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We touch a lamp, and the light comes on. We twist a knob and steaming hot water pours out of a faucet. We tap at a few keys and make dinner plans with someone across the world. At the touch of a button, countless machines come to life to cook our food, wash our clothing, and bring us our entertainment. Today, many of us take for granted things which only 100 years ago were considered rare luxuries – or impossible fantasies. Human curiosity has always inspired us to investigate our world, and human ingenuity has always led us to use our discoveries to make our lives easier, more comfortable, and more enjoyable. We call this application of knowledge “technology”, and in the last two centuries it has advanced at a speed never seen before, changing the world in ways that would seem miraculous to our ancestors only a few generations past.



