

Controlling Our Weather

In 2017, when it rained, we would have to adapt with umbrellas. When it was dry and humid, we would turn on our air conditioning. When the snow fell and iced out our vehicles, we would have to dump salt on the formations to shovel away later. What I miss the most since we began controlling our weather was the unpredictability that we felt each and every morning.

Ray Kurzweil once said in a podcast once that “95% of projects will fail because the timing is wrong”, but who could have blamed the inventor of weather control when droughts shortened water supply for humans, or tsunamis blew over countries and wiped out the masses. The timing could never have been more perfect for weather control; it only went out of control when people began exploiting the option for their weather. Some preferred heat while some preferred cold. Some wished for air and others wished for rain, so eventually the governments grew weary of fighting each other that each distinct region had to collectively agree on one type of weather for periods of time. It was nice to be in sunny California for the first implementation of this policy, but as other regions grew tired of having to be the place of rain for crops, we had to shift. We became rainy California and people began to leave the state in search of the sun again.

Bill Joy explained to us once that “a common wisdom is that you cannot predict the future” and in order to keep the weather control unpredictable, the governments would not specify when the weather changes would occur. They would make announcements only a few days prior to the change, and when I found out sunny California would be rainy, I decided to stay in the state. I miss true unpredictability, the

ones where humans and governments were not the controllers behind such a grand scale of nature. I miss when we had to look outside to expect what to wear for that day, or be able to cancel plans due to the rain. Now there are no excuses, only a single bleak weather that we would have to experience until some decision behind Washington would prompt a change again. We have no more humility towards Mother Nature anymore.