

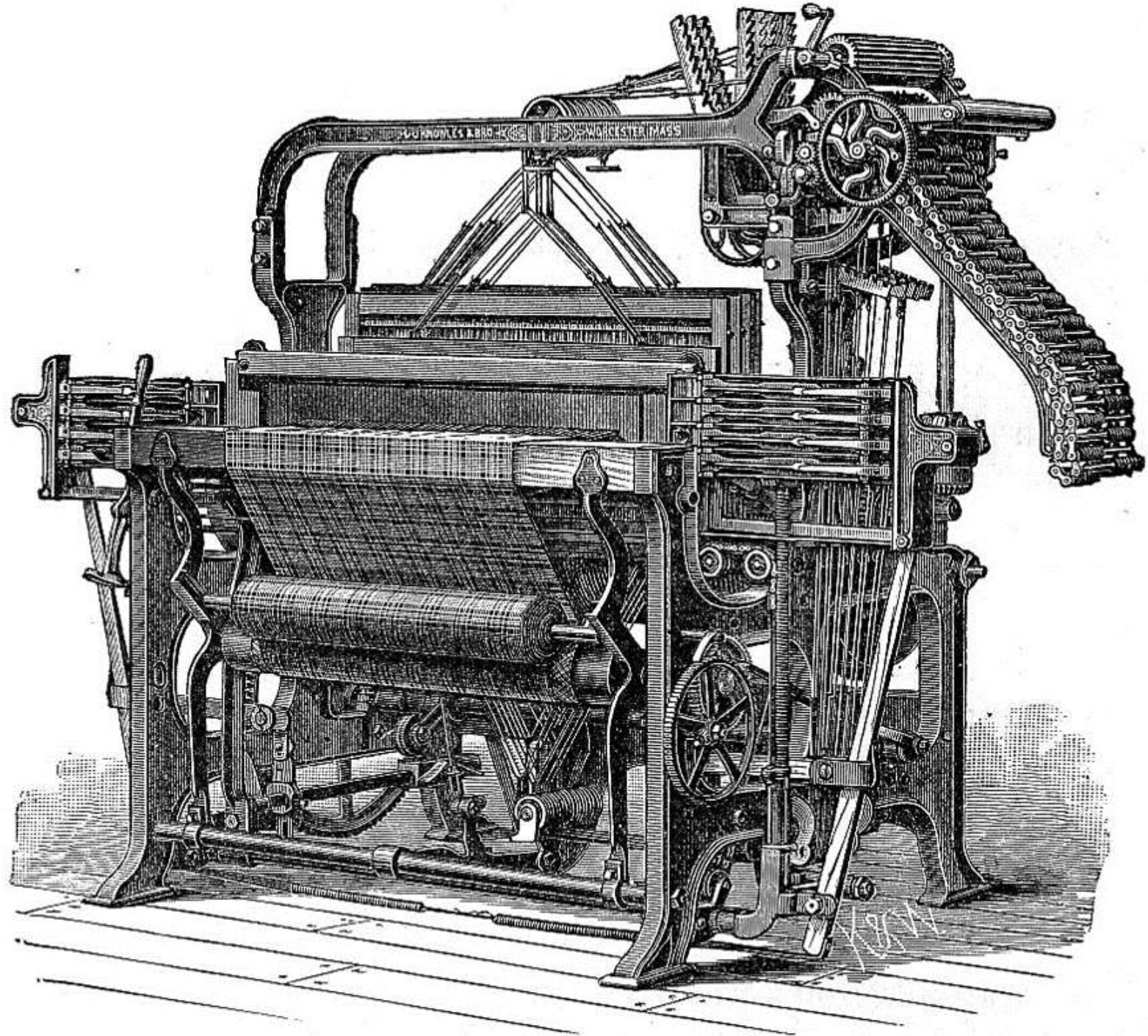
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