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primitive beginnings in the cave.

Until recently, historians have always spoken of the idea of progress in history but this is now being seriously questioned. While it is true that there have been improvements and innovations in technology throughout human history, each step forward has brought with it a mixed blessing. For example, the invention of the movable-type printing press reduced the cost of printing, thus making Bibles much more readily available. While the Bible helped establish moral absolutes, printing presses also produced pornography and politically dangerous ideas. More recently, television seemed like free entertainment, but overindulgence has robbed many of their health and the ability to think for themselves.

In the very first chapters of the Bible, we are told how, in disobedience to God's command, our first parents, Adam and Eve, ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is mankind's fallen nature that has caused the good and the evil to come together as a package. We have made progress in technology, but we have also regressed morally. As it was in the days of Noah, the earth has become filled with war and violence by man's use of good inventions put to evil purpose.

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