

Mid-week Meditation
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I am no whiz at computer-related activities. I use computers to help me as I research and write; I use it to buy some things; I use it to stay in touch with friends far away. I have not let computers dominate my life or my work. They are tools, and they have a place in my life - maybe in the top 10, but definitely not in the top 5.

I came across this a while ago, and it helped me understand.

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I had spent an hour in the bank with my dad, as he had to transfer some money. I couldn't resist myself and asked... *"Dad, why don't we activate your internet banking?" "Why would I do that?"* He asked... *"Well, then you won't have to spend an hour here for things like transfer. You can even do your shopping online. Everything will be so easy!"*

I was so excited about initiating him into the world of Net banking.

He asked *"If I do that, I won't have to step out of the house?" "Yes, yes!"* I said. I told him how even grocery can be delivered at door now and how Amazon delivers everything!

His answer left me tongue-tied. He said *"Since I entered this bank today, I have met four of my friends, I have chatted a while with the staff who know me very well by now. You know I am alone...this is the company that I need."*

I like to get ready and come to the bank. I have enough time; it is the physical touch that I crave.

Two years back I got sick. The store owner from whom I buy fruits, came to see me, and sat by my bedside and cried.

When your Mom fell down few days back while on her morning walk, our local grocer saw her and immediately got his car to rush her home as he knows where I live.

Would I have that 'human' touch if everything became online?

Why would I want everything delivered to me and force me to interact with just my computer?

I like to know the person that I'm dealing with and not just the 'seller'.

It creates bonds of Relationships.

Does Amazon deliver all this as well?"

Technology isn't life...

Spend time with people ... Not with devices.