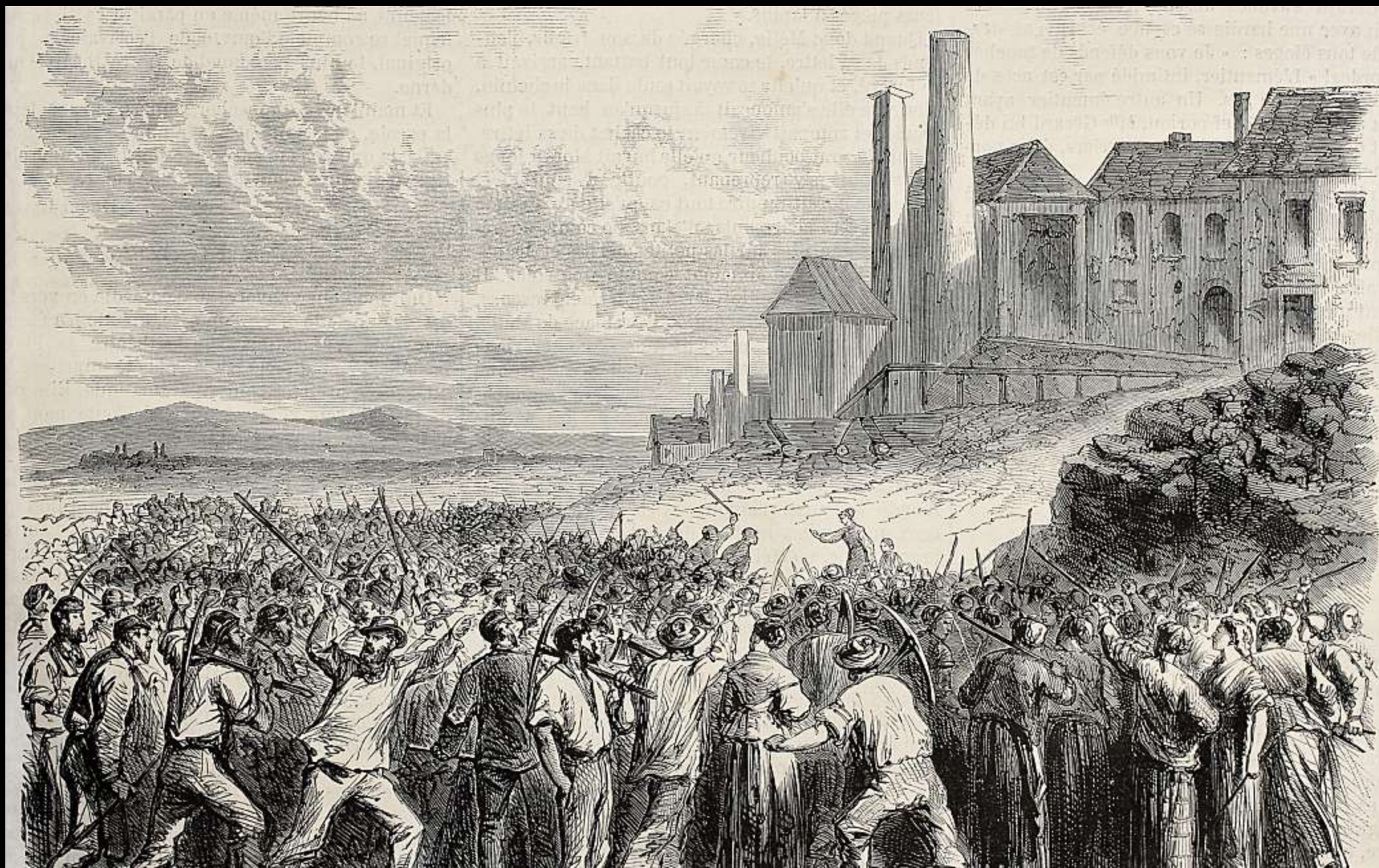




