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Consider AI: Man vs. Machine

MATTHEW 22:37-39 AND GENESIS 1:26-28

1

Consider **our purpose.**

Matthew 22:37-40 (ESV)

37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Matthew 22:37-40 (ESV)

38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:37-40 (ESV)

40 On these two commandments depend all the Law
and the Prophets."

Dr. Ed Stetzer, Dean Talbot School of Theology

"AI will increasingly shape our future,
so we need Christians helping to shape AI"

2

Consider **AI (artificial intelligence)**.

John McCarthy, Dartmouth University

"AI is the science and engineering of making intelligent machines."

Narrow (Weak) AI

General (Strong) AI

Generative AI

Fason Thacker

"AI technologies are driving many aspects of our modern society and economy."

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They influence our social media feeds, communication platforms, banking systems, manufacturing,

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military capabilities, and so much more.”



“Buckle up and be prepared to form an ethical framework.”

*- Dr. Simon Linwood
Chief Information Officer,
UCR Health*



Fason Thacker

“Behind most, if not all, of the most pressing ethical questions of the day is the question of what it means to be human.”

3

Consider **what it means to be human.**

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image,
after our likeness.

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea
and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

and over all the earth and over every creeping thing
that creeps on the earth.”

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them,
"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it,

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

and have dominion over the fish of the sea
and over the birds of the heavens

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 2:7 (ESV)

then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground
and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life,

Genesis 2:7 (ESV)

and the man became a living creature.

Dr. John Lennox

“Matter does not generate the spirit.
It is God, who is spirit who generates matter.

Dr. John Lennox

It is clearly one thing to try to build AI systems that seek to mimic aspects of what the human mind can do;

Dr. John Lennox

it is an entirely different thing to try to recreate
what it feel like to be human."

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"We need to think about what even a partial AI/robot takeover would look like in light of the biblical view that work

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is part of our God-given significance as human beings."

Luke 6:31 (NIV)

Do to others as you would have them do to you.



"AI is impressive, and it's only going to get better. It's a powerful tool that can create things that are not in my skillset, timeframe, and budget, streamlining the creative process with faster, cheaper, and more complex designs. Yet, it lacks vision and intentionality.



For me, design is beyond aesthetics. Good design is not just beautiful but meaningful. It is purposefully and thoughtfully crafted – a direct reflection of how God uses His creativity in designing us and the world. And as image-bearers of the Creator, we have the opportunity – and calling – to create in the same way.”

*– Micah Wong
Graphic Designer, The Grove*

1 Corinthians 2:3-5 (NIV)

I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.

⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise

1 Corinthians 2:3-5 (NIV)

and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom,

1 Corinthians 2:3-5 (NIV)
but on God's power.

Every Christian needs to consider and form their Biblical/ethical framework in interacting with artificial intelligence for the purpose of honoring God and loving their neighbor.

4

Consider **the importance of morality and integrity.**

“At CBU we are certainly engaging in important discussions around the use of AI for our faculty, staff and students. The driver of our approach revolves around understanding the responsibility of using AI and recognizing the importance of integrity in our decision-making process.



Like any new 'tool' that comes along, we can choose to use it for good... or not. We want our community to develop a discerning and thoughtful approach around the use of AI as we move forward."

-Dr. Charles D. Sands

*Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs;
Professor of Health Science at CBU*



Proverbs 11:3

The integrity of the upright guides them,
but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

2 Corinthians 8:21

For we are taking pains to do what is right,
not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.

Proverbs 4:25-27

25 Let your eyes look straight ahead;
fix your gaze directly before you.

Proverbs 4:25-27

26 Give careful thought to the paths for your feet
and be steadfast in all your ways.

Proverbs 4:25-27

27 Do not turn to the right or the left;
keep your foot from evil.

Hebrews 13:18

Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience
and desire to live honorably in every way.

Application Questions

Would I be ashamed if people knew the truth of how I used AI or simply how I lived in secret?

Application Questions

Is integrity important to me?
How does integrity guide me?

Application Questions

Is my conscience clear and do I desire
to live honorably in every way?

Application Questions

What do I need to do to make things
right with God today?

5

Consider **the importance of critical thinking.**

Proverbs 14:15

The simple believes everything,
but the prudent gives thought to his steps.

1 Thessalonians 5:21
But test everything;
hold fast what is good.

2 Timothy 2:7

Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you
understanding in everything.

Proverbs 21:30

There is no wisdom, no insight,
no plan that can succeed against the LORD.

6

Consider **how to fear God and not fear the future.**

7

Consider **the end**.

1 Corinthians 15:20-24 (ESV)

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:20-24 (ESV)
21 For as by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:20-24 (ESV)

22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ
shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:20-24 (ESV)
23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits,
then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:20-24 (ESV)

24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule

1 Corinthians 15:20-24 (ESV)
and every authority and power.

1 Corinthians 15:49 (ESV)

Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust,
we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Revelation 22:20 (ESV)
"Surely, I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)

Therefore, my beloved brother, be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,

1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.