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SESSION 1: The Anatomy of Tech-Fueled Distorted Desires

Nolan Games



Technology Reveals Man's Heart

Genesis 11:1-8



Technology Reveals Man's Heart



The Motivations

The Anatomy of Technologically Fueled Distorted Desires



The Ideology

Fear of Technology | Hope In Technology | Ignorance | Abuse



The Practice

Minimalism | Maximalism | Ambivalence | Abuse



The Consequence

Physical, Social, Emotional

Technology Reveals Man's Heart



The Motivations

Technologically Fueled Distorted Desires



The Ideology

Worship of Technology | Ignorance | Abuse



The Practice

Control the Ideology, Practice, Consequences



The Consequence

New Technologically Fueled Distorted Desires

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SESSION 2: Technology and the Purposes of God and Man

Garrett Plunkett



Technology & the Purposes of God and Man

- **BIG IDEA:** Technology Accomplishes God's Purposes for Man, Bringing Him from Eden to Eternity

- **OUTLINE:**

Technology, Biblically Defined

1. Technology is a Good Gift of God but is Tainted by Sin
2. Technology Accomplishes God's Sovereign Purposes for Creation
3. God Uses Technology to Prepare the Eternal City of God and Judge the Fallen City of Man

What is Technology, Biblically Defined?

■ Key Takeaways:

- Jesus of Nazareth was a τέκτων (tekton)
- τέκτων (tekton) = "a skilled carpenter or stone mason"
- **Uses:** Matthew 13:55, Mark 6:3
- Τέχνη (techne) = "A skilled art, practical craft, or professional trade"
- **Uses:** Acts 17:29, Acts 18:3, Revelation 18:22

Point 1: A Biblical Theology of Genesis

■ KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- **God Creates Mankind to Reflect His "Making" Nature**
(Genesis 1:1-2:3)
- **God Tasks Mankind to Accomplish His Will for Creation**
(Genesis 2:15-17)
- **God Uses Technology to Advance Human Culture**
(Genesis 4:17-22)
- **God Uses Technology to Preserve a Remnant of Mankind**
(Genesis 6:13-16)
- **God Sovereignly Repurposes Effort to Build a City to Glorify Man**
(Genesis 11:1-9)

Technology's **Origins**: Genesis 1:1-2:3

- 1In the beginning, God **created** (*bara*) the heavens and the earth. 2The earth was without form (*tohu*) and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.
- 26Then God said, “Let us **make** (*asah*) man in our **image** (*tselem*), after our likeness. 27So God **created** (*bara*) man in his own **image** (*tselem*), in the **image** (*tselem*) of God he **created** (*bara*) him; male and female he **created** (*bara*) them.

Technology's **Task**: Genesis 2:15-17

- 15The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden **to work** (*abad*) it and **keep** (*shamar*) it. 16And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Technology's Revolution: Genesis 4:17-22

- **17**Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When **he built a city**, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch... **19**And Lamech took two wives...**20**Adah bore Jabal; he was **the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock**. **21**His brother's name was Jubal; he was **the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe**. **22**Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was **the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron**.

Technology's **Inspiration**: Genesis 6:13-16

- **13**And God said to Noah, “I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. **14****Make** (*asah*) yourself an ark of gopher wood. **Make** (*asah*) rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. **15**This is how you are to **make** (*asah*) it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. **16****Make** (*asah*) a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side.

Technology's **Glory**: Genesis 11:1-9

- 1Now the whole earth had one language and the same words...
- 3And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. 4Then they said, “Come, **let us build ourselves a city** and a tower with its top in the heavens, and **let us make a name for ourselves**, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”...
- ...And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Point 2: A Biblical Theology of Isaiah

■ KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- **God Teaches Mankind Technology so He May Flourish in the Fall**
(Isaiah 28:23-29)
- **Technology Used for Idolatry and Rebellion Distorts God's Image**
(Isaiah 44:9-20)
- **The Cross is a Technology of Death, Turned into a Means of Life**
(Isaiah 54:16-17)
- **The Cross is a Technology of Death, Turned into a Means of Life**
(Isaiah 53:1-6)
- **Technology is Transformed Under the Reign of Jesus Christ**
(Isaiah 2:2-5)

Technology's **Teacher**: Isaiah 28:23-29

- **26**For he is rightly instructed;
his God teaches him.
- **27**Dill is not threshed with a threshing sledge,
nor is a cart wheel rolled over cumin,
but dill is beaten out with a stick,
and cumin with a rod.
- **28**Does one crush grain for bread?
No, he does not thresh it forever;
when he drives his cart wheel over it
with his horses, he does not crush it.
- **29****This also comes from the Lord of hosts;**
he is wonderful in counsel
and excellent in wisdom.

