THE CHALLENGE OF TECHNOLOGY

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TWO WAYS TO VIEW LIFE

Point

No Point
TWO METANARRATIVES

Supernaturalism  Naturalism
“There is something which unites magic and applied science while separating both from the ‘wisdom’ of earlier ages. For the wise men of old the cardinal problem had been how to conform the soul to reality, and the solution had been knowledge, self-discipline, and virtue. For magic and applied science alike the problem is how to subdue reality to the wishes of men: the solution is a technique.”
# TWO WAYS TO VIEW LIFE

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THE HEART OF THE MATTER

• Technology ("technique") is unavoidable.
• But technology ("technique") is NEVER neutral.
• Some technologies will “conform the soul to reality”
• Other technologies will “subdue reality to the wishes of men”
A CHRISTIAN METANARRATIVE

Creation

Fall

Redemption

Restoration
TECHNO-UTOPIAN METANARRATIVE

History’s trajectory as rooted in human desire unleashed.

- Unguided evolution
- Emergence of human consciousness & will (no fall)
- Technological mastery of evolutionary process
- (Re)shaping reality in conformity with unfettered human desire
Technology’s Alluring Promise

“All of this, all of this can be yours
Just give me what I want and no one gets hurt...”