

# IN THE AGE OF EXPLORATIONS

A TARDIS is shown in the center of the image, appearing to travel through a wormhole or a nebula. The background is a dark blue and black space filled with stars and glowing blue and green light trails.

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# *Fear and Trembling: The Humanist Approaches the Computer*

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In whatsoever way any come to Me, In that same way I grant them favor.  
—*Bhagavad Gita*

THIS ARTICLE is a plea for power—for a decision by humanists to use to our own best interests the technological advances of our day. Unfortunately, too often does the lack of “willingness to be cause” appear in the letters and articles we humanists write each other. Take, for

The writer of this letter unfairly lumps computers and television together in their production of passive citizens and students. On the contrary, the hallmark of interactive computing is the response—both intellectual and muscular—of the student to the computer’s words and the

FIGURE 1. *College Composition and Communication*,  
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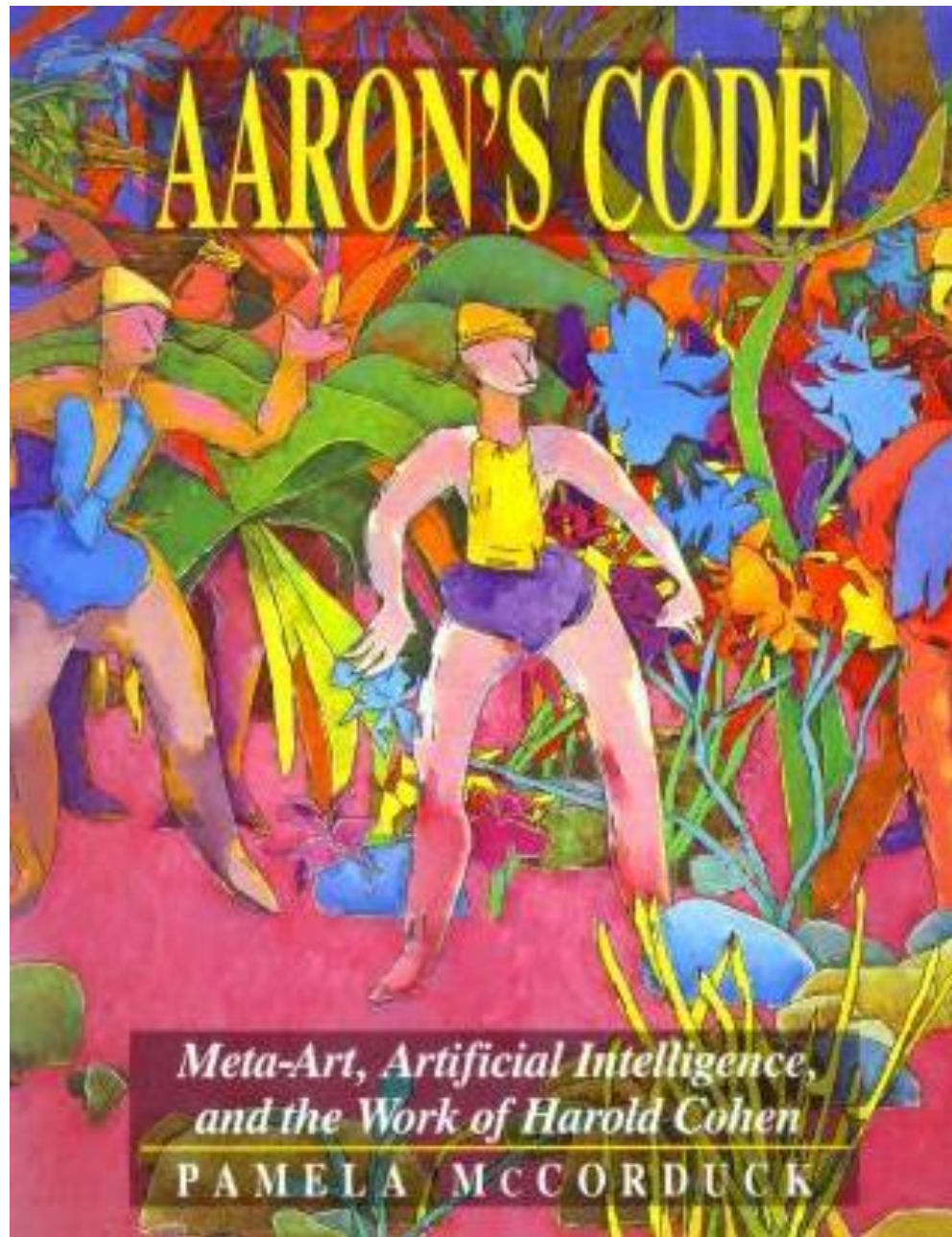


FIGURE 2.



FIGURE 3.  
Frederic Edwin  
Church, *Moses Viewing  
the Promised Land* (1846)





ADA AUGUSTA  
*The Countess of Lovelace*

*Frontispiece*

# FASTER THAN THOUGHT

A SYMPOSIUM ON  
DIGITAL COMPUTING MACHINES

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FIGURE 5. Bowden, B. V., ed. *Faster than thought* (1953)



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FIGURE 6. Typical JSTOR result, a “dumb” search for *emergent*

# Does Technology Drive History?

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The Dilemma of Technological Determinism



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FIGURE 7. Smith, Merritt Roe and Leo Marx, eds., *Does Technology Drive History?* (1994)



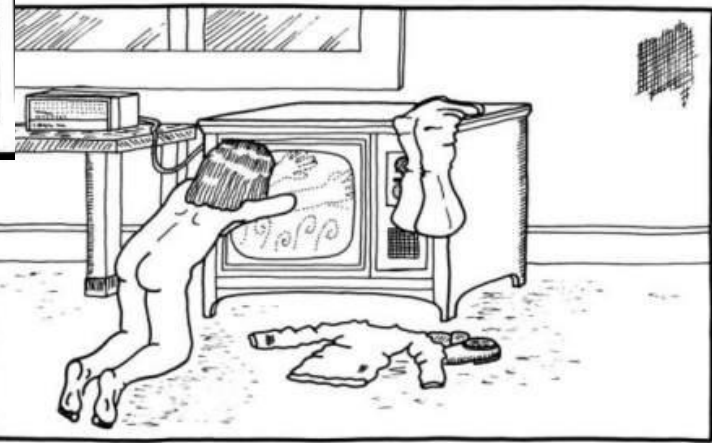
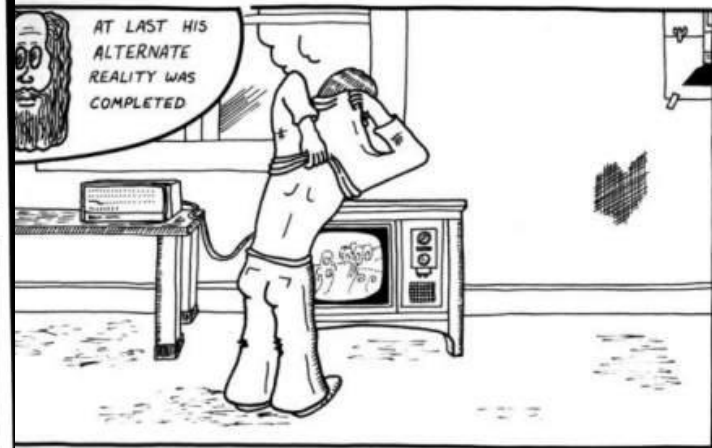


FIGURE 8. Rich Didday, *Finite State Fantasies* (July 1976)