

2084 Sessions 6 and 7

Potential Advances are encouraging and compelling

- Medical advancements
- Human upgrades

Yuval Harari – Homo Deus

1. War is obsolete – his claim, not accurate
2. Obesity is more a threat than starvation – not true – 124 million in poverty in 51 countries
3. Physical death is a technical problem to be solved by medical science

This is pure assertion – no evidence to back these claims – naïve at best

Dominant worldview of AI is ATHEISM

Death is not a decree from God only a technical glitch which has a technical solution. We can overcome death.

- Hebrews 9:27
- Romans 5:12

Agenda Items for 21st Century

1. Serious bid for immortality – some are freezing their bodies in the hope to be resuscitate
2. Pursuit of happiness
 - a. Humans will combine with the divine
 - b. Will find everlasting pleasure (in the flesh?)
 - c. Turn human beings into Gods
 - d. Homo Sapiens into Homo Deus

There is now a voluntary surrender of ourselves through current technologies – smart phones, etc.

This will happen gradually.

Transhumanist Project – Mark O'Donnell – To Be a Machine

- Eradicate Ageing
- Technology to augment our bodies and minds
- Humanity to merge with and into machines
- Remake ourselves in the image of our higher ideals

1945 C.S. Lewis – That Hideous Strength – gives a sober warning about the degradation of the human race. If we see ourselves as “meat,” meat we will become. Today – remove the “eaters;” reduce carbon footprint.

1943 C.S. Lewis – The Abolition of Man

- Man ruling over nature
- The few (elite) controlling the masses
- In gaining power of mankind the final quest has proven to be the “abolition of man.”

Hitler – the Arian Race – vision for German people – remove and irradiate they non pure

Stalin – superhumans – L. Trotsky in 1924 – vision for Russian people

What are the ethical and moral consequences?

Dark Future?

Putin – AI hold the future for all mankind, who ever holds this power will be the ruler of all mankind.

Gaia Hypothesis – Humans have had their time; need to make way for the new.

Max Tegmark – The Future of Humanity (MIT professor)

- Creating AI is birthing a new form of life
- Unlimited potential for good or ill

John Polkinghorne – Professor of Physics Cambridge University

- Only two starting points – the physical universe only; or The Divine who made the physical universe.

Sean Carroll – atheist – humans are blobs of organized mud; meaning we find in this life is not transcendent.

Some advocate that the brain is merely a computer; however, our brains are not governed by an algorithm.

Yuval Harari – Natural selection is the fact, no divine in the creation

1. Life happens through biological engineering
 2. Cyborg Engineering
 3. Engineering of inorganic beings
- Note – natural selection requires life to exist to evolve – where did the life come from?

Mark Tegmark – Transhumanism Project – Life 3.0

1. Make human level AI
2. Make superintelligence
3. Release superintelligence into the world

Make the world a perfect totalitarian state

- Surveillance for social control
- Prepare peoples mind for this a good

Closing comment by John Lennox – this was first introduced in Holy Scripture

Next week we begin to look at what God has to say about all this.