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## The Truth of Technology

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There they are, Neo and Trinity, two authentic people. One educated in the cult of "the truth" and the other? A complete "idiot", someone who has lived a lie their entire life with the usual, "I don't understand the world and I know there's something going on, but what that would be I do not know," sense of, "Am I crazy?"

These two people should not know each other. They never should have made each other's acquaintance. Trinity lives in the "real world". Neo has just arrived from the vast pods of human power plants. Neo and Trinity were brought together by technology. The result? They changed the world. Or, so it would seem.

With all the knowledge and practice that Trinity possesses, she believes that Neo is superior to her. The reason? Religion. Neo is "The One". Neo is the Jesus of The Matrix Gospel and the quintessential Great American Hero: natural talent and practically no idea how to implement it. An example? There's that scene when he's first experiencing what it's like running from an agent. He arrives at what seems like an impasse. He speaks into his mobile phone, "Help. A little help." If Neo's "The One", should he have known what to do? Would he, should he, need to ask for help?

That's the weird thing about technology. It doesn't matter how smart you are, there's always a learning curve, right? But what do you do when the most capable person is the person with the least information? What do you do if you are that person? Who would you ask for help, if the reason you "need" help is because if you didn't need help, you wouldn't consider talking to the person who wants to help you?

Well, thankfully, that's not exactly the situation that Neo has with Trinity. Neo has talent and Trinity has the information and good intentions. What luck. Their relationship deepened with the complexity of the technology. An example? Trinity needed a module to fly a helicopter she'd never seen before. Neo needed to believe that he could prevent the helicopter from crashing until Trinity managed to extricate herself from the pilot's seat. Dangling at great height from the end of the cord Neo had wrapped around his forearm, we see Trinity with her head bowed and body curled into a sort of vertical fetal position as the helicopter's remnants fell to ground. Trust.

Trinity had the previous experience of having learned the skills necessary to drive, fly or otherwise operate all sorts of machinery, vehicles and equipment. She had every reason to believe the module prepared and transmitted to her would be effective.

What inspired Neo's belief that he could prevent the crash of that helicopter, that he could save Trinity? Would Neo have believed he could prevent the crash if Trinity had not been the person Neo was trying to save?

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