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My most Luddite opinion is that you must pick one

a) the ability to connect with arbitrary numbers of people simultaneously around the world

b) rich, multi-modal, interaction that mutually exposes vulnerability among participants

if you want a) and b) simultaneously you get the basis for a science fiction horror scenario and that's a Bad Thing unless you're a Gendo Ikari type

"individuals might experience episodic segments of the lives of other willing participants (locally or remote) to, hopefully, encourage and inspire improved understanding and tolerance among all members of the human family" uh nope sorry

this goes to my periodic complaint about global villages vs. global cities. cities are anonymous places full of wary people that, after certain conditions are met, can become lifelong friends....

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> I mean, A enabled me to have B with a bunch of people I couldn't have met in the beforetimes, but this was a time on the internet when moving up the ladder of intimacy included "telling each other your legal names"
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> — K. Chen (@tznkai) January 6, 2021

villages are places ruled by grandmas who, whatever the ethnicity or nationality, have intelligence networks that rival the KGB

making a city bigger doesn't make it inherently worse. making a village bigger ALWAYS does

McLuhan meant "global village" to be a caution but no one listened because it sounded like a good buzzword

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"When people get close together, they get more and more savage and impatient with each other. [Man's] tolerance is tested in those narrow circumstances very much. "

"We now have the means to keep everybody under surveillance. No matter what part of the world they are in, we can put them under surveillance. This has become one of the main occupations of mankind, just watching other people and keeping a record of their goings on"

"Ordinary people find the need for violence as they lose their identities. It is only the threat to people's identity that makes them violent."

these are all McLuhan quotes from a 1977 interview where he talks about the global village metaphor and other topics