

USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AS A CHRISTIAN

Technology is not able to tell us if we should do something. It is only able to tell us if we can.

Purpose: to help us apply a biblical worldview to a world with artificial intelligence

Technology always comes with two big questions:

1) what does this technology do for us and 2) what does it do to us?

THREE BIG CATEGORIES OF AI GOOD

- LEARN – finding, curating, organizing information
- BRAINSTORM – collecting and recommending ideas
- ASSIST – simple, mundane tasks; summarizing data; helping create schedules; etc.

FOUR BIG CATEGORIES OF AI EVIL

- AI is often used to LIE.
- AI is often used to STEAL.
- AI is often used to LUST.
- AI is often used to HATE

In order to understand what AI can't do, we must apply theology to technology.

Theology Proper – What do we believe about God? (Psalm 115:3; Deuteronomy 32:4)

Anthropology – What do we believe about people? (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15)

Hamartiology – What do we believe about sin? (Romans 3:23; 5:12; 6:23)

Eschatology – What do we believe about the future? (Revelation 21:1-4)

FIVE BIG CATEGORIES OF AI CAN'T

Artificial intelligence can't do the following:

- Establish truth.
- Determine what is right.
- Make you wise.
- Relate with you.
- Satisfy your soul.

What does this technology do to us?

It changes us.

It can quickly and easily harm us.¹

- Isolation and loss of community
- Biased information
- Surveillance and privacy concerns
- Loss of human skill or knowledge

Just because we can use AI for something doesn't mean that we should.

¹ Many of these are taken from Peter Goeman, *Artificial Intelligence and the Christian*, chapter 3.

HOW SHOULD WE LIVE IN A WORLD WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?

FIVE DON'Ts:

1. **Don't fear. God is in control.** (Psalm 115:3,11)
2. **Don't idolize. God alone satisfies.** (Psalm 115:4-6a)
3. **Don't fully trust or blindly follow. God is the standard of what is true, what is good, and what is right.** (Deuteronomy 32:3-4; Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2; John 17:17)
4. **Don't use it to sin.**
 - Lying
 - Stealing
 - Lust
 - Hatred
 - Laziness (sloth)
5. **Don't expect it to do what it can't.**

SEVEN DOs:

1. **Submit your use of AI to the Lordship of Christ.**
2. **Know God more deeply and truly.**
3. **Verify everything you read and hear.**
4. **Pursue real, open relationships with wise Christians. Listen to them.**
5. **Be more involved in church than ever before.**
6. **Serve others more.**
7. **Pursue the Great Commission.**

God has given mankind dominion over His creation. As we use any technology, we should do so in pursuit of the Great Commission and in obedience to the Great Commands.

“There’s an assumption that AI technology is good, that it will make our lives easier and more comfortable, and that it will enable humanity to flourish. Businesses strive for greater efficiencies, and we become people driven by what’s convenient, without ever asking what we’re losing and what this technology is doing to us.

“We need to step back, pause, and regain consciousness of what’s happening around us. Not necessarily to discard new technology, but rather to engage it with informed minds – minds that have a clear view of whether it helps or hinders our walk with God, our relationships with others and our desire to become more like Christ.”²

Recommendations:

- *Artificial Intelligence and the Christian* by Peter Goeman
- *Christ Over All* articles and podcasts from May 2024
- dominion.chat

² <https://christoverall.com/article/concise/an-excerpt-from-jeremy-peckhams-masters-or-slaves-ai-and-the-future-of-humanity/>