

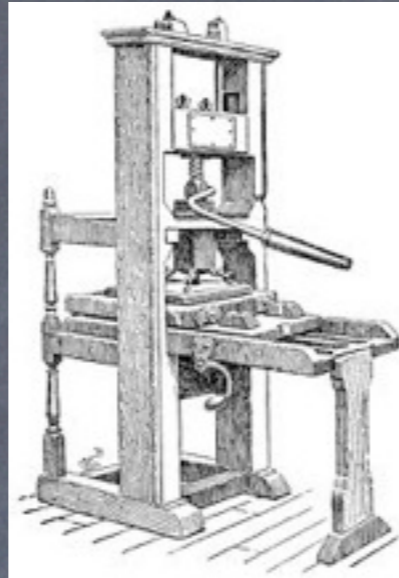
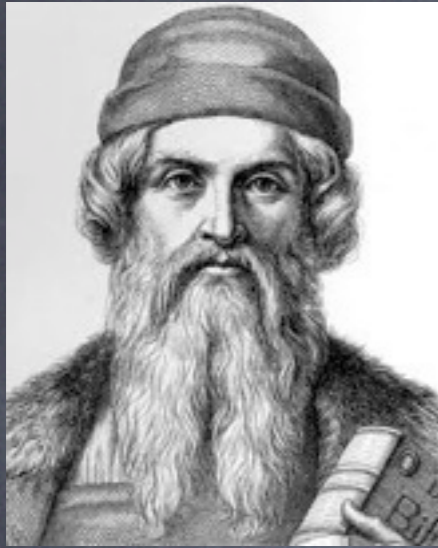
# Technology

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the LORD our  
God." -Psalm 20:7

Are you Ansgarr?



# Invention of the Printing Press (Johannes Gutenberg 1440 A.D.)



"God suffers because there are such multitudes of souls to whom His sacred Word cannot be given; religious truth is captive in a small number of little manuscripts, which guard the common treasures instead of expanding them. Let us break the seal which binds these holy things; let us give wings to truth that it may fly with the Word, no longer prepared at vast expense, but multiplied everlastingly by a machine which never wearies --to every soul which enters life!"

Conrad Gessner  
(1545 A.D.)



Bibliotheca Universalis

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"The modern world  
overwhelms people with data  
and this overabundance is both  
confusing and harmful to the  
mind."

Socrates  
(400 B.C.)

"Writing creates  
forgetfulness in the  
learners' souls, because  
they will not use their  
memories."

Solomon  
(940 B.C.)

Ecclesiastes 12:12

"And further, by these, my son,  
be admonished: of making  
many books there is no end;  
and much study is a weariness  
of the flesh."

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens  
(1859 A.D.)





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"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way - in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only.

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3 degrees of comparison:

- 1.) positive
- 2.) comparative
- 3.) SUPERLATIVE

# Technology

τεχνολογία (technologia)

τέχνη (téchnē) - "art, skill, craft, trade, occupation"

λογία (-logía) - "study of"

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And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

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- And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

Is technology good or evil?

Luddites or Evolutionists?

Genesis 6 or Genesis 11?

"Education/Technology without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil." — C.S. Lewis



By what standard  
should we "measure"  
the value of various  
technologies?

Honest measurement and true standards have always been the most basic and essential component of technological development as well as spiritually important to God.

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Deut. 25:13-16

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Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity. Use honest scales and honest weights, an honest ephah and an honest hin. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt.

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Do not have two differing weights in your bag—one heavy, one light. Do not have two differing measures in your house—one large, one small. You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. For the Lord your God detests anyone who does these things, anyone who deals dishonestly.

# International Bureau of Weights and Measures (Sèvres, France)

Measure, G3358. Metron : Meter (Metre)

- 1.)  $1/10,000,000$  distance from NP to equator
- 2.) length of a seconds pendulum
- 3.) 1,650,763.73 wavelengths of the O-R emission of Kr
- 4.) length travelled in  $1 / 299,792,458$  of a second.
- 5.) 1889 International Prototype Meter

