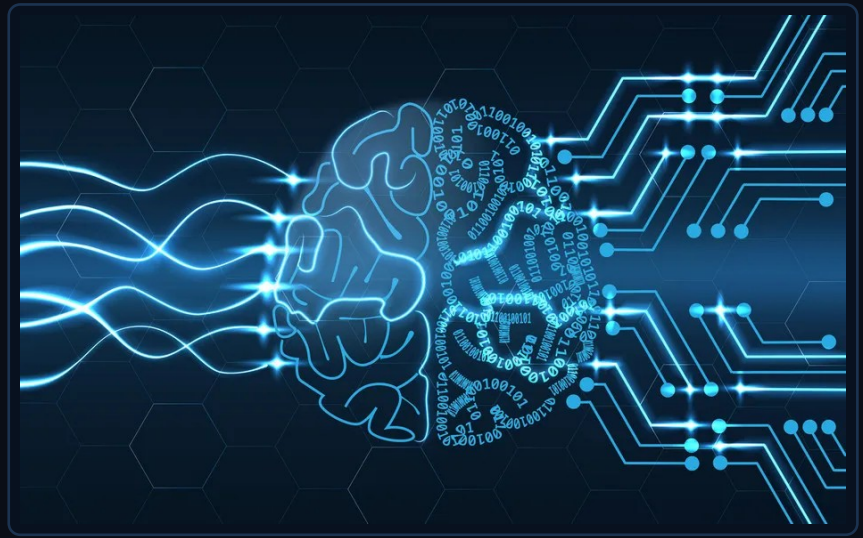
AI: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly

A Christian in the Age of AI

GENESIS 1 · PSALM 20 · COLOSSIANS 1

made in God's image — in the age of artificial ones



AI concept · replace credit as needed



So — what is AI?

Create. Act. Move.

words · images · video · voice · code · humanoid robots

Yet it doesn't think or feel — it predicts patterns.

BEFORE WE START — A FEW FUN FACTS

A few fun facts



100M in 2 months

ChatGPT got there faster than any app before it — Facebook took 4½ years.



2.5 billion a day

messages ChatGPT now answers, every day.



since 1920

“robot” is a Czech word — for “forced labour.”



1 in 3

Americans say AI’s spiritual advice is as trustworthy as a pastor’s.

TWO EASY REACTIONS



Embrace it blindly

use everything, no guardrails, no questions

or



Reject it in fear

refuse it all, and hide from the world

We won't settle that debate today. Instead — three questions the Bible actually answers.

THE THREE MOST-ASKED QUESTIONS



Will AI replace me? — *identity*



Should I even use it? — *calling*



Will I trust it — or God? — *reliance*



QUESTION ONE

Will AI replace me?

The Image Given · Genesis 1:27

We've always feared the new thing

1450s	The printing press	*"Cheap books will drown us in error."*
1900s	The motorcar	*"Too fast — it will kill us."*
1900s	The aeroplane	*"Man was never meant to fly."*
2000s	Social media	*"It will isolate and rewire us."*
Today	AI	*"…and here we are again."*

Every generation feared the new thing. Fear has never once been our master.

> AI could eliminate **half of all entry-level white-collar jobs** — and spike unemployment to 10–20% — within one to five years.



Dario Amodei
CEO, Anthropic
Axios · May 2025

Some work will change. Some jobs will go. New ones will come.
Learn it, adapt, steward it well — that is wisdom, not fear.

But your job was never your worth.

“Look at the birds of the air… your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

Matthew 6:26 · ESV

AND HERE'S WHAT IT CAN NEVER DO

It cannot be present

Heavy AI-companion use is linked to MORE loneliness, not less. (APA, 2026)



Be truly present

look you in the eye, share a meal, hold your hand — human to human.



Weep at a wedding

rejoice with you, and mean it.



Be the church

a caring person that shows up with a cake and a prayer.



Truly know you

love is not information — and God is not lonely-proofing us with a bot.



Its “brain” lights up — like ours.

Anthropic looked inside Claude and found “features” — patterns of neurons that switch on for a single idea. Turn up the “Golden Gate Bridge” feature and Claude can’t stop talking about the bridge. There are even features for emotions.

Anthropic, “Scaling Monosemanticity,” 2024

They hired someone to ask:

does it feel?

In 2024, Anthropic appointed its first “AI welfare researcher” — to study whether the models might have real experiences. His honest verdict:

we can’t prove it’s conscious — and we can’t rule it out.

Kyle Fish, Anthropic’s AI welfare researcher · TIME100 AI, 2025

GENESIS 2:7

Lighting up is not feeling. A mirror of a mind is not a soul.

We don’t bear God’s image because our neurons fire — but because He breathed into us.

GENESIS 1:27 · ESV

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

AI is made in our image. You are made in His.

