

## **Personal Technology Evaluation**

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### **Do You Need This Framework?**

This framework may be especially helpful if you:

- Make technology decisions for others in leadership roles
- Want a systematic way to evaluate spiritual apps, platforms, or tools
- Prefer structured processes when facing important choices
- Need to track or document technology assessments over time

### **The Six-Step Process**

#### **1. Prediction Assessment**

- What spiritual claims does this technology make?
- How does it position itself as an authority?
- What are the financial incentives behind it?

#### **2. Presence Evaluation**

- Does this technology enhance or replace essential spiritual practices?
- How does it affect authentic community and worship?
- What accessibility benefits does it provide?

#### **3. Truth Verification**

- How can I verify the accuracy of information this technology provides?
- What safeguards exist against misinformation?
- How does it align with my tradition's discernment practices?

#### **4. Privacy Protection**

- What personal data does this technology collect?
- How is spiritual/religious data being used?
- What are my privacy rights and options?

#### **5. Community Impact**

- How might this technology affect different generations in my community?
- What are the potential benefits and risks for vulnerable members?
- How does it support or undermine community relationships?

#### **6. Tradition Integration**

- How does this technology align with my faith tradition's values?
- What adaptations might be needed to use it faithfully?
- How can it complement rather than replace traditional practices?

### **Quick Assessment Tool**

For rapid evaluation, ask yourself:

- Does this technology serve people or primarily serve profit?
- Does it enhance human dignity and authentic relationship?
- Does it align with the core values of my faith tradition?
- Would I feel comfortable explaining its use to my community?