TECHNOLOGY MAY HURT US

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“With the present situation of global pandemic, technology paved its way of becoming a necessity to everyone.”

The use of technology in the society dates back even in the ancient times. Man has employed the use of technology for survival, education and communication. As time goes by, people change and technology advances from simple to complex. Business, medical, and entertainment fields have dramatically changed and improved. Its undeniable impact in the education sector as an important tool for the delivery of learning on the no face to face classroom setting.

Technology such as mass media has the tendency of dehumanizing the society. It often leads to people being treated as machines wherein there are less interactions between people.

Human feel is slowly being lost because of technology. It has also been stressed that because of such technology, gadgets, etc. our youth has become less productive and aren’t able to develop the ability to contemplate thus have less self-control. With these, youths often have wrong mindsets wherein they tend to avoid challenges in life, give up easily on obstacles, ignore criticisms, despise others’ success and blame other for their failures. Youths have also become rather impulsive and careless of the consequences of their actions. Furthermore, it could lead to more adverse effects on the society such as war and violence, poverty and sexploitation if there will be no interactions undertaken that will lead to humanism.
With the advances of technology, people have become less person because of ceasing human contact. It leaves us trapped in our minds, less in our hearts and therefore detaches us from the real world and our humanity. It helps us to cope with the fast-changing world but we are surely making people lose touch with what it means to be human and caring. We are slowly desynthesized to what we should really feel when people suffer. Gradually, we are beginning to put people inside their boxes, becoming less creative thus become more dependent as to what technology can offer. And we are doing this with tools we have in our culture and around the house. Our future generations will feel less and less and will be less and less connected with each other as well as themselves.

The impact of technology in the educational process has also been addressed and its potential of changing the society has been one of the issues being discussed all over the world.

With these dangers of dehumanization, we as teachers are challenged as to how to integrate technology without or with less “dangers” of making our students being dehumanized while learning. Teachers can introduce humanism to pupils through the following:

- Interaction between communicator/ teacher and listener/ student.
- Self evaluation or reflection by listener/student.
- Dialogue or interchange between communicator and listener.
- Regular meeting and consultation.

Teacher training can be a key to the successful introduction and of using media in the learning process. A closer look at the students can lead to the appropriate methodologies and proper media to be employed in the teaching and learning process. Cooperative and collaborative procedures between the learners and teachers are important so as to develop closer interaction. Teachers are called upon to act more as mentors and guides because after all integrating technology into teaching is really a need.
Students are at risk of becoming increasingly irrelevant in this fast-changing society if they have been deprived of their technology needs.

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