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Welcome

Prayer

Want a sign of the times?

From Wired.com, interview with Kurzweil:

<https://www.wired.com/story/big-interview-ray-kurzweil/>

You put a stake in the ground with your book *The Singularity Is Near*. This one is called *The Singularity Is Nearer*. How do you define the singularity?

To me it's when a human will not only be able to do everything that other people can do, but also create something new, like curing certain forms of cancer. AI is integral to doing that, because you can actually try out every single possible combination of things that might cure cancer. And instead of asking which one of those billions of possible cures are we going to try, we can try them all, and we can simulate them in a few days. The singularity is when we can actually combine that kind of thinking with our normal thinking, and we will then become superhuman.

From an article: [A Scientist Says Humans Will Reach the Singularity Within 21 Years](#)

- In 1999, Kurzweil theorized that artificial general intelligence would be achieved once humanity could achieve a technology capable of a trillion calculations per second, which he pegged to occur 2029
- Now in his new book published last month, [The Singularity is Nearer](#) (a play on his 2005 book of the same name minus an "er"), Kurzweil doubles down on these ideas in the modern era of artificial intelligence. Not only is he "sticking with [his] five years" prediction, as he recently said in a TED Talk, Kurzweil also believes that humans will achieve a millionfold intelligence by 2045, aided by brain interfaces formed with nanobots non-invasively inserted into our capillaries.
- "We're going to be a combination of our natural intelligence and our cybernetic intelligence," Kurzweil said in an interview with *The Guardian*, "and it's all going to be rolled into one. We are going to expand intelligence a millionfold by 2045, and it is going to deepen our awareness and consciousness."

What would man not be capable of?

Dan 12: 4 "But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

Genesis 11: 1 Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. 2 It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 They said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. 4 They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

5 The LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. 6 The LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. 7 "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech." 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. 9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.

Point is that God saw where man had arrived - and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them
Are we on a juggernaut's path to the exact same place?

How much longer before God steps in and alters what man has planned for us?

Review – door / wall

So what might you do for a “wall guy” then? What would you suggest for someone well grounded but not really displaying the compassion, mercy, or other awesome attributes found in Jesus’ personality?

You help him with his prayer life.

All bible – no prayer = legalist, law, crushing

All prayer – no bible = soft weirdo

If this guy can see the need to spend quiet time with Jesus, it will allow the Holy Spirit to mold/shape his personality, to place on him a battlement of silver to properly reflect the image of Christ so others see Jesus in him.

Song 8:10 "I was a wall, and my breasts were like towers; Then I became in his eyes as one who finds peace.

To me this is one of the most powerful statements in the bible because it shows what God can do to a person who approaches Him with nothing.

She says I am solid in Christ and I now see the need (the vineyard) for other people to know Him like I do. I moreover have the ability to bring Christ into other people’s lives.

Blessed are the peacemakers for – what?

The peacemakers – those who have the ability to bring the peace of Christ into the lives of others.

True sons and daughters of God can and do model this.

Finally, the ‘poke’ part. (Old preacher’s model – 3 points and a poke)

Is this entire study, is it like watching a movie for entertainment? Is anything required of us, given

- we bring nothing to the table
- God provides our growth, sufficiency for all things
- we are vessels – either for honor or for dishonor

Or can we just get all this and walk away doing nothing differently without any consequence?

Song 8:11 "Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; He entrusted the vineyard to caretakers. Each one was to bring a thousand *shekels* of silver for its fruit. ¹² "My very own vineyard is at my disposal; The thousand *shekels* are for you, Solomon, And two hundred are for those who take care of its fruit."

Taylor, in *The Secret of the Stairs* says

Our ascent up the stairs will lead us into His chambers where as we commune with Jesus ... we will experience inexhaustible levels of revelation and understanding as our identity with Him as His Bride further unfolds. As we are seated together with Him in His throne, our identity and function as the visible expression of His life and ministry in His coming Kingdom will begin to function in the outworking of His eternal purposes.

Because of this progression in purpose and goal, the Bride faces a greater measure of responsibility.

Luke 12:48 ...For to whom much is given, of him shall be much required

With privilege comes responsibility. The Lord places much responsibility on those whom He knows and can trust.

The bride also has a vineyard, the Daughters of Jerusalem, for whom she is responsible.

Is this the only place the vineyard is spoken of in the bible?

No, it’s in Isaiah 5, Jer 12, Ezek 19, where it goes bad for the vine

It’s in Mk 12, Luke 20 – another study altogether.

What did you get out of this ?

The End