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# Quotes about Machinery

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Freedom from labor itself is not new; it once belonged among the most firmly established privileges of the few. In this instance, it seems as though scientific progress and technical developments had been only taken advantage of to achieve something about which all former ages dreamed but which none had been able to realize.

- Arendt, Hannah

Man will never be enslaved by machinery if the man tending the machine be paid enough.

- Capek, Karel

For man is not the creature and product of Mechanism; but, in a far truer sense, its creator and producer.

- Carlyle, Thomas

The machine has had a pernicious effect upon virtue, pity, and love, and young men used to machines which induce inertia, and fear, are near impotent.

- Dahlberg, Edward

By his machines man can dive and remain under water like a shark; can fly like a hawk in the air; can see atoms like a gnat; can see the system of the universe of Uriel, the angel of the sun; can carry whatever loads a ton of coal can lift; can knock down cities with his

fist of gunpowder; can recover the history of his race by the medals which the deluge, and every creature, civil or savage or brute, has involuntarily dropped of its existence; and divine the future possibility of the planet and its inhabitants by his perception of laws of nature.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

As machines become more and more efficient and perfect, so it will become clear that imperfection is the greatness of man.

- Fischer, Ernst

I'm afraid for all those who'll have the bread snatched from their mouths by these machines. What business has science and capitalism got, bringing all these new inventions into the works, before society has produced a generation educated up to using them!

- Ibsen, Henrik

If the world would only build temples to Machinery in the abstract then everything would be perfect. The painter and sculptor would have plenty to do, and could, in complete peace and suitably honored, pursue their trade without further trouble.

- Lewis, Wyndham

Machines were, it may be said, the weapon employed by the capitalists to quell the revolt of specialized labor.

- Marx, Karl

The vast material displacements the machine has made in our physical environment are perhaps in the long run less important than its spiritual contributions to our culture.

- Mumford, Lewis

The cycle of the machine is now coming to an end. Man has learned much in the hard discipline and the shrewd, unflinching grasp of practical possibilities that the machine has provided in the last three centuries: but we can no more continue to live in the world of the machine than we could live successfully on the barren surface of the moon.

- Mumford, Lewis

Machines are worshipped because they are beautiful and valued because they confer power; they are hated because they are hideous and loathed because they impose slavery.

- Russell, Bertrand

The machine does not isolate man from the great problems of nature but plunges him more deeply into them.

- Saint-Exupery, Antoine De

The machines that are first invented to perform any particular movement are always the most complex, and succeeding artists generally discover that, with fewer wheels, with fewer principles of motion, than had originally been employed, the same effects may be more easily produced. The first systems, in the same manner, are always the most

complex.

- Smith, Adam

Nothing is less instructive than a machine.

- Weil, Simone

I find it hard to believe that the machine would go into the creative artist's hand even were that magic hand in true place. It has been too far exploited by industrialism and science at expense to art and true religion.

- Wright, Frank Lloyd





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