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## WORK AND TECHNOLOGIES

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During the Industrial Revolution,  
Machines helped Man  
To improve and increase  
Production.  
Man didn't eclipse to be replaced  
By machines.  
But Man was always  
Working and working and working  
Endlessly like a waterfall:  
Working to make new machines,  
Working to repair existing machines,  
Working to design novel models of machines  
Working to maintain his superior status over machines.

Let's not fall prey to these new technologies.  
Let's not be captured and misused by technologies.  
We shouldn't become  
Slaves to Facebook and Twitter...  
Addicts to Youtube and Google...  
Toys to computers and tabloids...

During the Digital Revolution,  
Technologies must help Man  
To improve and increase  
Creativity.

Man mustn't withdraw to be replaced  
By technologies.  
But Man must always be  
Working and working and working  
Tirelessly like road-ants:  
Working to make new technologies,  
Working to repair existing technologies,  
Working to design novel models of technologies,  
Working to maintain his superior status over technologies.

(Mbankolo, 20 June 2015)

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