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Digitization - a touchstone for humanity's ability to develop

A profound analysis by media researcher Rainer Patzlaff that embeds the topic of digitization in a larger context of the history of consciousness. With profound expertise, the author describes the triumphant advance of digital technology and, alongside it, its unintended downside, which confronts us with completely new tasks. This book makes it urgently clear that the tasks cannot be mastered without the courageous step toward a fundamental transformation of one's own self.

"Digitalization puts us in a seemingly insoluble dilemma: on the one hand, it makes us happy with great technical possibilities; on the other hand, we pay a high, actually unacceptable price for it - the loss of freedom and the dignity of our individuality. We are facing a historic challenge that we will only be able to meet if we understand digital technology as a task that requires us to take a new step in development."

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