

an inquiry into the value of work

lations) are replaced by computer labs in schools, we must ask which values and life skills are being taught through high-tech education, and which are being lost as we demolish traditional learning environments.

Technology and computers may be indispensable tools of the future, but we have yet to realize the consequences of a total focus on technology. We do know the role and positive consequences of craftsmanship and manual work. We have the equipment, the rooms and the programs to keep teaching shop class, home economics and the like — all we must do now is remember their value.

To listen to and read more about "Shop Class as Soulcraft": New York Times Magazine, May 2009; "The

Colbert Report," colbertnation.com/the-colbert-report-videos/231844/june-24-2009/matthew-crawford-john-dankosky-s-where-we-live; cpbn.org/program/where-we-live/episode1-wwl-hands.

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