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【46】 Technology — which took us to new continents and world domination, transforming our appearance and surroundings — now threatens to rebound on us. It is an irony that our own creations threaten to bring us down.

【47】 In the 1700s, sailors often suffered from scurvy. When the sailors started eating fresh limes, the disease disappeared. They knew that limes controlled scurvy, but they did not know that it was the vitamin C in this fresh fruit that was helping them.

【48】 Both reading and writing demand the full use of one's mental powers. When you write, you have to probe the deep understanding of relationships, ideas, and facts. All this must be put together into a whole, a composition, a letter, or a report. It is an activity that literally stimulates the brain cells.

【49】 More than a thousand years ago, people used to cut up green coffee beans into very small pieces, mix them with fat, and eat them for dessert. Then it became the custom to boil the green beans in water to make a kind of tea. Probably it was quite by accident that somebody dropped coffee beans into a fire and cooked them, which made a wonderful smell!

【50】 Westerners like to make friends so that they can express their feelings. With the exception, perhaps, of the British, they seek intimacy and try to avoid small talk. They don't like talking around a subject when they can discuss it head-on.