- Tim Challies

CREATOR



Result: Tools expand ability and extend reach for God’s glory.

CURATOR



Result: The tool reshapes the user in powerful, lasting, and destructive ways.

The Meta-Narrative of Technology

Creation (The Desire)

Mandate
To rule and care for
the earth.

Action
Developing tools to build,
plant, and communicate as
Image-Bearers.

Fall (The Need)

Mandate
To survive on a hostile
planet.

Action
Developing medicine to ease
pain, weapons to protect, and
arts to distract from futility.

Redemption (The Motive)

Mandate
To spread the gospel and
alleviate suffering.

Action
Using tools (written language,
digital networks, medical tech)
to execute God's redemptive
purposes.

Consummation (The Hope)

Mandate
To advance toward the
ultimate City of God.

Action
Building in a broken world
with the hope of the eternal,
perfected city (Rev 21-22).



The Master Technologist

The universe is God's technology—designed, sustained, and governed to declare His glory and do good to His creation (Job 38:4-5).

Revelation

Declares the truth about His existence and reflects His attributes.

Redemption

Facilitates the deliverance from sin and death.

Restoration

Shows severe mercy and kindness to all creation.

What Went Wrong? Evading Divine Boundaries



The Misuse: Altering or rejecting the boundaries of human embodiment.

The Misuse: Escaping into cyberspace to control an alternative, frictionless reality.

The Misuse: Endless diversion, constant stimulation, and evading our dependence on the Creator.

Fallen humanity uses technology to eliminate, evade, or displace Divinely ordained limits.

The Idol of Autonomy

“Those who make them become like them.” (Psalm 115:8)

Salvation:
Looking to the tool to solve human problems.



Satisfaction:
Looking to the tool for products and experiences.



Security:
Looking to the tool for safety from danger.



Significance:
Looking to the tool for a meaningful life.



The pursuit to be our own god paradoxically enslaves us to the very technology that makes the illusion possible.

The Mission of Technology

Glory of His Name

Exalting God and extending the offer of His Kingdom on earth (Matt. 6).

Good of Others

Leveraging tools for gospel mercy, justice, and kindness in vocations (Luke 3).

Proclamation of Truth

Using platforms to reveal and distribute true revelation (Ps. 19).

Human Flourishing

Advancing true biblical Shalom and pure enjoyment of creation.

Kingdom of Darkness

Convenience over commitment

Curation over truth

Escape over presence

Power over service

Kingdom of God

Presence over convenience

Authenticity over curation

Engagement over escape

Stewardship over power

Technology allows us to curate reality;
wisdom demands we embrace authenticity.

The Demand of Mastery



Self-Centered Idolatry	↔	Love
Comparison	↔	Joy
Contempt	↔	Peace
Impatience	↔	Patience
Hostility	↔	Kindness & Goodness
Forgetfulness	↔	Faithfulness
Outrage	↔	Gentleness
Reckless Indulgence	↔	Self-Control

INSIGHT

Mastering technology requires active, intentional cultivation of spiritual fruit to counteract the natural gravity of digital algorithms.

An Ancient Rubric for a Digital Age (Acts 2:42)

Missional Flourishing

Doctrine

Serious study and application of truth (Antidote to endless scrolling and curated media).

Mission

Engaged, present partnerships (Antidote to isolated consumerism).

Fellowship

Life-on-life discipleship (Antidote to online echo chambers).

**Corporate
Worship**

Dynamic, gathered, relational worship (Antidote to comfortable, detached viewing).



**We live in broken cities,
building toward the City whose
builder and maker is God.**

Our creative efforts today are echoes
of the eternal City we are moving toward.
The ultimate technology is a restored creation.