

Fwd: ATC Monthly Newsletter

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“The Industrial Revolution and its consequences have been a disaster for the human race. They have greatly increased the life-expectancy of those of us who live in "advanced" countries, but they have destabilized society, have made life unfulfilling, have subjected human beings to indignities, have led to widespread psychological suffering (in the Third World to physical suffering as well) and have inflicted severe damage on the natural world.

The continued development of technology will worsen the situation. It will certainly subject human beings to greater indignities and inflict greater damage on the natural world, it will probably lead to greater social disruption and psychological suffering, and it may lead to increased physical suffering even in "advanced" countries.”

— *Theodore Kaczynski*, *Industrial Society and its Future* (1996)

Welcome to the Anti-Tech Collective’s Monthly Newsletter!

Upcoming Events

Public Group Discussion

Date: Saturday, November 13th @2pm ET (US)

Topic: TBD

(Date subject to change / Zoom link available on the Upcoming Events calendar)

Spotlight

We have *two* new articles in the Spotlight this month.

The first is from **Jason Polak**, a fellow anti-tech blogger. His article is entitled “**The dawn of a new organism**”. You can read the full article on his blog [here](#)!

The second article is from **Dr. David Skrbina**, and it is entitled, “**The Soul of Philosophy in a Soulless Age**”. Check out the abstract below, and find a link to the full article in the Spotlight [here](#)!

Abstract: In its original Greek conception, philosophy was intended to promote both wisdom and virtue among society; in this sense, the teaching, or presenting, of philosophy is central to its essence. Socrates and Plato famously grappled with the question of how to impart wisdom and virtue to the learner, with mixed results. One of the standard methods—reading and writing—was argued to be misleading and even deceptive, because it deals with static, ‘dead’ words and ideas rather than with the “living discourse” of one person speaking directly to another. This general critique of certain ‘technologies’ of learning is even more

relevant today, in our technological age, where the presenting of philosophy often involves computers, laptops, and the Internet. Such things come to function as addictive drugs—much like the pharmakon that Plato warned of. Philosophy would thus be better served by less use of mediating technologies and by a return to live, interactive, living dialogue between student and teacher.

If you have something you would like to showcase in the Spotlight, please submit your work to antitechcollective@gmail.com.

THE ANTI-TECH CAST

Episode 4 of The Anti-Tech Cast is out now! Check it out on our [website](#) or [YouTube channel](#).

In this episode, Ryan and Griffin talk with anti-tech philosopher **West Northwest** about her essay entitled, "The Conservation of Man and Wild Nature in Light of 21st-Century Post-Industrial Technologies." When we fight for nature, we must remember that humanity and nature are the same.

Be sure to subscribe to the show on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and/or Google Podcasts!

Book of the Month

This month we recommend checking out Freidrich Georg Jünger's *The Failure of Technology*.

Description: A fantastic recent find, which I trust readers will appreciate and help spread the word - an ebook of this classic and essential critique of modern "scientism" and technology, which has been out-of-print and virtually unfindable in English since the 1960's! It was translated in 1950 from the German original: "Die Perfektion der Technik" - which, btw, in German does not have the positive connotation of perfection in English, but simply implies the bringing to completion, to full development.

If you don't know the book, I cannot recommend it too highly! It is as insightful as anything his brother Ernst wrote. It contains one of the original environmentalist visions, and its insights into the fundamental shortcomings and illusions of our science and technology have never been surpassed. FGJ gets down to the very heart of the matter, as more recent critiques have not been able to - the superior insight of the author also has been due to his position at a less developed stage of technology, which allowed a more detached, objective perspective.

For more recommended reading, check out the [Library](#) section of the website. It features a wide variety of anti-tech literature, and some of the pieces are provided for free.

Anti-Tech Homework

Calling all Kindle advocates/E-book users, this challenge is curated especially for you!

This month we implore all you readers to resort back to hard/paperback versions of your upcoming reads. Yes, we know what you're thinking right now: 'Aren't paperback books just as bad as E-books because their cultivation uses technology to cut down trees, coupled with the potent fact that it's damaging for the environment?' Well you guys bring up valid points, and we are by no means saying that paper books are more 'virtuous' than E-books, but alas, it is the lesser of two evils in this given case. Again, like we always say, technology does not get credit for solving a problem that technology has caused. So the further we go down the rabbit hole of technologically driven tools, the harder it is for us to climb back up, so to speak. Hence, for us to start un-stripping the effects of technology, we have to start working backwards, and what's the tool that immediately precedes E-books? Hard/paperback books.

Our rationale is developed in a way that looks at a problem from a 'bottom-up' approach where we don't exercise the cold turkey approach by completely eradicating any form of paper text, but rather, slowly

rewinding the clock in hopes of reaching the most basic form of spreading knowledge. That said, we vouch for everyone who uses digital technology as means to get their reads in for the month, to go to their local library or bookstore and buy their upcoming read there!

New Store!

One last announcement to make: we now have a [store](#) on the website! We are a non-profit organization, so 100% of the money made through this page will go toward supporting our efforts to spread awareness of the dangers of technology. Think of it like a donation with perks!

The only product currently available is a sticker with our logo on it, but it's a pretty cool sticker and you can get 3 of them for \$5.

We will be releasing more designs and products soon!

Ways to Contribute

We always encourage our readers to submit their suggestions, ideas, writings, recommendations, and questions.

Think something on the website could be improved?

Have a book recommendation for the Library?

Want to just chat with someone about technology?

Send an email to antitechcollective@gmail.com, whatever the content.

We love hearing from the community and are always looking to improve and expand the anti-tech movement.

Come join the discussions happening on the [ATC forum](#).

Dissenting opinions welcome!

If you are interested in seeing the latest in anti-tech news, follow our account on Instagram ([@antitechcollective](#)) or check out the News Feed on our front page

If you would like to become a member (or be considered an ally) of ATC, and be featured on our About page, please send a request to antitechcollective@gmail.com.

Lastly, if you are feeling generous, we appreciate donations! 100% of all donations go toward maintaining the website, producing The ATCast, and helping to bring about a less technological future.

Thank you,

-Anti-Tech Collective

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