

Thinking Like A Christian:

Technology 6

Data, Algorithms, and the Future of Humanity

1. *Data, and data about you is the most valuable commodity on the planet.*

“Those who control the data, will control the future, not just of humans but of life itself. Because today data is the most important asset in the world.”Harari

2. *Algorithms and Artificial Intelligence*

What happens when corporations or nations can know you better than you know yourself. Power for advertising, indoctrination, and control.

3. *The fusion of AI and the biotechnology -
“Homo Deus”???? Genesis 3!*

God’s Word on the matter...

Psalm 9:15-16

The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;
in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught.
The LORD has made himself known; he has executed judgment;
the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. Higgsion. Selah

This will not end well! It is not even beginning well as Harari notices:

"Moreover, despite the astonishing things that humans are capable of doing, we remain unsure of our goals and we seem to be as discontented as ever. We have advanced from canoes to galleys to steamships to space shuttles – but nobody knows where we’re going. We are more powerful than ever before, but have very little idea what to do with all that power. Worse still, humans seem to be more irresponsible than ever. Self-made gods with only the laws of physics to keep us company, we are accountable to no one. We are consequently wreaking havoc on our fellow

animals and on the surrounding ecosystem, seeking little more than our own comfort and amusement, yet never finding satisfaction. Is there anything more dangerous than dissatisfied and irresponsible gods who don't know what they want?"

Technology can be a powerful force for evil and temptation, but we must realize that it is our sin being drawn out of us, not added to us from outside. The world conforms, but the Word transforms.

Takeaways for us:

Man is made by God and for God. Man can only be truly known in relation to God who made him in his image. No matter how much wealth or power you give man, he is still lost and hopeless without God.

You are being seen way more than you realize - What is being seen? God already sees everything, but now men who are playing God are seeing way more than you realize. When Christ is formed in us, it is Christ that will be seen!

Jesus wins! The true God exists and man cannot be him. God has become man so that man can be caught up into the glory of God. The plan works and the plan leads to life. The plan is of God. The plan will succeed! (Psalm 2)

Not only that, but the Word is still more powerful than all else. The false gospel of Rome and the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus both went down those Roman Roads. Who worships Caesar today? Many volumes of sinful and anti God writings have been printed, but not one philosopher has held his place in history the way the Crucified Savior From Judea has. Men improve, change directions, and rethink the works of the greatest thinkers of all time. The Word of Jesus Christ stands firm!

So what are we to do with all of this?

Psalm 1 - Someone is going to form your mind. Give it to God FIRST!!!!!!

Proverbs 2 - Wisdom to those who are devoted to finding it. It is not just for your thoughts, but for your actions. The actions are to be shaped by renewed thoughts. It is not one or the other.

Matthew 28:19-20 - We are to go somewhere with this. We are to be on the advance not on the retreat or hiding in a bunker waiting for the bitter end.

Titus 2-3 Discipling has to do with how we live our lives at home, in the church and out in the world. It will teach you how to be a dad, a deacon and an auto mechanic. Not auto mechanics, but how you use the knowledge of auto mechanics.

Psalm 136 - Worship is the central issue. Who do you worship and how do you worship?

- Imagine if the tech that sees you clearer than you see yourself, saw Christ in you.
- Imagine if the tech that advertised to you by watching you had to send you the purest and godliest stuff out there.
- Imagine if gospel did to cyberspace what it did to Rome under Constantine, Europe in the time of Luther and Calvin, The nations through the modern missionary movement. What it is doing to China now. (Example of Towns in China that have turned to believers to help bring stability. Why? Because they LIVED the Bible and it did more than make them ready for heaven later, it made them a light from heaven now!)
- What if we figured out how to do this right. What might that look like?
Examples: