Dear Mr. Berry,

After thoroughly reviewing your own reasons for not advancing your use of technology, I have carefully considered an argument against your case, reflecting the opinion of not only myself, but of those in need of a similar justification. Of course, I’m obliged to say that for me, the farther advanced the technology, the better. Although I don’t believe you to be a wicked man in anticipation of condemning all those who support the idea of improving their lifestyles by bettering their use of technology, I believe you’ve been living in a shadow, unaware, and frankly afraid to accept the evolution of our culture. You are from a day and age when power-driven technology was not wide-spread. The highest level of advancement you experienced in your youth was the change from the ice box to the refrigerator. Think of the expansion in technology as analogous to a tree - the Tree of Technological Advancement (TTA).

As the world of technology grows, the TTA matures comparably. It seems the bigger the tree, the more the branches. When a tree becomes too heavy so that it weighs itself down, the obvious reaction is to cut the old limbs off so that the tree can continue to grow abundantly. In regard to your association with technology, the TTA was beginning to sprout. So, undeniably the age of technology that you were born into would be on the larger of the first few limbs. My inference to your non-acceptance of technological advancement is simply that you’re afraid. You fear being cut away from society, and although the resolution is simple, I recommend the advice of Richie Norton, who once said, “To escape fear, you must go through it, not around it.”

By the same token, I perceive your reflections of technical advancement as an “unforgivable sin” because of the way you emphasize simplification. I shall be blunt-technology isn’t bad. I’m sure you recall the Hydra, who when once a head was cut off, two more grew back in its place. We are in a day and age where the Hydra is an appropriate example of the world we live in because of her perpetual growth.

Life and engineering are a moving train. You can’t ignore it whether you choose to hop on or not. It’s not my job to persuade you into giving in to beliefs similar to mine, but I will do whatever it takes to defend what I consider to be right.

Under those circumstances, I hope you have noticed I tried my best to not censure your dogma. Although, I do wish to have illuminated some new light on this subject for you. Because while some things are best kept in the dark, light was created for a reason. Everyone knows it hurts seeing light after you’ve been kept in the dark for so long.

Best Regards,

Tree of Technological Advancement