

Day 1 – First Neo Luddite Interaction: The Perils of Technology.

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The world as we know it is ending, and we are willingly bringing it about. The advancements of technology have already created a myriad of problems for us:

The Erosion of Privacy – From Facebook to the Government, nothing about you is secret anymore, even if you think it is. Computers know more about you than you do, and algorithms can decide what you want.

The Automation of the Workforce – With more and more of our workforce being automated we are not prepared for the socio-economic ramifications of this. High unemployment and civil unrest is inevitable.

Addiction – Social media has been dubbed the ‘new crack cocaine’ by experts with constant checking unconscious and automatic. Do you control your device or does it control you?

Anxiety in our young – Link between social media use and rising anxiety disorders in young people shown in numerous studies.

Loneliness – More and more people are reportedly feeling alone, yet we are more connected than ever.

But none of this will matter for worst of all we are inviting in the rest of our species. Take the following three propositions:

1. **Intelligence is just the processing of information within physical systems**
2. **We will continue to improve the intelligence of our technology**
3. **We are not yet at the peak of intelligence**

If you accept these three points it follows that we will build machines smarter than us. You only have to look at the way we treat those animals we deem less intelligent to see what this will result in. We are relentlessly marching towards our demise...

And no-one is doing anything...

... except us

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