*Drawn from Life on Spot*

## THE LEADER OF THE LUDDITES

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“But to return to the Luddites. The danger is of the most imminent kind. I would hang about a score in the country, and send off ship loads to Botany Bay; and if there were no other means of checking the treasonable practices which are carried on in the Sunday newspapers, I would suspend the Habeas Corpus. Shut up these bellows-blowers, and the fire may, perhaps, go out.”

(Thomas Southey, in a letter to his brother Tom Southey, May 12, 1812)







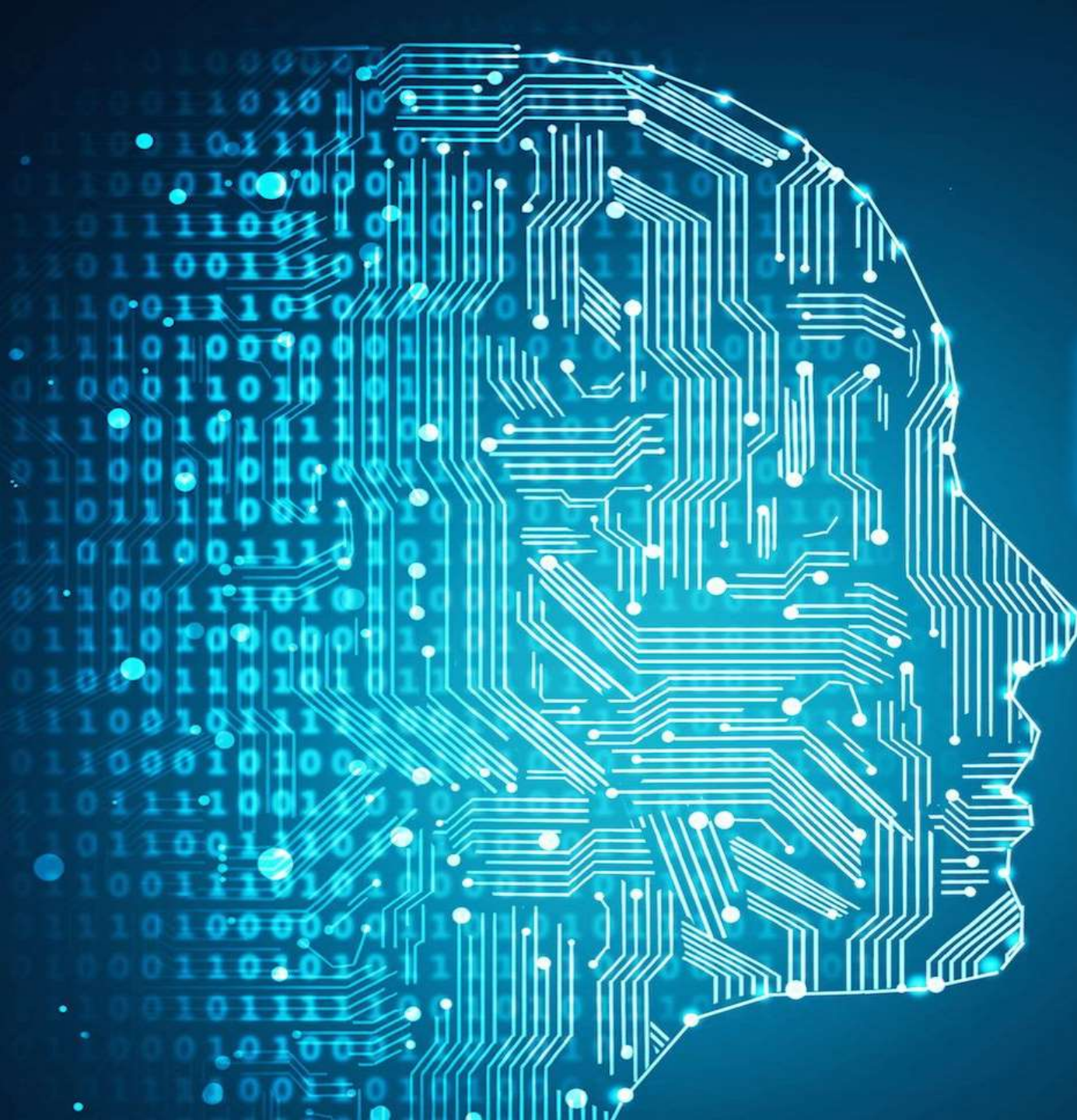




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Genesis 11:1-9

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Genesis 11:1-9 (ESV): “Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. **2** And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. **3** And they said to one another, ‘Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.’ And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. **4** Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.’ **5** And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built....”



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“...6 And the LORD said, ‘Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.’ 8 So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.”



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“A former king built it, (they reckon 42 ages) but he did not complete its head. Since a remote time, people had abandoned it, without order expressing their words. Since that time the earthquake and the thunder had dispersed the sun-dried clay. The bricks of the casing had been split, and the earth of the interior had been scattered in heaps. Marduk, the great god, excited my mind to repair this building. I did not change the site nor did I take away the foundation.” (From Nebuchadnezzar’s Inscription on Borsippa)



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Genesis 1:28 (ESV): “And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it.’”



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“Technology destroys, in more ways than one...Technology destroys places. Aside from oceans, rivers, topsoil, forests, mountains, and meadows, it helps us massacre and pollute with ever-improving precision and speed...It is badly injuring, perhaps fatally, rural communities, luring their youth into industrial and financial centers – cities – whose existence is premised...on the devastation of some other far-flung place...Technology destroys people. We’re already cyborgs (pacemakers, hearing aids) of sort, and are well on our way to the type of Big Brother dystopia of the techno-topians.”

(From *Mark Boyle’s article Technology Destroys People and Places, and I’m Rejected It on*  
*theguardian.com,*  
*December 19, 2016)*

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1 Timothy 6:17 (ESV): “As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.”



