

Technology

In our times, technology drives a more unspannable gap between generations than could time, distance or borders ever do.

Today's youth, carried on an unprecedented and burgeoning wave of fingertip technology, generally consider themselves to be the "connected" generation, with almost instantaneous access to each other and the lore, legend and learning of the universe. Nor do the mongers of that technology do anything to dispel the myth of that connection; in fact they thrive upon its exponential escalation.

Instant communication and "connectedness", false prophets that they are, are the by-words of the times. Look a little more closely and you will see that personal contact and meaningful human conversation are diminishing. As a cloud passing across the sun refracts the light before it reaches the face of the earth, so technology hazes over our lives with shafts and beams of seeming illumination and, in spite of itself and its noble intentions, serves only to raise a miasma through which we can hardly discern the essence of our own humanity.

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I learn today that here is what Einstein, many years ago, said about that:

"I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction. The world will have a generation of idiots."

Sadly, I am afraid he was right.

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