

Read and Think

Key time points in the article:

The article was written around 2001, based on the publication time of "Design Is: Words, Things, People, Buildings, and Places at Metropolis" (2001). At the time of writing the letter, my son was still a young child, but now (around 2025) he is an adult or approaching adult generation. The author projects the current anxiety, hope, and imagination of the future onto the next generation through the method of 'writing for future children'.

Content that has become a reality:

Technology is highly involved in daily life (smart devices, network dependence), and real communication between people is weakened. The speed of world change far exceeds the experience of the previous generation, and uncertainty has become the norm (social, environmental, economic)

On a specific level: Technology has not made people more "free", but has brought new pressures, with emotions, ethics, and interpersonal relationships being overlooked.

Overall judgment:

Her judgments on technology, social alienation, and emotional value still hold true today, and some changes are even faster and more intense than she expected (such as digital dependence) On the positive side, convenience, efficiency, and global connectivity. On the negative side, anxiety, loneliness, and identity loss.

Write / Plan

