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Divine or Artificial Intelligence?

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In our age of digital remastering of photos and artifacts, "artificial intelligence" (AI) is being hyped as an ability to reconstruct human thoughts and actions.

Artificial Intelligence defined according to the Cambridge Dictionary:

Intelligence: "The ability to learn, understand, and make judgments or have opinions that are based on reason"

Artificial: "Made by people, often as a copy of something natural"

Artificial Intelligence: "produce machines that have some of the qualities that the human mind has, such as the ability to understand language, recognize pictures, solve problems, and learn."

An axiom of computers has always been, "garbage in, garbage out" ("gigo"), which means computer applications (apps) and algorithms cannot produce results beyond what can be drawn from the data provided to them. Human limitations are reflected in computer production. "Artificial Intelligence" (AI) cannot know more than what is programmed into its "knowledge." **Who determines what media information is programmed into the computers?** Simply put, how objective is "news" today, so how objectively complete will the AI computers be?

Bible Intelligence Explored.

The only New Testament use of the word "intelligent" was in **Acts 13:7**. On the island of Cyprus, Apostles found: "the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God." His desire to "hear the word of God" showed a quest for truth that should be expected of an "intelligent man." It may be because of this man that Saul of Tarsus took the name "Paul" for himself from then on. An intelligent man will admit the following: "There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD'S counsel-that will stand" (**Proverbs 19:21**); "A man's steps are of the LORD; How then can a man understand his own

way?" (**Proverbs 20:24**); "O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (**Jeremiah 10:23**). This acknowledges that humans do not know everything, while "God...knows all things" (**1 John 3:20**). Truly, "The wise men are ashamed, They are dismayed and taken. Behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD; So what wisdom do they have?" (**Jeremiah 8:9**).

Since God created humans "in the image of God" (**Genesis 1:26-27**), humans are unable to demonstrate wisdom beyond their Creator. "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.' Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe" (**1 Corinthians 1:18-21**). Excluding Jesus Christ, who was God in the flesh, nothing humanity has produced has ever matched, let alone exceeded, God's wisdom. To idolaters, the Apostles pointed to the living God: and saying: "We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" (**Acts 14:15-17**).

What AI Cannot Do: BE A HUMAN MIND!

AI cannot Believe – "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (**Romans 10:9**). AI has no "heart" that can confess Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by God!

AI cannot do Good Works – "those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works" (**Titus 3:8**). The proclivity to choose a work with the moral quality "good" attached to it is beyond the capability of cold computers.

AI cannot have Conscience: "Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake" (**1 Corinthians 10:25**). Since "conscience" is an inner awareness of a moral choice between "good and evil," AI might be able to combine information and look for patterns, but it is not able to

make a decision based on a godly moral choice. "Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind!" (**Isaiah 29:9**). NO AI COMPUTER WILL EVER "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (**Acts 2:38**).

"The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God" (**Psalms 14:2**). Based on this, **we look for Intelligent Design in God's:**

1. Creation - "Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches" (**Proverbs 24:3-4**). Every house shows the intelligent design by which it is built, kept up, and adorned. Common sense demands that we see intelligence in every building around us. "For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God" (**Hebrews 3:4**). The Intelligent Designer is, "the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them" (**Acts 14:15**). It takes someone with uncommon ignorance to say, "There is no intelligent design in the Created World."

2. Bible - There are many, it seems, who either do not, or cannot, see the intelligent design throughout the Inspired Word of God. "But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled" (**Acts 3:18**). Even unbelievers carried out God's will, "For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him" (**Acts 13:27**). If "wise men" "have rejected the word of the LORD; So what wisdom do they have?" (**Jeremiah 8:9**). An ignorant opinion is still ignorance!

3. Gospel - Some people seem to believe that the church of Christ is a temporary "stand-in" for an earthly kingdom. God's Inspired Word says: "now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord" (**Ephesians 3:10-11**). The church is not a course correction from God's original plan; it is God's original plan from the beginning. Paul wrote, "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory" (**1 Corinthians 2:7**). "I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts" (**Psalms 119:100**).

4. Christian Life - Many cannot see the "intelligent design" in living a Christian life. "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in

the meekness of wisdom" (**James 3:13**). To bring order to "every creature" in the world, Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (**Mark 16:16**). A Christian may wrongly decide to walk "disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us" (**2 Thessalonians 3:6**). To them, Paul wrote: "we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread" (**2 Thessalonians 3:12**).

5. Christian Love - The Christian attitude is: "Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men" (**Romans 12:16-17**). **1) Treat all men alike.** Being a Christian is not so much to elevate ourselves as it is to help others see that they also matter to God! Among Christians, there is to be no such thing as "Black Lives Matter," "White Supremacy," "bullying," or "belittling." "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (**Galatians 3:27-28**). **2) Payback with kindness.** Jesus gave His life so the hateful can see how it should be done! "Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men" (**Romans 12:17**).

AI may have its place serving human interest, if that involves statistical analysis, summarizing enormous data sets, or performing endlessly repetitive tasks, and all of these admittedly faster than a human could. But AI can never grow past human intelligence, nor can it supersede human intelligence to obtain godlike wisdom. "Then Job answered and said: 'No doubt you *are* the people, And wisdom will die with you! But I have understanding as well as you; I *am* not inferior to you. Indeed, who does not *know* such things as these?'" (**Job 12:1-3**). God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (**1 Timothy 2:4**). All wise men today desire the same.

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"A FALSE WITNESS SHALL PERISH, BUT THE MAN WHO HEARS HIM WILL SPEAK ENDLESSLY." Proverbs 21:28

~Gossip, Lies, & Propaganda Have Sprinter's Legs