The influence phones have on us is undeniable, but also... would we be willing to sacrifice the good to be rid of the bad? That's a really hard question with no real answer. I personally use my phone way more than I should and I'm probably not in the minority with that one.

My phone has done a lot of good for me over the years, but I also remember sending and receiving snail mail more fondly than text messages. It seems like a huge give and take of privacy, entertainment, safety, connection to the broader world and all the other little and big things. It seems too big to address. Maybe that's why we find ourselves right where we are as a society.

I remember when taking my phone out of my pocket at a job would get me harangued by my manager about how bad it represented the company, but today I run most of my transactions while the clerk on the other side of the counter just rings me up and surfs their socials. Not one time have I thought it was that person's job to dote on me. I don't care that they're not invested in our transaction. Why would I be? Phones have definitely changed how we interact a lot.

It's weird, but kind of cool. I see where we are with phones and the internet today as an interesting experiment in means of communicating with one another and educating ourselves. Hopefully done to try to better our situation as human beings and other animals sharing this rock.

Gosh... I used to have a pager.