

Digitally Incompetent

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When it comes to modern conveniences such as the computer, the automobile, or the cell phone, I plead ignorance to an understanding of the reasons why these marvels work. That is, knowing about the scientific innards is way beyond my knowledge. Reason for this? I never have had an interest in knowing, instead leaving such knowledge to those who really are interested.

I know how to drive an auto, have passed numerous driver tests over many years with excellent grades and little effort. There are numerous garages nearby where competent people can repair any mechanical car problems. I rely on them. (I do perform the task of filling my tank with gas. That involves only the ability to read directions, and to indicate the particular gas you prefer, plus inserting the hose into your gas tank).

The current super phones that I see individuals reading at the same time they're walking, also are beyond me. I have only a simple Consumer Cellular phone that I use to call my daughter in case of emergency. It performs satisfactorily for my needs. My daughter has the popular digital phone and she handles, ordering my medicine and any other needed uses. I actually give her phone number in place of mine when a purchase requires a number.

I regularly use the digital computer for all sorts of tasks. I have learned what I know from grandchildren and daughters. I've never entered a computer class. I get daily e-mail on my computer. I typed this particular essay on my computer. When I have a computer challenge, I call on my daughter Lisa for the answer. This works fine for me; Lisa finds this routine to be okay.

These are habits of an old man, which I am. Life would be less wonderful without the modern auto, the digital phone and my computer. As long as true masters of these digital marvels continue to be available for keeping everything working, I'm not going to worry about my digital incompetence.