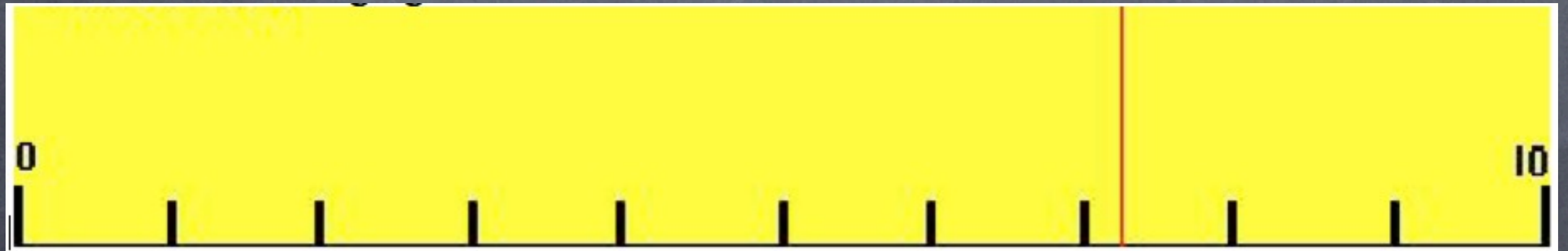


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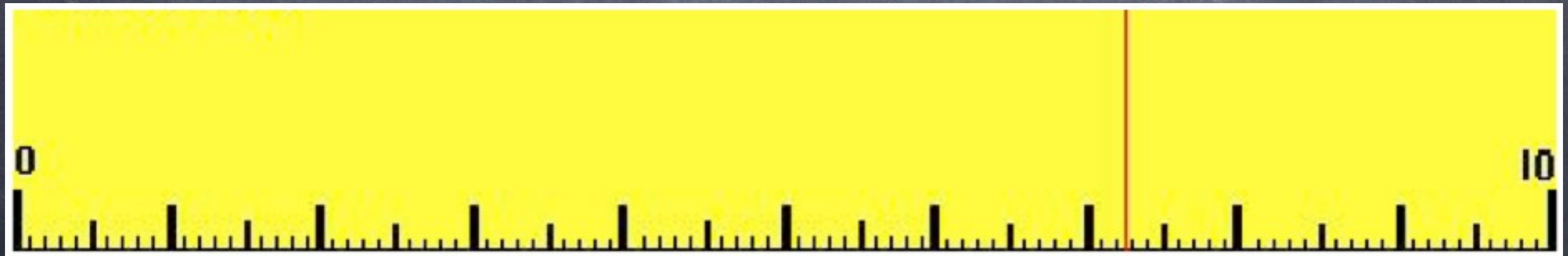
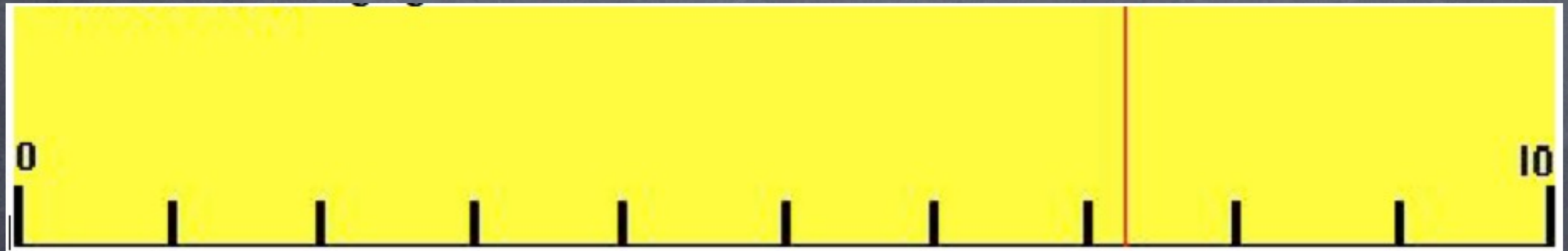


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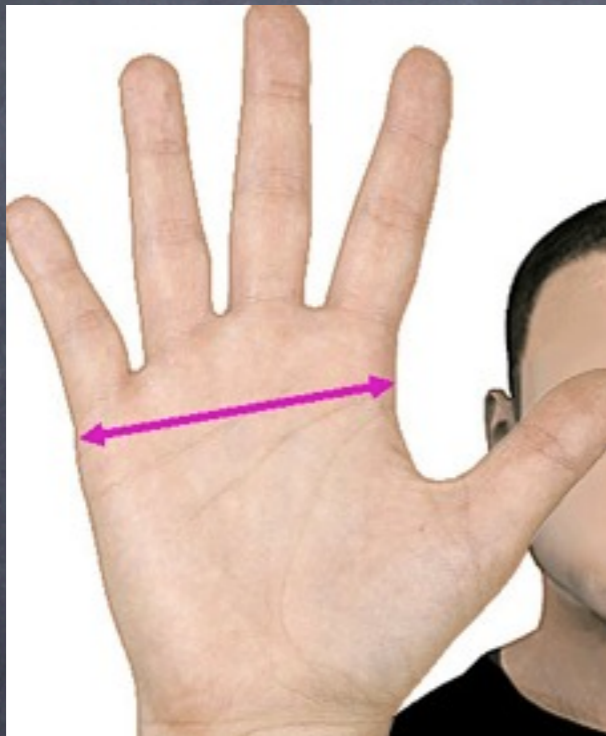


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# Some Biblical Measurements

Exodus 37:12  
"Handbreadth"



Also he made thereunto a border of an handbreadth round about; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about.

