

Letter 440  
**Ahhh. Goin' Pro At Last.**  
*(We Hope)*  
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Dear Dan,

**Sunday, 31 January 2016, 6AM.**

In Letter 396 Volume 5-15 I write about purchasing a used MacBook Pro from the Apple Store. I later returned the machine for a complete refund, since there were strange anomalies occurring with the computer.

But ever since then I have wanted to purchase another unit just like the one I returned. Other than the solid state drive being a little too small, it had all the rest of the features that I was looking for. However, once I saw it in action, it was the Retina Display that pushed it over the top as the machine of choice for me.

So, last night I ordered another MacBook Pro. I almost went for a brand new unit, but after inquiring of the Lord (and receiving no small encouragement from angel Gabriel to do so), He informed me that it would be just fine to purchase another refurbished machine, since one was available that had all the specs I was looking for. The savings of purchasing a refurbished MacBook paid for the cost of the AppleCare insurance I almost always buy for things that don't sit on a desk. The machine we just ordered is a 2015 model year, so technically speaking it is still new.

But there is something I didn't mention in Letter 396. While we had the computer in our custody, I anointed it with oil, prayed, and dedicated it to Jesus. So that means that whoever touched it after we returned it to Apple will have been marked for the Kingdom. The newer refurbished MacBook is scheduled to be delivered to us this coming Wednesday.

P. S. The previous machine which I returned last September had a solid state drive of 256GB. This one comes with an SSD of 512GB.

P. P. S. I am writing this letter on my old 2008 Black MacBook, the one I bought new using part of my inheritance money after my Dad passed away. It still works great. A few years ago I upgraded it to a 256 SSD, and 4GB of RAM. I discovered I don't get depressed using this machine. Normally I write at Starbucks using the 2011 MacBook Air, which was also a refurbished unit. But there are too many memories of war associated with it. That was a contributing factor to the feelings of depression that came the last time I tried to write a letter. Since then I have been using the Black MacBook. I will determine what to do with everything else sometime after we start using the Pro machine. I do tend to be a "pack-rat" when it comes to old computers.

Blessings...

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