Technology's **Worship**: Isaiah 44:9-20

- 9All who **fashion** (*yatsar*) idols are **nothing** (*tohu*), and the things they delight in do not profit...12The ironsmith takes a cutting tool and works it over the coals. He **fashions** (*yatsar*) it with hammers...He **shapes** (*asah*) it into the figure of a man, **with the beauty of a man**, to dwell in a house... 20He feeds on ashes; a deluded heart has led him astray, and he cannot deliver himself or say, “Is there not a lie in my right hand?”

Technology's **Limits**: Isaiah 54:16-17

- **16**Behold, I have **created** (*bara*) the smith who blows the fire of coals and produces a weapon for its purpose. I have also **created** (*bara*) the ravager to destroy;
- no weapon that is **fashioned** (*yatsar*) against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment.

Technology's **Turn**: Isaiah 53:1-6

- 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
5 But **he was pierced for our transgressions**; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that **brought us peace**, and with **his wounds we are healed**.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have **turned** —every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all...
- ...by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, **make many to be accounted righteous**, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Technology's **Redemption**: Isaiah 2:2-5

- **2**It shall come to pass in the latter days that **the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established** as the highest of the mountains, **...3**and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, **let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, ...that he may teach us his ways** and that we may walk in his paths.”
...and **they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;**

Point 3: A Biblical Theology of Revelation

■ KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- **God Judges the Fallen City of Man, Destroying Those Who Use Technology to Glorify Man**
(Revelation 18:1-24)
- **God Prepares the Eternal City of God, Dwelling with Those Who Use Technology to Glorify God**
(Revelation 21-22)

Technology's **Telos**: Revelation 18:1-24

- “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!...
- ...7As she glorified herself and lived in luxury,
so give her a like measure of torment and mourning,
...“Alas! Alas! You great city,
you mighty city, Babylon!
For in a single hour your judgment has come.”
- ...for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”
- ...and a **craftsman** (*technites*) of any **craft** (*techne*)
will be found in you no more,
- ...for your merchants were the great ones of the earth,
and all nations were deceived by your sorcery.
24And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints,
and of all who have been slain on earth.”

Technology's **Telos**: Revelation 21:1-27

- 1Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And **I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared (*hetoimazó*) as a bride adorned for her husband.** 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.

Summary: The Biblical Theology of Tech

- **BIG IDEA:** Technology Accomplishes God's Purposes for Man, Bringing Him from Eden to Eternity
- **Main Points:**
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Talk Definition of Technology

- Technology is Man's Means for Transforming God's Creation for a Specific End

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PANEL 1

The Dangers of Technology

Text Questions: 501.687.4515

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SESSION 3: The Creation Mandate and Technology

Lawson Hembree

The Creation Mandate and Technology

- **Big Idea: The Creation Mandate informs our view of technology**
- **The Call to Dominion (Gen 1:26-28; 2:15)**
 - Be fruitful and multiply
 - Fill the earth
 - Subdue the earth
 - Have dominion over created things

The Creation Mandate and Technology

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 - Physical
 - Relational
 - Vocational

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 - **Technology is God's gift to us to fulfill our calling in a fallen world**

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 - **Vocational**
 - **Spiritual**

Wisdom for Tech Adoption

- **Ethical:**
 - Is the use of this technology in this way sinful or foolish?
 - Does the use of this technology honor and value my body, the temple of the Holy Spirit?
- **Spiritual Formation:**
 - In what ways might I be tempted to put my faith and hope in this technology rather than in God?
 - How might it seek to fulfill me in ways only Christ can?
 - How might it lessen my reliance on God?
 - Am I embracing it solely for the comfort or control it provides or as a gift granted by the Giver?
 - How might this technology seek to shape my identity in an unhealthy way?
 - What has my use of it up to this point revealed about my desires?
- **Self-Control:**
 - How could it potentially exercise dominion over me? What guards can I put in place to prevent that?
 - What does it look like to use this in moderation? What boundaries do I need to put in place to avoid overuse?
- **Stewardship:**
 - How can I use it for a beneficial, God-honoring purpose?
 - How does this technology affect my time, attention, and ability to focus on what matters most?
 - How does the manufacturing and use of this technology affect God's creation?
- **Relational:**
 - How does this technology affect my ability to love my neighbor?
 - Does my use of this technology help or hinder my witness to others?
 - What example am I setting for others through my use of this technology?

