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I. Commentary on design in technology:

- "Technologists work very hard to prevent the spread of their new knowledge." Jordan Baruch

- Proper respect must be paid to all of the components of the Creation, living and non-living, human and non-human, rich and poor, North and South. Monsma et al.

- "Every consumption product automatically takes our time. We need time to buy it, to maintain it, and to replace it. For that reason, ... a culture which becomes richer materially becomes poorer in terms of available time." Bob Goudzward

- "Technology is most productive when its ultimate range of results is neither foreseen nor controlled. Too put it differently, technology always does more than we intend—both positively and negatively." Langdon Winner

II. Considerations for Sufficient Design of Technology in Society (Monsma et al. & Kistler)

- 1. Holistic - must consider all aspects. Involves "making value judgements in all of the areas of reality".

- 2. Telesic (Culturally Appropriate) - must fit within the local context - sociological-political-ecological-economic order

- 3. Open Communication - Secrecy of technology does not promote good technology (e.g. cigarettes, GM foods, gene patents)

- 4. Stewardship - Use of resources in a responsible way from cradle to grave

- 5. Quality - technology should not have designed obsolescence, but should be designed for maximum longevity.

- 6. Justice - technology should promote justice and equality for all peoples and all creatures, not promoting a further compartmentalization of: east/west, have's/have nots, rich/poor, fittest/unfit

- 7. Delightful Harmony - pleasing and promotes harmonious relationships between People, God, and Creation

- 8. Caring - technology should care: each person and creature is valuable; Technology should not be cold, hard, isolating, and based solely on economic gain.

- 9. Trust - technology must rebuild a sense of trust in the community of users and not the distrust that exists in current society

- 10. Sustainability - technology must not only build for now, but must build for the future: of humans, of products, of resources, of Creation.
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- Redesigning Technology and Society

III. Good technology considers all major lifecycle components of design
   - 1. Production
   - 2. Distribution
   - 3. Use
   - 4. Recovery
   - 5. Disposal

IV. Sustainable Living
   - Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. (World Commission on Environment and Development 1987)

IV. Sustainable Living
   - 4 key themes of the last half of the 20th century
     - peace
     - freedom
     - development
     - environment

IV. Sustainable Living
   - 7 key values
     - freedom
     - equality
     - solidarity
     - tolerance
     - respect for nature
     - shared responsibility

V: Valuing technology
   - but using it wisely
   - How - let’s take some time to make a list of some possibilities before we look at some examples.
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Valuing technology – but using it wisely as corporations

The Next Industrial Revolution

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The Third Step Ethic Concept

- Aldo Leopold
  1. Mosaic Decalogue
     - Individual-Individual
  2. The Golden Rule
     - Individual - society
  3. Stewardship
     - Individual - Creation
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• Where to from here???

This Week

• Final Exam
• May 13 - Final online “session” - Final Focus Learning Essay Opportunity Due
• May 16 -
  – Complete Course Idea Evaluation (online via email) (5 points)
  – Complete Course Survey (5 points)
  – Complete Course Self Evaluation (5 points)
  – 1:30 pm - Submit Final Exam