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## Time to join the 21st Century?

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Here's the family in Heathrow airport waiting for our flight home. Note DH on the end with his old-school reading material (aka a book).



Neither DH nor I are technophobes. Here in Slovakia I'm watching DH describe life in VA to my 87 year old relative using his tablet. I assume his granddaughter is translating to bridge the language barrier.



However, for all our love of computers we have never owned a smart phone, until this week.

Probably it was a combination of thriftiness and retirement, but it didn't seem like a necessity for us, until we were without Internet access for 10 days. Now my Galaxy will keep me connected even if the weather messes with our satellite service.

Now the SP connection.

During my 10 day detachment from the web, I was cleaning out a closet and found a booklet from the ENC (Egg Nutrition Center) among my mother's stuff.

One article written in 2000 by one of their experts complained about the "scare tactics" of those who objected to "advances" in science like GMOs, pesticides and industrial agriculture while promoting organic methods and ethical treatment of animals.

He predicted that by 2020 a breakfast at McDonald's would cost \$72.54.

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I know it's not 2020 yet and that organic does cost somewhat more than non-organic, but it's obvious that he was using some "scare tactics" of his own.

I think I'll google him to see if he's adapted to the 21st century yet.

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**CD13915483**

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Good thing I don't eat breakfast at McD's



I love books too even though I have an e-



reader. Loved your blog!  
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**SPINNINGJW**

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I straddle the fence on organic, GMO's and all that stuff. I am all for the ethical treatment of animals, and sustainable practices, but I also know that part of progress is making hybrids and crops that can adapt to the conditions where they are grown. I haven't "gone organic" partly because of the cost, but when available, I do shop at farmers markets and try to "buy local" when possible. I have a gal that works in the same building (but not for the same company) that brings me eggs from her chickens, which are WAY better than store-bought eggs.

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**DOVESEYES**

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Natural is best in any form.  
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**ONEKIDSMOM**

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If you take only one side of any issue to extremes, that's where you land. Wonder the same thing and hope if you find out this "expert" you'll share!  
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**MARYJEANSL**

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Sadly, there are still plenty of 'experts' who think those of us who are concerned about GMOs, ethical treatment of animals, the dangers of pesticides, etc. are scaremongers and fools. Sigh...

As far as smart phones, well, I am not a technophobe, but I am cheap. I plan to use my dumb phone (three years old and counting), which works perfectly, until it doesn't. But I did recently buy a lovely new computer, which I am very excited about.  
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**50YEARSAWIFE**

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Interesting blog.

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**WUMPASTAR**

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If McD's breakfasts were this expensive, people would stop eating 'em and everyone would probably be way healthier. So go ahead, scaring tactic. Ha!  
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**MISCHAKEO**

v

I was slow to get a smart phone, I love mine,,especially the pictures and looking up places while traveling. I hope you enjoy yours.  
That was a nice picture of your family. It seems like everyone who eats alone at a restaurant or who sits in airports is looking at their phones.

The scare tactics did not work..organic food is expensive but not what the article predicted.  
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**PHEBESS**

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People in Korea have an app - they talk into the phone, hit a button, it translates and gives us an English translation of what they said. Then we can reverse it - we say or ask something in English, they push a few buttons, and they can read what we said, but translated into Korean.

Some amazing technology out there - and we're minus the smartphones as well!  
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**BOOKAPHILE**

I have only come to realize the limitations of lacking an iPhone when wi-fi access is not available. That's usually only a few weeks a year, but those weeks are uncomfortable!  
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[v](#)**CD14815535**

I don't have an iPhone as yet, but the day is coming, I can feel it in my bones. DH does have one and he adapted pretty quickly. Being more of a technophobe than I am, it was surprising. And I have to admit it did solve a point in one of the most important discussions we had when recently driving down a long stretch of highway (i.e. nothing to do and lots of time to do it in) on vacation-- where exactly is the Mason-Dixon line? It's in the south, right? LOL  
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Lovely family photo. Interesting nutrition article.  
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[v](#)**WATERMELLEN**

Your family look fit!! Nice.

And . . . we were late converts to smart phones but really enjoy them and use them constantly for so many different reasons.  
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[v](#)**LEWILL1982**

They have their conveniences, but they can be rather annoying too. My department manager told us about a You Tube video called "Look Up", a small tribute to the fact that we are so attached to technology and often so disconnected to the actions around us.  
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[v](#)**IFDEEVARUNS2**

LOL! Can't live without my iPhone and I hated it the first two weeks I had it.  
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[v](#)**SLENDERELLA61**

Oh, I would love a Smartphone but thought as a retiree, I couldn't really justify the expense and wondered if I would learn to use it. Admire your adaption to the day! Love your pictures of the trip and technology on your trip. Love your comments on the article and scare tactics, too. -Marsha  
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[v](#)**CRGEK1960**

I hope you had a wonderful trip. I love my smart phone (Samsung Galaxy).  
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[v](#)**KELLIEBEAN**

Congratulations on the smart phones. I never cared to get one either until we switched carriers and the iphone was a better deal. I find some apps especially handy... like the Spark People app.

I still like a book rather than using my iPad!

Good looking family!  
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