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SESSION 4: Tech's Telos

Douglas Allison



Tech's Telos

- **Big Idea: Future Glory Will Shape Future Technology**
- **Text: Revelation 21:1-22:5**

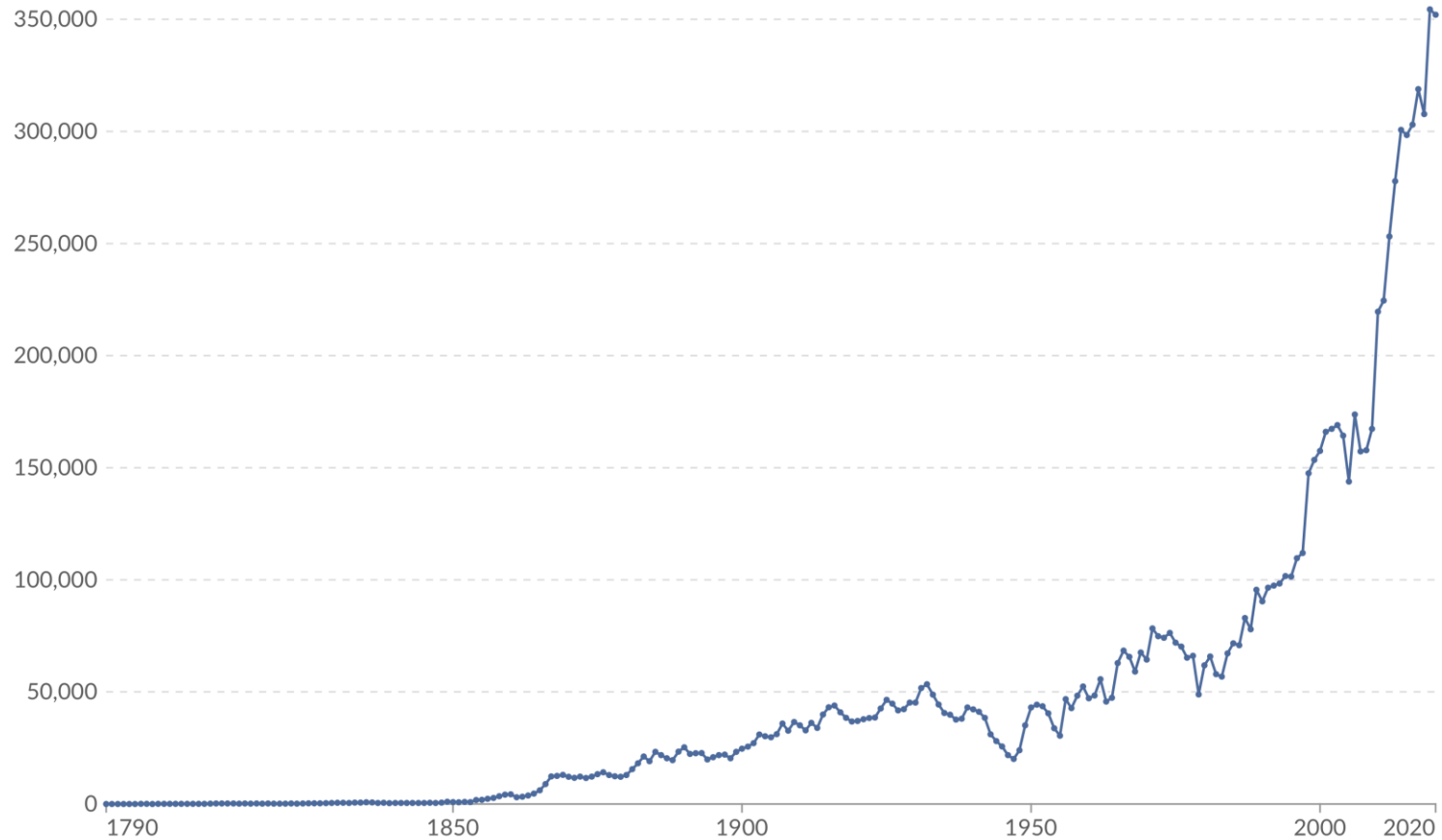
Outline

- **21:1-8: Future Glory Makes Current Things Former Things**
- **21:9-21: Future Glory Begins with Divine Technology**
- **21:22-22:5: Future Glory Will Only Grow Goodness**

