While some people may believe that computers are a burden coming with great cost, incredible consequences, and problems with writing quality, many believe that any problems computers may have are far exceeded by their usefulness and tremendous benefits. While I enjoyed reading your essay, I believe your article has a few essential problems. Your chain of reasoning for the article and your standards for technological innovation are both particularly flawed.

First, I shall address your relationship with your wife. You claim that with a computer, you would lose her as your editor, critic, and fellow worker. I strongly disagree. With a computer, she would still be able to avidly edit, critique, and read. No real change would be made from the transition. You can still maintain a healthy, working relationship with your wife.

You also mention environmental concerns as a reason to question the use of computers. You complain about strip-mining coal for electricity and how computers contribute directly to that. Well, do you own a refrigerator? Do you own any electronic or electrical appliances of any kind? As these all use electricity, so you are still contributing directly to the act of strip-mining coal that you loathe so much.

Computers can be strongly influential in the fight to protect our environment. Up-to-the-minute reports and urgent environmental legislation can be obtained from computers. With recent information on critical issues, people can write more to their politicians, donate to conservation organizations, and have a greater influence on the situation than they would otherwise. While this may not solve all environmental problems, it solves many more than a person like you who simply ignores a potentially marvelous product for its small inadequacies.

Now, I will address what you deem to be “perhaps your best reason” for not owning a computer. You say that when someone writes work equal to Dante’s, and when that work can be attributed directly to the computer, then you will finally respect it as a writing tool. Are you forgetting that this is 1990? Computers have been used as a writing tool for only a few, short years. Meanwhile, the world has been writing and creating literature for many thousands of years. To suggest works written in a few years will stand up to your own hand-picked masterpieces selected from a broad range of millennia is simply ridiculous and shows your severe lack of arguments to use against computers.

So now, I sincerely hope you have seen the errors in your arguments. By switching to a computer, it seems that your life would remain unaffected in each and every way you mentioned in your essay. You ignore such a tremendous product for such wrong reasons. I hope I’ve shown you that the costs are not too high. The consequences are completely outweighed by the good it can do. Lastly, there is nothing to show that the quality of writing would, in any way, be affected. You may never switch from your typewriter, but I strongly suggest you do.