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Exodus 28:16

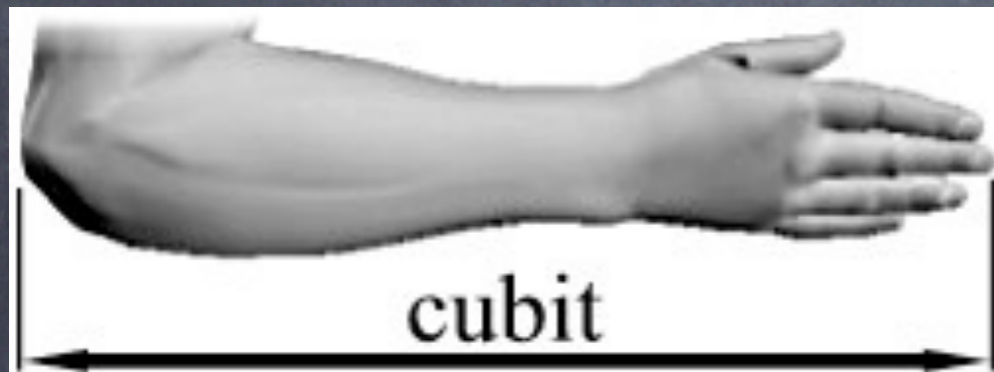
"Span"

Foursquare it shall be being doubled; a span shall be the length thereof, and a span shall be the breadth thereof.



# Some Biblical Measurements

1 Kings 7:23  
"Cubit"



And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and his height was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

# Some Biblical Measurements

## Ezekiel 40:3-5 "Measuring Rod"

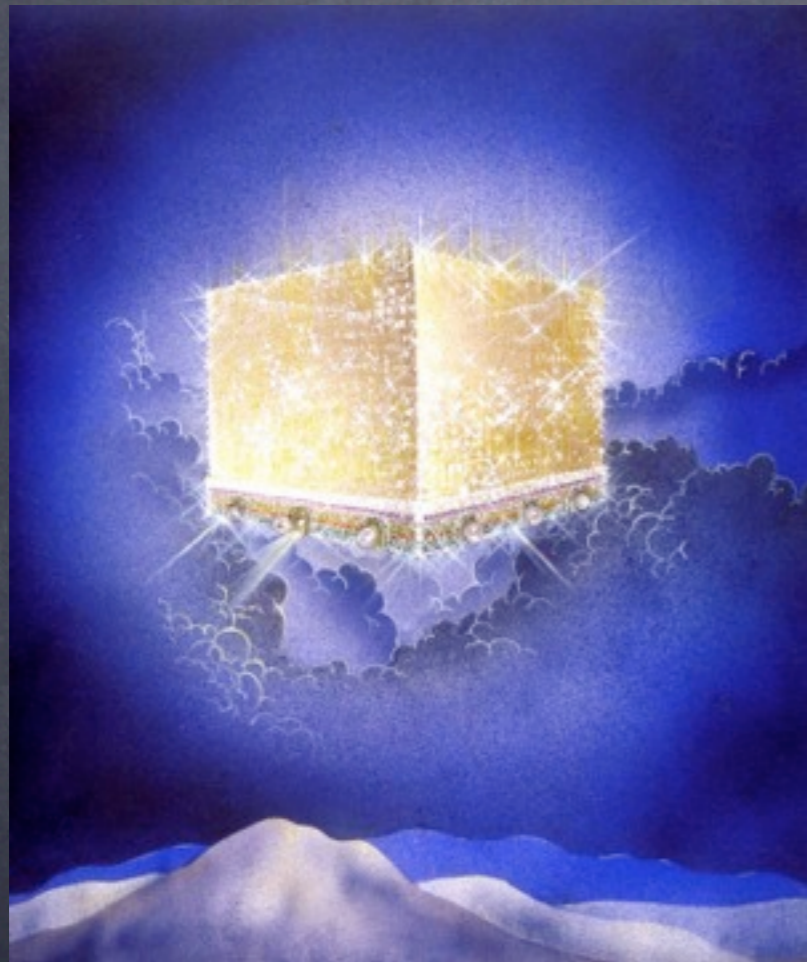
He took me there, and I saw a man whose appearance was like bronze; he was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring rod in his hand. The man said to me, "Son of man, look carefully and listen closely and pay attention to everything I am going to show you, for that is why you have been brought here. Tell the people of Israel everything you see." I saw a wall completely surrounding the temple area. The length of the measuring rod in the man's hand was six long cubits, each of which was a cubit and a handbreadth. He measured the wall; it was one measuring rod thick and one rod high.



# Some Biblical Measurements

Rev. 21:15-17

"Measuring Rod"



The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits thick.

Qaneh (Strong's H7070)  
(rod, reed, branch, cane, canon)

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

# Closed Canon (non-changing standard)

Deut. 4:1-2 Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.



# 2 Corinthians 10:12

Be aware of flawed (human) standards

# Isaiah 28:16-17

The Word of God/Christ is our Standard

# Acts 17:29

3rd usage of Strong's 5078 τέχνη (téchhē)

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.