



STUDY GUIDE GEEZ 72: GOD IN THE MACHINE

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TURN ON

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Where has technology helped you in your life? Where has it hindered you?
2. What are the healthy critiques that are needed to continue using technology, especially AI? What are ways we are not controlled by technology, but can find ways for it to provide life abundant for our neighbour and ourselves?

ACTIVITIES

1. Take stock of the technological devices and apps you have. How many do you regularly use? Consider recycling unused devices and deleting unused apps.
2. Journal (with a pen and paper!) about when and how technology entered into your life. How has technology and your interaction with it changed throughout the course of your life?

TUNE IN

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How is a beloved community lived out in a technological society? How can meaningful and spiritual spaces be found through technological means while still creating embodied experiences?
2. Annanda Barclay's piece explores AI and moral injury. Barclay poses a pertinent question: *How do we integrate the impact of our new technological reality, within the spiritual/ emotional moral framework of our everyday lives?*

ACTIVITIES

1. Several of Jacques Ellul's "Reasonable Questions to Ask About Any Technology" are sprinkled throughout this issue. Take time to reflect upon the questions in regards to your personal and professional use of technology. Share the questions with people in your life to start a conversation on the impact of technology and AI in your community.
2. Record the amount of time you spend on technological devices. How does the amount of time compare to other activities in your day-to-day life? If your time with technology feels like a lot, where can you make adjustments in your schedule?

DROP OUT

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What could a technologically free society look like in the future? What would be the benefits? What would be the drawbacks?
2. In Mashaun D. Simon's interview with Philip Butler, Butler posed the question: *What future do you want to live into, even if you can't see it?* How would you answer that question?

ACTIVITIES

1. Using a piece of paper and a pencil, write a short story or poem about a future where there is a healthy and critical use of technology.
2. Take a discarded piece of technology and repurpose it into a new artistic creation.