

CHANGE AND KNOWLEDGE

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It's amazing how fast things change. What we take for granted today is often surpassed or gone tomorrow. The pace has quickened.

I often think of our advancement of knowledge as an inverted pyramid. In the beginning [at the point] little was known or understood. Life and civilization advanced at a slow pace. With the advancement of scientific discoveries our understanding of our world began to grow. The more we understood the better we were able to improve our lives. New understanding of our world built on the old knowledge. Like the inverted Pyramid of Knowledge. The more we know the more we will know.

Our first TV had 12 channels and the only broadcasts were in the evenings. Of course it was only black and white. I first bought an IBM PC Junior computer way back when. I had to type in all of my programs by hand. Memory was very limited. The computer was not connected. Computers did not communicate with each other. It was an interesting toy. We all knew it had potential but no one dreamed of today.

Today I have over 700 channels to choose from. My computer is connected world wide. Programs come on disks or by wire. I can get information on any subject just by asking for it. I'm connected to all of our friends and communicate by E mail. We pay our bills on line and play all kinds of games on our computer. Hundreds of books can be stored on one hand held device.

Its amazing how that inverted pyramid of knowledge has grown in such a short period of time. It's interesting to think where we may be in the next 25years. I think we are in for great happenings at a rapid pace.

If you think how old the universe is, [billions of years] and how far we have come in just a few hundred years, its amazing. Contemplate where we could be in the next hundred years.

The best is yet to come.