

2084 Sessions 8 and 9

Session 8 – The Genesis Files; What is a Human Being

Lenox contends science and Christianity are excellent rational companions.

Lenox also points out that not all AI proponents are atheists (Donald Knuth, Rosalind Piccard, Charles Babbage is cited)

Atheism does not give rational explanations for their conclusions regarding the origin of life.

Genesis 1:1 – God is primary; universe is derivative and not primary nor ultimate reality

- John 1:1-3 the Logos or the eternal word already existed
- Through the spoken word of God, the universe came into being – sequence of speech acts – God said....
- The universe does not create intelligence
- God's universe reveals purpose, design, intelligence, etc. – atheism declares it came into being through unguided natural processes.
- Super intelligence already exists in God Himself. – The universe is God's signature of his super intelligence

Genesis 2 – 4 reveal we are made in the image of God.

- Tour – proposals that offer to explain the origin of life make no scientific sense.
- Genesis – no life comes into existence by itself – the source of life is divine intervention
- Man has conscience – can see and appreciate beauty
- Also, there is a real NON-PHYSICAL aspect to human beings
- God, who is Spirit, generates matter (physical universe).
- AI only mimics what already exists – creates nothing
- God linked intelligence and consciousness together in human beings – Harari says consciousness unnecessary.

Genesis 2:5 – God gave us work to do – tend garden – work provides value, meaning, satisfaction, significance, etc.

Harari envisions a world where people are without work, useless and unemployable

Oxford Theologian Keith Ward – 3 Distinctive Capacities of humans

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| 1. Be sensitive and appreciative of information received - | Receive Information |
| 2. Be creative in how to respond to that information | Interpret Information |
| 3. Learn and develop capacity to share with others | Transmit Information |

Genesis – God created companionship

Session 9 – The Origin of Human Moral Sense

Garden of Eden – creator God placed in this place of unbounded potential, joy, happiness, exploration, companionship, learning.

Moral Dimension – connected to the spoken word of God

Genesis 2:16 – moral prohibition – cannot eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or death

- For morality to truly exist there needs to be freed to make choices
- The encounter with Satan:
 - Doubt – did God say
 - Denial – you will not die
 - Benefit – you will be as God
- Moving from being made in the image of God to actually being as God – Homo Deus
- Harari – transhumanism is an attempt at self-deification
- Homo Deus began with the entry of evil into the world

Human Morality is directly related to our obedience or disobedience to the spoken word of God. Adam and Eve had the capacity to understand and know exactly what God said and had the choice to obey or not.

In Genesis ethics are not subjective or relative to one's own opinion

- Humans are moral beings – know right from wrong
- Humans have transcendent value – made in God's image – not mere mud blobs
- In Reality – morality, human rights, democracy all originate from the Judeo/Christian world view
- Our disobedience resulted in shame, fear, hiding and perceiving God as our enemy.

Will we create an AI that rebels against us and then perceive we are the enemy?

How do we create an AI superintelligence with human benevolence and moral standards?

Today's modern world view sees morality as relative and selective with no "external" moral standard.

In fact, everyone can have their own standard.

Tree of Life – lost access and eventually encountered physical death.