

*Dear Mr. Wendell Berry,*

First, I would like to start by saying that I agree 80% with you on the subject about computers. Actually, Mr. Berry, I agree to disagree. I like using computers, but I don't trust them with everything, only my writing and my searches. As far as my money and other personal things, I draw the line. We can't always trust computers because we don't know when they will malfunction or when they might become smarter, brighter, and more intelligent than we and take over.

Second, I must voice my disagreement with your opinion. I believe that computers can be something great and helpful; furthermore, there is going to come a time when your intelligent wife may not have the mental capacity to read and correct your mistakes, and that is when you are going to have depend on computers. You may not have to depend completely on computers, just as a tool to write your amazing books. Now as far as money goes, computers are expensive, but I have one, and it is totally worth the cost in my experience. Mr. Berry, if you only work with the computer a little, you will learn how to use one.

One reason that we shouldn't put our complete trust in a computer is that we would become too dependent upon artificial intelligence. Sometimes it takes a human's intuition and emotions, and a computer has neither of those things. How do you even teach a computer those things? For example, there could be a situation wherein we falsely believe that we are in deaf con 2, and a computer is told to fire a missile attack. Leaving the decision to launch nuclear weapons in such a situation to a computer would cause the deaths of millions of people and cause even more missile strikes. Computers do not have emotions, something

needed for making such important and significant decisions. Since computers don't know how to change their minds, they finish what they start.

Third, another reason that I disagree with you is that not everyone is on an advanced level of intelligence. Furthermore, computers answer questions that I am unable to answer, which makes computers helpful tools with studying. Another reason I have to disagree with you is the fact that computers and other forms of advanced technology are partially responsible for our present society's becoming advanced and knowledgeable. Without technology, our lives would be filled with laborious tasks. I know that you believe computers are not worth your time, money, or ravage of nature, but they could potentially help to solve a multitude of time-consuming and difficult problems.

Although I am not telling you to put your complete trust in computers, you might find that using them occasionally will give you and your wife more time together to enjoy the very things that you wish to protect. Computers are not to be trusted with personal information, but they can be beneficial in writing. Mr. Berry, I would really like to invite you to familiarize yourself with computers. You don't have to fancy it now, but don't be too old to try something new. After all, you have nothing to lose, and you might possibly find that your writing is more efficient and less time consuming.

Sincerely,

Your technologically-advanced friend

