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To: Students enrolled in Law, Technology, and Liberty

Re: Readings for the First Class Session (Jan 9)

Dear Students:

The first class session of our course, Law, Technology, and Liberty, will take place next Monday, January 9 from 9-11 AM in Room 320D in Stanford Law School. We are still getting everyone installed with Axxess and so are distributing the readings for this session directly, attached to this email, so that we don't delay any longer. A smoother system for distribution of the readings will be up and running soon.

In the meantime, the readings for this session are attached. There are a number of readings, but they are all short. Please note the pointers below as to how to focus your energies in reading.

- (1) Thomas Jefferson, *Letter to John Adams* [skip the first page; focus on the first three full paragraphs on page 2 (beginning "With respect to Aristocracy...")].
- (2) John Maynard Keynes, *Economic Possibilities for our Grandchildren* [read the whole, but focus on the argument outlined on pgs. 2-4].
- (3) "State of the world" graphs.
- (4) John Cassidy, *New Yorker* piece on Piketty [focus on the charts, which it walks you through].
- (5) Karl Marx, 1856 Speech [focus on paragraphs 3-5].
- (6) James Surowiecki, *The Case for Free Money*.
- (7) Article on reverse osmosis and desalination [read the whole, but focus on the facts on pp. 3 & 7].
- (8) Robert Carlson, *Biological Engineering in 2050*.
- (9) Stanford Engineering Futures "How good can we get..."

Please write down any thoughts and questions you have while reading, and come ready to discuss. We look forward to meeting you in person this Monday.

With best wishes,

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