



I fantasize about starting over with very little. a comfortable hut with kitchen, bath + garden. a bed, a work table and chair, a few gardening tools, a few cooking tools, a few drawing tools, a minimal wardrobe, a few books. on a bit of fertile land with fruit trees, near a stream + woods. a view would be nice, + varied seasons. not too far from civilization but far enough to avoid its noise + hellshit. i'd even give up skateboarding, i'd gladly give up the mass media.

i'd like to build the hut and make most of the furnishings. i'd hope to grow and preserve a lot of my food, make my clothing and live in a way that kept me occupied but with some free time for correspondence, art + maybe some contemplation of nature.

i guess what i'm looking for is a simpler life.

but i'd still want to bake, so i'd need

access to about flour but here i'd be able to make that myself. i'd have to build an oven and learn to stoke fire it or remain connected to the power grid. making good enough cloth for clothes would also be a challenge. self-efficiency would be a lot of work.

similarly, my frustrations with so-called "smartphones" make me wonder if i'd prefer a "dumb phone." then i realize that if i had some self-control i could just use the phone i have in a simpler way.

i could do the same with my life and possessions. just simplify by force of will. tough to get rid of stuff though. certain things have potential to be useful and others, like old excess clothing would not be something anyone would want. you have to just throw it out. it would be different if i didn't keep acquiring new stuff. maybe that's the place to start.

