

Sherry Turkle

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Technology doesn't just do things for us. It does things to us, changing not just what we do but who we are.

~Sherry Turkle

We expect more from technology and less from each other. We create technology to provide the illusion of companionship without the demands of friendship.

~Sherry Turkle

What is so seductive about texting, about keeping that phone on, about that little red light on the BlackBerry, is you want to know who wants you.

~Sherry Turkle

The feeling that 'no one is listening to me' make us want to spend time with machines that seem to care about us.

~Sherry Turkle

People are lonely. The network is seductive. But if we are always on, we may deny ourselves the rewards of solitude.

~Sherry Turkle

What technology makes easy is not always what nurtures the human spirit.

~Sherry Turkle

Human relationships are rich and they're messy and they're demanding. And we clean them up with technology. We sacrifice conversation for mere connection.

~Sherry Turkle

Everyone is always having their attention divided between the world of the people [they're] with and this other reality.

~Sherry Turkle

Computers are not good or bad; they are powerful.

~Sherry Turkle

Not every advance is progress. Not every new thing is better for us humanly.

~Sherry Turkle

Loneliness is failed solitude.

~Sherry Turkle

we seem determined to give human qualities to objects and content to treat each other as things.

~Sherry Turkle

We're too busy communicating to think, too busy communicating to connect, and sometimes we're too busy communicating to create. This is true for individuals and also true for organizations.

~Sherry Turkle

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Someday, someday, but certainly not now, I'd like to learn how to have a conversation.

~Sherry Turkle

When you're addicted to heroin, there is only one thing you can do - go off heroin. But we're not going to throw away these phones, we're not going to throw away our technology.

~Sherry Turkle

We're lonely, but we're afraid of intimacy.

~Sherry Turkle

We're smitten with technology. And we're afraid, like young lovers, that too much talking might spoil the romance. But it's time to talk.

~Sherry Turkle

We... heal ourselves by giving others what we most need.

~Sherry Turkle

Technology challenges us to assert our human values, which means that first of all, we have to figure out what they are.

~Sherry Turkle

Does virtual intimacy degrade our experience of the other kind and, indeed, of all encounters, of any kind?

~Sherry Turkle

If we're not able to be alone, we're going to be more lonely. And if we don't teach our children to be alone, they're only going to know how to be lonely.

~Sherry Turkle

I think few people of education enter politics because it seems like a contact blood sport.

~Sherry Turkle

I think computers are the ultimate writing tool. I'm a very slow writer, so I appreciate it every day.

~Sherry Turkle

These days, insecure in our relationships and anxious about intimacy, we look to technology for ways to be in relationships and protect ourselves from them at the same time.

~Sherry Turkle

As we distribute ourselves, we may abandon ourselves.

~Sherry Turkle

We're letting [technology] take us places that we don't want to go.

~Sherry Turkle

Hold on to your passion - you'll need it!

~Sherry Turkle

The computer takes up where psychoanalysis left off. It takes the ideas of a decentered self and makes it more concrete by modeling mind as a multiprocessing machine.

~Sherry Turkle

We are not as strong as technology's pull.

~Sherry Turkle

We used to think, 'I have a feeling; I want to make a call.' Now our impulse is, 'I want to have a feeling; I need to send a text.'

~Sherry Turkle

If we don't teach kids how to be alone, they will end up only lonely.

~Sherry Turkle

Technology proposes itself as the architect of our intimacies.

~Sherry Turkle

Teenagers would rather text than talk. They feel calls would reveal too much.

~Sherry Turkle

We all really need to listen to each other, including to the boring bits.

~Sherry Turkle

Everything that enchants may be said to deceive.

~Sherry Turkle

It used to be that we imagined that our mobile phones would be for us to talk to each other. Now, our mobile phones are there to talk to us.

~Sherry Turkle

What is the value of interactions that contain no understanding of us and that contribute nothing to a shared store of human meaning?

~Sherry Turkle

Because you can text while doing something else, texting does not seem to take time but to give you time. This is more than welcome; it is magical.

~Sherry Turkle

In the area of robotics and in the area of connectivity, technology is offering us things that we are vulnerable to - and we have to have a better response than a shrug.

~Sherry Turkle

The computer is a mind machine. It doesn't have its own psychology, but in a way it presents itself as though it does.

~Sherry Turkle

We don't need to reject or disparage technology. We need to put it in its place.

~Sherry Turkle

Robots want to love us because the field of artificial intelligence has programmed robots to say they want to love us.

~Sherry Turkle

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