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Genesis 9:1 (ESV): “And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.’”



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Main Point\_

“To expect self-denial from men when they have a majority in their favor, and consequently power to gratify themselves, is to disbelieve all history and universal experience – it is to disbelieve revelation and the Word of God, which informs us ‘the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.’”

(From John Adam’s Defense of the Constitution Volume III)



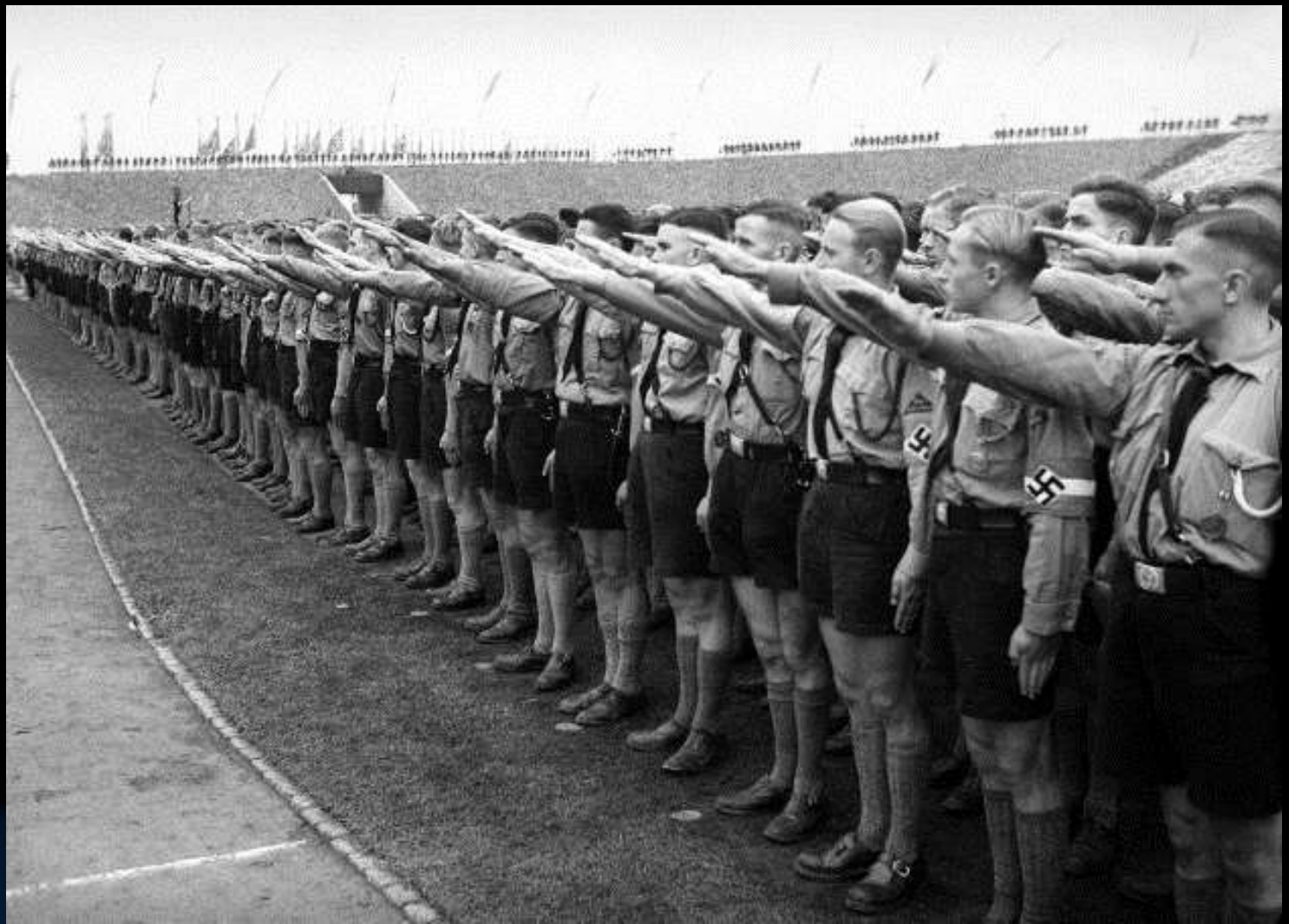
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Jeremiah 17:9 (ESV): “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”



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Revelation 16:19 (ESV): “The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great.”



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Revelation 18:10 (ESV): “Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come.”



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Revelation 13:5-9 (ESV): “And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. 6 It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. 7 Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.”



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Revelation 13:16-17 (ESV): “It causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, **17** so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark.”



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“Since civilization began, aggression has been useful inasmuch as it has definite survival advantages....Now, however, technology has advanced at such a pace that this aggression may destroy us all by nuclear or biological war.”

(Stephen Hawking, as quoted in Aatif Sulleyman's article *Without a "World Government" Technology Will Destroy Us, Says Stephen*

*Hawking on independent.co.uk March 8, 2017)*



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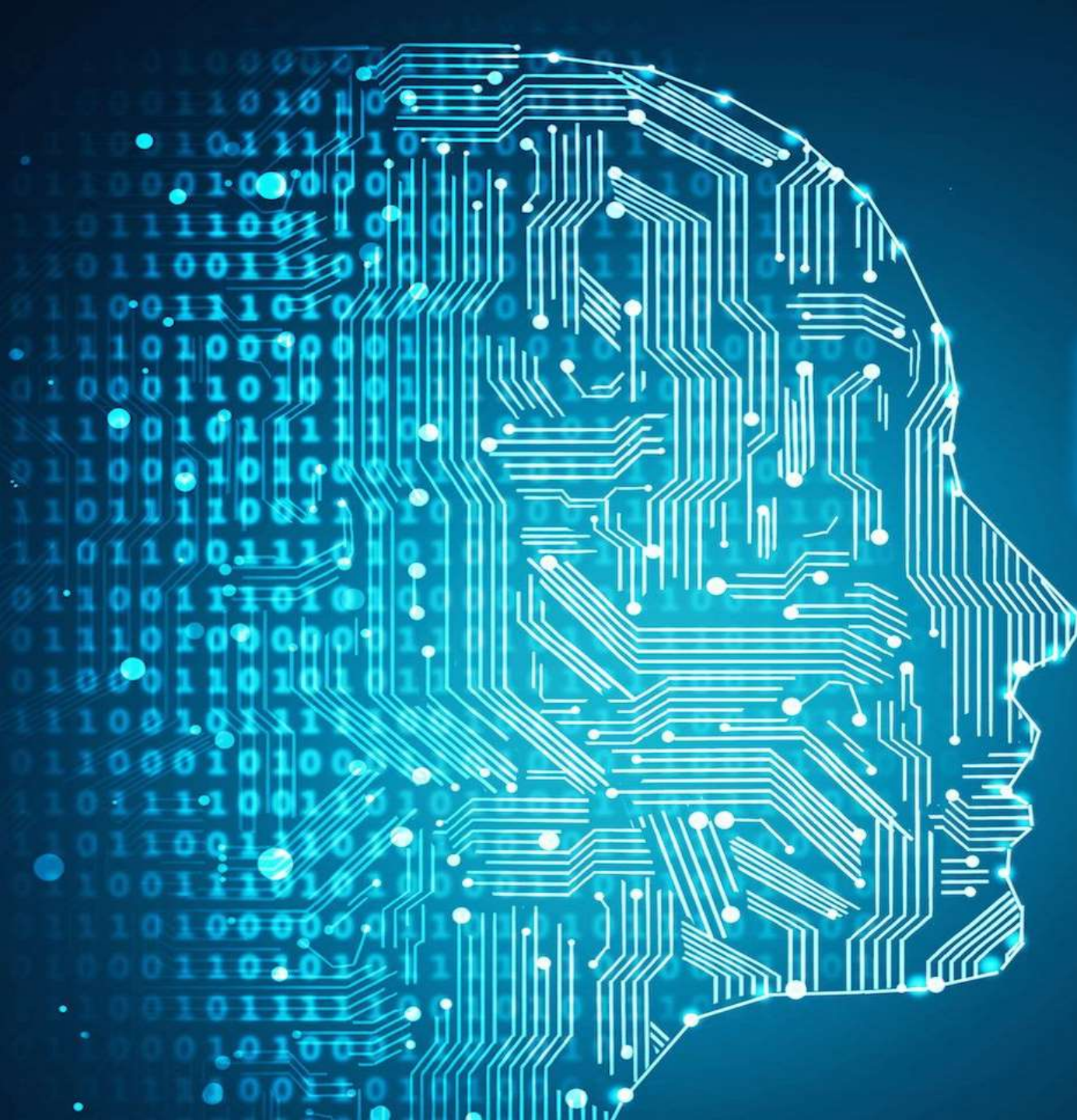


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1 Timothy 4:16 (ESV): “Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.”



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**NEXT WEEK: LUKE 17:11-19**