

Modern Dinosaurs

This is not a scientific paper on extinct life forms. This is reality, or at least my reality.

I did not grow up in the computer age and I wish I had never seen a smart phone.

The dinosaurs died out about 65 million years ago. Who knows why? Various theories abound, a six mile wide asteroid going a zillion miles per hour, huge volcanoes, poisonous gases, virulent viruses.

But they are all wrong. The dinosaurs died out because they could not work computers, smart phones, x boxes, forums, or Microsoft word.

And I am about to join them.

I had never heard of Webinars, passwords that never worked. My idea of a group forum would be several people together in a room, talking with live people. Books are the source of knowledge (with large print), not electronic screens with tiny letters, disappearing after 3.5 seconds, never to be found again regardless of what button you press.

Typewriters are great inventions, with the added advantage of only printing the one letter key you pressed, not two or three adjacent letters with each stroke.

Printers are supposed to be a wonderful help too, but why do they work only occasionally and how come the ink cartridges cost more than if you just bought the book?

The only real reason for computers is to teach me humility, and I am quickly learning it in spades.

Learning humility is very ego-damaging. But I really don't want to go extinct. So now, to solve all the problems, I have purchased a new lap-top with Windows 8.1, which I find that not only myself, but no one else I can find, knows anything about.

It is, however, full of shortcuts, the latest design features, and all kinds of gadgets. I figure I can learn most of it by 2050, if I can get my six year old niece to help me!

Life is an unending education with more info than a brain can absorb. But, if you don't absorb it, you will go extinct!

Unfortunately, even the smartest dinosaurs, the raptors, went extinct.

I don't plan to go there, at least not until the next six mile wide meteor hits us. Scientists figure that will be around ten to eleven million years yet, so I may have some time.

At least life is not boring, nor is it easy, and maybe I can have some fun along the way, even if I never learn everything I need to know!

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