



AI: The Digital Babylon?

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The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly - part 1

Many tend to think of technology as being "_____", or at the very least, they lean toward focusing on the negative aspects of it. However, nearly all of those people use a multitude of technology *every day* that they probably take for granted.

But God, who never misses a thing, addresses in His word: tools, instruments, inventions, devices, engines (ancient mechanical devices), and skilled workmanship or what we would today call technology.

Bezalel - Exodus 31:1-5.

- Filled with the _____ for knowledge, wisdom, understanding.
- *Workmanship* - something made. The skill of a workman in making something.
- Cunning works - knowing, skillful, well-instructed, ingenious.
- His task: building the tabernacle.

King Uzziah - 2 Chron. 26:15.

- "Engines" invented to shoot arrows and stones.

Instrument makers, metal workers, carpenters - Gen. 4:21-22; Is. 54:16; 1 Chron. 22:15-16; 1 Kings 7:13-14; Is. 44:13.

The Good of AI

1. Healthcare & Medicine

- a. While initially used for research, AI is now being integrated clinically for things like predictive diagnostics, preventative care, surgery, and advanced tools.
- b. Agentic AI.
- c. TREWS (Targeted Real-time Early Warning System) by Johns Hopkins reducing Sepsis deaths by 18%. Improving early detection rates by 70%.
- d. Surgical systems.
- e. _____ detection and treatment.

2. Safety & Security

- a. AI powered cameras identifying unauthorized access and recognizing suspicious behavior rather than just recording it.
- b. Facial Recognition and Access Control: secure and efficient entry management in high-security facilities and corporate offices, preventing unauthorized access.
- c. Autonomous drones used to patrol large areas and crowds.
- d. 911 dispatch optimization, traffic safety, disaster response.

3. Scientific Discovery & Improvements

- a. Deciphering ancient languages.
- b. Predicting natural disasters, _____.
- c. Energy optimization. (Nuclear fusion control)
- d. Discovering new materials which could lead to better batteries, solar cells, and superconductors.
- e. Cosmic anomalies from Hubble space telescope data.

4. Common Tasks

- a. Language translation.
- b. Writing emails, blog posts, reports, social media content, turn technical language into easy-to-understand terms.
- c. Summarize long documents, transcribe meetings
- d. Convert PDF documents to Word.
- e. Research: combining multiple sources into one location, formatted and explained.
- f. Meal planning, recipes, travel planning, scheduling.
- g. Creating/editing photos, videos, and music.

Tools to try: ChatGPT, Gemini, Grok, Perplexity, NotebookLM, Higgsfield, Gamma.