

Paper Title: The Rise of Educational Technology: How Now Should We Teach?

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Comments on Dr. Benson Kamary's Paper

Dr. Benson Kamary has sounded the alarm in his paper on the use of technology in education. He offers a brief history of the growth and development of technology, and calls on Christian educators to accurately understand that technology, as with all things in life, is not a neutral entity but a value-laden reality that deserves our attention. Since we live in the midst of an ongoing technological revolution, we must learn to grapple with the direct and subtle influences educational technology can bear on our schools, teaching, and learning.

Kamary cites numerous strong sources to make his case that educational technology inevitably impacts teaching and learning. It is naive for Christian educators to embrace educational technology without embedding that embrace in a careful and consistent biblical worldview. In fact, to blindly employ educational technology without a biblical worldview is to in effect make the declaration that technology is value-neutral, and that would be a grave mistake.

Now that Dr. Kamary has called Christian educators to the task, it will be exciting to see how a biblically-informed approach will emerge for classrooms and schools. The various areas he cites – pace of change, distraction, professional development, legal and ethical issues – all need to be explored eagerly by Christian educators.

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