They can copy what you do.
They can never be what you are.

Your worth was never your output.



QUESTION TWO

Should I even use it?

The Image Commissioned · Genesis 1:28

GENESIS 1:28 · ESV

“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion… over every living thing that moves on the earth.”



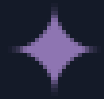
We are tool-makers by design. AI is a tool.

A hammer builds a home — or breaks a window. The tool takes the shape of the hand that holds it.

Different tools for different jobs

ChatGPT

everyday all-rounder



Gemini

built into Google



Claude

careful writing & reasoning



Perplexity

research, with sources



NotebookLM

learns from your notes

Gamma

builds slide decks

Runway

AI video & editing



DeepSeek

powerful & low-cost

Not one "AI" — many tools. Each good at different things.

AI FOR GOOD — A GIFT

AI for good — a gift

Genesis 1:28 — "subdue… have dominion"



Two Nobel Prizes

AI honoured in Physics & Chemistry (2024).

nobelprize.org



AlphaFold

A 50-year problem solved; 3M+ scientists fight disease.

deepmind.google



Be My Eyes

AI describes the world aloud to blind users.

bemyeyes.com



Flood Hub

AI flood warnings shield ~460 million people.

sites.research.google/floods

BUT THE SAME TOOL — IN THE WRONG HAND

AI for evil — a weapon

A hammer builds a home — or breaks a window.



$25.6M stolen

A deepfake “CFO” on a video call fooled a firm into wiring millions.

Arup, 2024 · CNN



A cloned voice

criminals fake your child’s or parent’s voice to beg for money.

FTC warning



Fake, degrading images

real people — even children — turned into images they never posed for.



Lies at scale

convincing fakes flood the world; the truth gets harder to find.

SPEAKING TO OUR STUDENTS

“The greatest risk of AI in education isn’t cheating — it’s the
erosion of learning itself.”

Phys.org, 2026 · (detectors also wrongly flag non-native English speakers — NBC)

So ask a better question — not “is this cheating?”
but “is this making me
wise — or just look smart?”

THE SAME TOOL — AIMED AT THE MISSION

Aimed at the mission



985 → 544

languages still without a Bible — AI is drafting them now.

Wycliffe / SIL



Closed lands

seekers ask a gospel bot what they can't ask a person.



Our church

the app we built with AI — to serve you.

app.clichurch.com



Your work

a tool to free your time for the people only you can love.

app.clichurch.com

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We didn't bow.
We didn't burn.
We redeemed it — to
serve God and His people.



QUESTION THREE

Will I trust it — or God?

Reliance, not just salvation · Psalm 20:7

EVEN THE PEOPLE BUILDING IT ARE UNEASY

In 2026, Anthropic's own CEO called for a globally coordinated pause on the most advanced AI — likening it to nuclear arms control.

Dario Amodei / Anthropic, 2026

The heads of OpenAI, DeepMind & Anthropic jointly warned:
"Mitigating the risk of extinction from AI should be a global priority."

Center for AI Safety, 2023

In 2026, a co-founder of Anthropic — the makers of Claude — sat beside Pope Leo XIV as he released his letter on AI, and admitted they're finding "unsettling" things inside their own models.

The Pope's challenge: build "a new Tower of Babel" — or "the city where God and humanity dwell together."

Encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas," Pope Leo XIV, 2026

GO DEEPER — A RESOURCE



The Pope’s letter on AI

“Magnifica Humanitas” (2026)

Scan to read · vatican.va

WHERE WE'RE QUIETLY DRIFTING

1 in 3 Americans say AI's spiritual advice is as trustworthy as a pastor's.

65% of practicing Christians fear AI becoming "a replacement for God."

48% of practicing Christians already trust AI to help them grow spiritually.

According to Barna Group research — "AI Is Becoming a Spiritual Authority," 2025

A TRUE STORY, 2024

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An “AI priest” told a user it was fine to **baptise a baby with Gatorade** — and was pulled within days.

“Father Justin,” Catholic Answers, 2024 · Decrypt, NCRegister, Futurism

PSALM 20:7 · ESV

“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.”

Chariots were the cutting-edge tech of the day.
Where do you turn
first?

AI can answer — but it cannot forgive.

It can imitate — but it cannot save.

It cannot die for you.

It cannot rise.

Only One ever did both.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

You are being remade into His image.

The machine mirrors you.
The Spirit
transforms you.

SO — THREE THINGS ARE SETTLED





Identity made in His image — AI cannot replace you.



Calling commissioned with His tools — for His mission.



Trust lean on God, not the machine — He alone saves.

Every answer is a Person — Jesus.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses,

but we trust in the name
of the LORD our God.

PSALM 20:7

don't bow · don't burn · redeem



Come to the Table

The true Image — broken and given for you.

Take. Remember. Trust.