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Summary: This paper discusses the issue of technology and man's dependence on it. The paper argues that amidst the negative effects that are brought about by these technological developments, it is still the user who has control over these innovations and thus people should be blamed for these destructive effects.

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The human race has indeed gone far with technology. From the age when he still used wooden and stone tools to a powerful era of silicon and steel, he ceased to be a helpless prey to a number of predators to become a god among beasts. And now, technology and human way of life have somewhat become inseparable. Everywhere we look, we see its manifestations—from the largest aircraft to the smallest microcomputer chip. Some even cannot do without their gadgets beside them.

Technology has become a beast of burden of our time—doing things we usually do in the past, like an able servant at his master's side, ready to help him whenever need arises. Man created technology to serve this purpose, so that he can then face the more challenging problems ahead.

But what if this technology, by all means, becomes uncontrollable by human hands? What if this beast of burden eventually becomes a monster? Could this same technology, which has brought us to a state of luxury and civilization, also lead us to our own ruin? From the evolution of military weapons, to the advent of the nuclear age, man is gradually realizing the fact that his little creation would someday take him to the very edges of his capacities.

But despite all this, this fact still holds true: that however powerful it could become, technology is still just one of man's tools, and will remain as such. It's still up to its possessor on how he will apply the power he possesses—whether as a tool of progress,

or an element of destruction. It may have brought people closer together, but not necessarily on friendly terms. It has brought us times of peace, as well as wars and struggles; it has brought us great prosperities, as well as dismal catastrophes. And now, the environment is being trampled, and people blame technology for it. Countless wars have sprung, they say technology is the culprit; animals are being led to extinction, and they say technology is the one accountable of all. Through technology, we have created and developed new beginnings, at the cost of many end. Yet, technology should never be blamed for all of this, but the wrong use of it.

The effect of technology on our surroundings is the complete reflection of our values. Therefore, we should develop the proper culture so as to effectively administer this technology that we have. We should prove to be worthy of its possession, for technology and corruption is a bad combination.