

# We should be wary of computer use

I don't like the way computers think, which is, of course, an absurd statement. Computers don't think. Computers do as they are told.

But that's increasingly more difficult to accept. The state of the art makes one believe that computers can do just about everything.

There accurate statement would be to say that I don't like the way people use computers. Computers don't make errors. And it's been easy for people to believe that what the computer computer is all the truth that might be available for the subject at hand.

When the computer has finished there are few spaces left blank in the composition of statistical data. There are few spaces where one can introduce other types of information.

DOES ANYONE win an argument



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with a computer? Perhaps someone, somewhere has admitted to operator error, but never to a fundamental and fatal flaw in the system.

And as long as the computer sticks to book statements and telephone bills, it probably won't make too much difference.

I get worried about the way computers are used to predict and outline our responses and reactions. I get worried

about the way computers are used to organize and direct our whole anticipation of events yet to come.

It is entirely possible that the Russians, or the Iranians, or the communists' voting pattern, or the projections for capital gain or statistical evidence for divorce, etc., will do exactly what the computers compute.

But it is also possible that they will not. Forcing nations and peoples into

pre-fixed roles and positions is the exact definition of prejudice.

WHAT IS even more ominous is that we might begin to imitate the pattern of computers and call it thinking — that we will blot out or ignore the feelings of heart and spirit.

Denying space for the spirit and emotions of humanity would be the very denial of all that sets us apart from everything else. In losing the art of thinking and of loving and caring, we will also have lost the art of living.

The fatal flaw appears in our assumptions. Our basic purpose on earth is not to compute, but to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God" (Micah 6:8). Starting with that purpose would dramatically change the way computers are used and people think.

# Writer shows a conforming nature

Dear Lorene:  
Is it possible for a person's handwriting to change without the personality changing? My handwriting of 30 years ago when I was 20 years old looks much different than it does now, although I don't feel my personality has changed that much.

I do believe we become tolerant and relaxed with age, but is there a handwriting change that comes along with this "mellowing" process? I am still right handed, but my writing seems much larger and more flowing, that is any clue.

Thank you for your interest.



**graphology**  
**Lorene Green**

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more tolerant and relaxed with age.

First, let me make a few comments on copy-book writers in general. Adults who remain with that style are usually people who are highly conforming and conventional in most areas of their life. They like to blend in with what those in their social set are doing. Dependability, reliability and stability are other descriptive traits of the copybook writer.

One of the first changes I noticed is that the size is larger than copybook.

Those who write larger size are attuned to social and interpersonal relationships and toward activity on a grander scale. They often enjoy recognition and approval.

When I combine this with the shape of your personal pronoun I and large capital letters, the additional traits of pride and confidence in self begin to manifest themselves. Next, I note the emphasis on your lower loops, and I see your interest in people, places and things is well developed. You like to be busy, active and involved. No sitting

around twiddling your thumbs for you.

Lead-in strokes on most of your words are longer than copybook. This is yet another sign of adherence to patterns of behavior learned early in life. You cling to memories and past experiences. And continue to look to authority figures and institutions for guidance.

You are somewhat resistant to change. Do your children ever lovingly refer to you as old fashioned?

Tired strokes on your small letter I suggest persistence. When considered with the strong determination of the long, straight right sides of your lower loops I know you never give up.

A rhythmic beat runs through the garland formations of your letter connections. This adds smoothness and efficiency to all you do. And would include harmony in relationships also.

There is a congruence between your signature and the body of your writing telling me you are the same nice person at home as you are when out with others.

If you have a question about your handwriting, write to Lorene Collett Green, a certified graphologist, in care of this newspaper. Use a full sheet of white, unlined paper writing in the first person singular. Age and handedness are helpful. Include your signature even though only initials are used in the column. Feedback is always welcome.



**gerontology**  
**A. Jolayne Farrell**

# Look out for claims of 'amazing' drug

Dear Joe:  
I read in a tabloid about an amazing "youth drug" called KH-3 that is used in Romania and other places in Europe. Why isn't it used here? Do you think it ever will be?

Mrs. I.O. Dear Mr. Joe:

KH-3 or Gerovital has been credited to not only be a "youth drug" but is purported to enhance sexual powers, prevent heart attacks and treat both depression and arthritis — claims that are just too good to be true.

Researchers in this country have found that the main ingredient in this drug, procaine hydrochloride, a local anesthetic, does not have any long term effects on the conditions claimed to benefit from its injected or oral use.

Several other ingredients are included in the manufacture of Gerovital, but they too have no proven benefit to match the claims.

It is thought that Gerovital exerts a placebo effect. This refers to the benefits experienced when a preparation containing no medicine is given for its often positive psychological effects. Gerovital seems to be the most successful when given to persons who have high expectations and will seek out almost any treatment for their health problems.

It is difficult to quarrel with the placebo effect, particularly when it is beneficial, but when the claims cannot be supported with concrete evidence, quackery is suspected.

Until this drug is significantly proven to be safe and to do what it

claims to do, I doubt if it will ever be used here.

Please don't believe everything you read in the tabloids. I suggest you read them (if you must) for fun — not for information.

Dear Joe:  
I read your column regularly — I have a question for you: my elderly aunt, a diabetic, is coming for a visit. I am concerned about her diet — any suggestions?

Grace R. Dear Grace:  
Your aunt will appreciate your concern for her diet. It will make her visit much more enjoyable.

Before she arrives, shop for a plan menu that includes foods that can be served separately — such as meat (without any sauce or gravy), vegetable, fruit, cheese, etc. — so she can choose the amount she is allowed. Salad dressings and other condiments should be served separately to encourage proper portioning. Diabetics can drink sugar-free soft drinks and soda water with a twist of lemon or lime. If she is allowed alcohol, serve only a very dry wine or distilled spirits.

While your aunt is visiting, it is important to provide regular meal times for her, particularly if she takes insulin. Try to arrange her daily activities and exercise so they are similar to her home routine. Diabetics live quite normal lives — they just have to plan ahead a little more.

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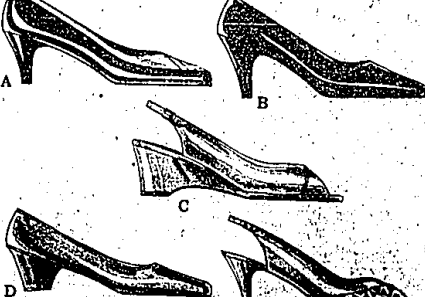
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