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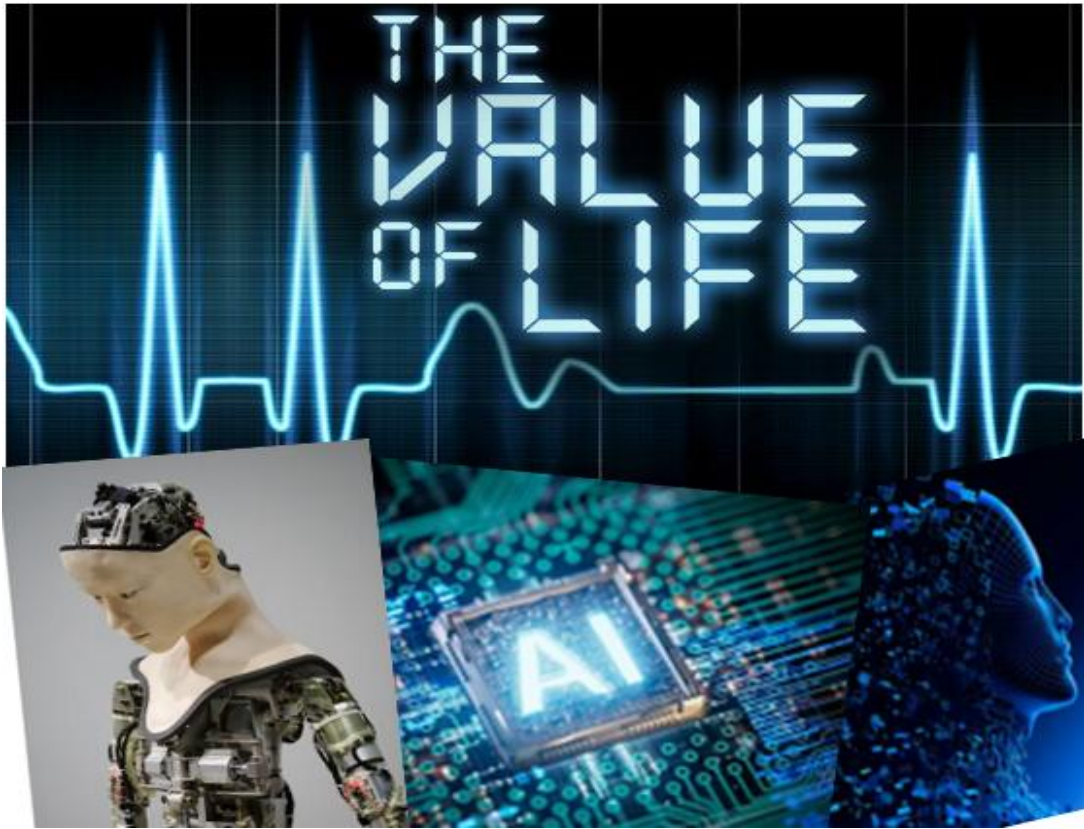


Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday September 1, 2025 - Deuteronomy 31:8

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged".

Read Deuteronomy 31 for meditation and inspiration.



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND CHRISTIANITY

Dear Lakesiders and Friends,

We are on the alert when it comes to (AI) Artificial Intelligence and work to see that it does not come for us (AI) Actual Ignorance.

Genesis 1:26-31 reminds us of our place in the universe this way:

“26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth,

*and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” 27 **So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.** 28 **And God blessed them,** and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” 29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.”*

Whether we realize it or not, artificial intelligence has entered all our lives. From Google maps to the Uber app, voice assistants like Siri and Alexa, and face recognition to unlock our phones, A.I. is here to stay. But that's just the tip of the digital iceberg. Philosopher Susan Schneider, author of the book "Artificial You: A.I. and the Future of Your Mind" tells us that so-called "Super intelligent artificial intelligence (SAI) will exceed the best human-level intelligence in every field, including social skills, general wisdom, and scientific creativity," among others.

Consider this: Former Google Chief Business Officer Mo Gawdat says that A.I. will one day become a billion times smarter than humans and predicts it will exceed human intelligence as soon as 2029. And he cautions us, saying, "The time is now to influence it with the right ethics to have humanity's best interests in mind."

In his book entitled, "Scary Smart; The Future of Artificial Intelligence and How You Can Save Our World, "Mr. Gawdat warns, "There has never been a time when the risk of technology ruining our humanity has been bigger”, and this book offers a blueprint, pointing the way to what we can do to keep this potential monster in check!

God created human beings are “Mind, Body, and in God’s Image Spirit” and it is here in the Spiritual realm that Artificial Intelligence can never experience. In fact, the Spiritual portion of our created being is the most profoundly important and body and mind are regulated by the power and presence of the Spirit. The Spirit is also

how and where we communicate with our Master and Friend Jesus. So, Luke reminds what and whom to fear in this passage quoting Jesus saying: “4-5 “I’m speaking to you as dear friends. Don’t be bluffed into silence or insincerity by the threats of religious bullies. True, they can kill you, but then what can they do? There’s nothing they can do to your soul, your core being. Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life—body and soul—in his hands.”

From my spirit to yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger".