Title: **Overview: Beyond a Utilitarian View of Technology**
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Abstract:
This is an overview of technology beyond the utilitarian view to the philosophical, ethical and theological levels. What do we gain and lose in an invention? Does the form of technology shape human consciousness and culture? Is technology merely a tool or will it rule over humanity? What is the inner logic of technology? Is what *can* be done what *should* be done? What about the cases of gene cracking and human cloning? Are there any gender biases in technological development? What are the characteristics of convivial tools? What are the biblical views of technique and technology? What is to be said of either utopian or dystopian visions of a technological future? How, in light of this, can we redeem technology?

Readings:
- "From Tools to Technocracy" in *Technopoly* (pp. 21-39) Neil Postman (1993).
- "Tool Users vs. Homo Sapiens and the Megamachine" Lewis Mumford. Article #32 in Scharff and Dusek.
- "A Moratorium on Cyborgs: computation, cognition, and commerce" Evan Selinger and Timothy Engström. Article #52 in Scharff and Dusek.