

## Today's Technology

In his book, "Warmed By His Fire," Rabbi Yisrael Besser, relates that when the Chafetz Chaim's granddaughter emigrated to Eretz Yisrael from Russia, the most distinguished Rosh Yeshivah greeted her with the hope of picking up a few morsels of eternal truths from her saintly grandfather. She was, lamentably, the victim of having been raised in a country which had long ago outlawed religion as being the opiate of the masses.

She recalled that as a young, idealistic student, beguiled by the allure of modernity, entranced by the vague promises of science and technology, she was in the process of shedding the shackles of "archaic beliefs" from her life. She had asked her saintly grandfather the following question, "Zeide, you know there is a new world out there, a world far-removed and advanced from your little shtetl. This world is filled with scientific discovery, modern technology, a world which is constantly changing. Why do you not come out of the darkness and limitations associated with your antiquated world?"

The sage looked into his granddaughter's eyes and firmly replied, "With their technology and sophistication, they will develop a bomb that will ultimately kill many people. It will bring death and destruction to the world." Then, in his weak voice, he whispered, "Ubber mir machen mentchen. But we are developing people! Do you hear? Mir machen mentchen."