Tech's Telos

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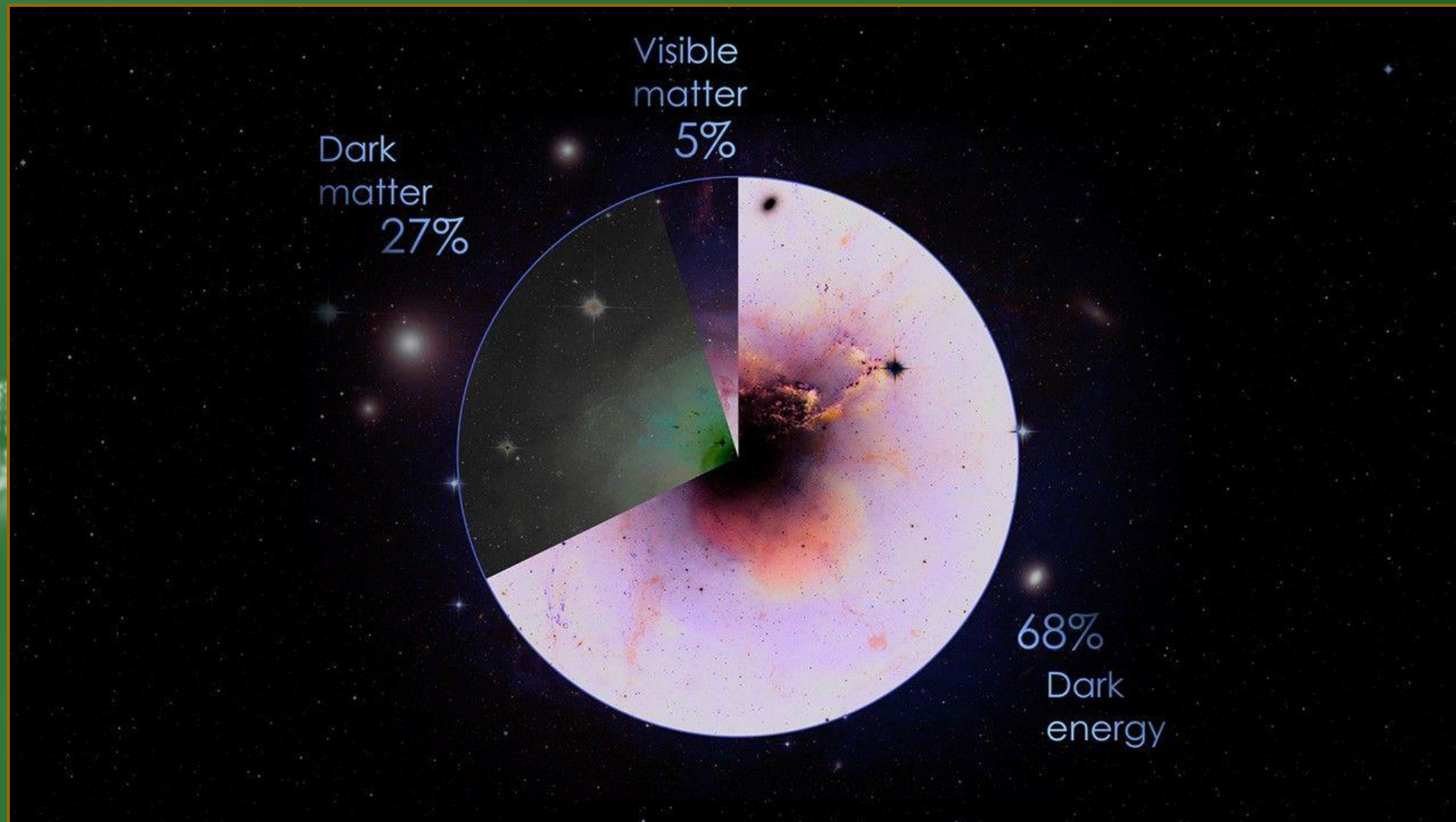
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Tech's Telos



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...heaven does not consist in idleness, and a cessation of all action, but only a cessation from all the trouble and toil and tediousness of action. The most perfect rest is consistent with being continually employed. So it is in heaven. Though the saints are exceedingly full of action, yet their activity is perfectly free from all labour, or weariness, or unpleasantness. They shall rest from their work, that is, from all work of labour and self-denial, and grief, care, and watchfulness, but they will not cease from action. The saints in glory are represented as employed in serving God, as well as the saints on earth, though it be without any difficulty or opposition.

– Jonathan Edwards, Sermon, “Praise: One of the Chief Employments of Heaven.”

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PANEL 2

The Benefits of Technology

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- 9:00 || Session 1: Anatomy of Tech-Fueled Distorted Desires
- 10:30 || Session 2: Technology & the Purposes of God & Man
- 11:30 || Panel 1: The Dangers of Technology
- 12:00 || Lunch
- 1:00 || Session 3: The Creation Mandate & Technology
- 2:30 || Session 4: Tech's Telos
- 3:30 || Panel 2: The Benefits of Technology