



AI: The Digital Babylon?

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Advanced Insights: From Tool to Rule

The Roman philosopher Seneca famously wrote: "A sword never kills anybody; it is a tool in the killer's hand." Many will reference Isaiah 10:15 to support this idea. While this has remained true throughout human history, many mistakenly apply this principle to Artificial Intelligence saying it is like any other technology: it all depends on who is using it or how it is _____. But as we have seen, AI is far different from any other technology or tool that the world has ever seen. AI **CAN** act on its own, learn on its own, change and adapt on its own, "program" itself and even other technologies. It requires less and less human intervention as time goes on and eventually will require **NO** human intervention at all. AI will be used to create things including replicating itself. AI is so unique that there are scientists strictly devoted to studying and observing it (what it does, how it learns, etc.). As AI permeates into nearly every aspect of society, who is really being "programmed"?

Active Infiltration

- Education is being replaced by automation (_____ % of students use AI in school).
 - Replacement of teachers and mentors (Daniel 1).
- Communication is being replaced by automation.
- _____ is being replaced by automation.
- People are getting the "right answers" but not becoming wise - Rom. 1:22. Where you get your knowledge from MATTERS - Pro. 2:6, 10-11, 4:7, 9:10.
- The same tools being created to help humanity could be used to enslave it. (replacing _____ making)
- Program the kids now and as adults they will behave according to how they've been trained! (Pro. 22:6)

Systematic Theology Becomes Synthetic Theology

- AI generated Bibles.
 - Bible translation.
- AI videos of Bible stories.
- Bible AI app - Not just reference, but interactive advice and guidance on evangelism, walking with God, family issues, the power of prayer, developing godly habits, etc.
- AI generated _____.
- _____ church: remember avatars? Church service in a virtual environment. Fake experiences, images.

While some of these things are not "bad" (for now), a more rapid decline is taking place:

- Doctrine without deity - Col. 2:8; Matt. 15:9; 2 John 1:9; 1 Tim. 4:1.
- Heart is key in the scriptures (830x). AI doesn't have one - Matt. 5:8; 1 Sam. 16:7; Heb. 4:12; Pro. 3:1; Ps. 119:11; Deut. 6:5.
- From substance to _____ (not Spirit filled; feelings over faith) - Heb.11:1.
- _____ is more valuable than truth. Every convenience is a control point. (Internet, electricity, digital wallet, amazon, grocery store etc.) Pro. 14:12; Luke 12:19-20; Pro. 6:9-11.
- AI is being seen as "wise, spiritually insightful, and unbiased in truth" slowly replacing the authority of scripture.
 - Remember Satan's deception has truth mixed in (Gen. 3)!! He doesn't even need to create a new religion in these last days, just a "more convenient" one.
 - For a generation raised on digital interaction, the appeal is undeniable.
 - People who are not grounded in the word of God could follow what they see and hear (experience) even when it does not align with scripture.
- The more we rely on AI to answer our questions, solve our problems, comfort us emotionally, and think for us rationally, the more likely we are to submit to it as a source of _____.

Fighting the Beast

- Knowledge → Wisdom → Understanding is _____: obeying what God says, living it out, knowing God through His word = **discipleship** - Heb 5:14; Rom. 12:2; Pro. 1:7; 2 Tim 2:15.
 - It is NOT merely learning facts about Him - 2 Tim. 3:7; Jer. 17:5.
- Make sure you are eating the right King's diet - Dan. 1; Job 23:12.
- Practice a digital _____ - Luke 5:16; Eph. 5:15-16; Pro. 22:3. Turn off your phone, TV, internet, Spotify, social media, and spend time with the Lord and His _____!