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# TRANSHUMANISM & POSTHUMANISM



SALVATION **BY** HUMAN-GUIDED EVOLUTION

**THROUGH** SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND TECHNOCRACY

CHRISTOPHER T. HAUN | FEB. 29TH, 2023

**“ARE YOU THE ONE  
WHO IS TO COME,  
OR SHALL WE LOOK  
FOR ANOTHER?”**

**Mt. 11 / Lk. 7**



**OOPS!**

**EMBARASSING!?!**





**“... THE BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT ...”**



**“...THE LAME ARE MADE TO WALK...”**



**“... LEPERS ARE CLEANSED...”**



**“... THE DEAF HEAR ...”**





**“... AND THE DEAD ARE RAISED UP.”**



“THE POOR HAVE GOOD NEWS PREACHED TO THEM”



The image features a dark blue background with white, stylized circuit board traces in the corners. The main text is centered and reads: 

**“BLESSED IS HE  
WHO IS NOT  
OFFENDED  
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**MT. 11 / LK. 7**

“OFFENDED?”

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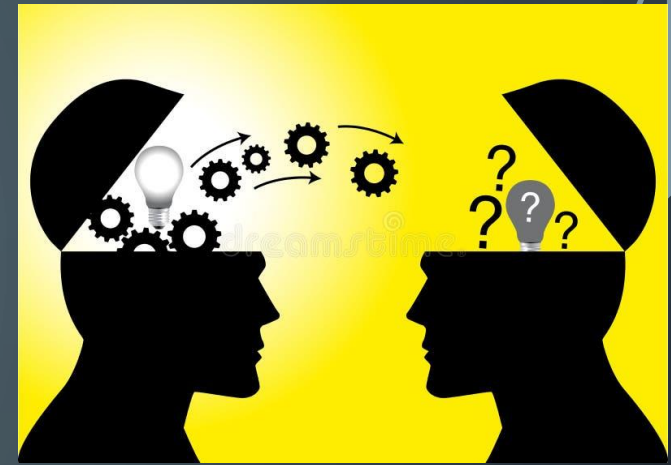
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## LIKELY ALLUSIONS TO ISAIAH

- **Isa. 35:3, 5, 6** (but not :4, 10)
- **Isa. 42:6** (but not :7)
- **Isa. 61:1a, 2a** (but not :1b, 2b)



## WHAT JESUS DID \*NOT\* ECHO FROM ISAIAH

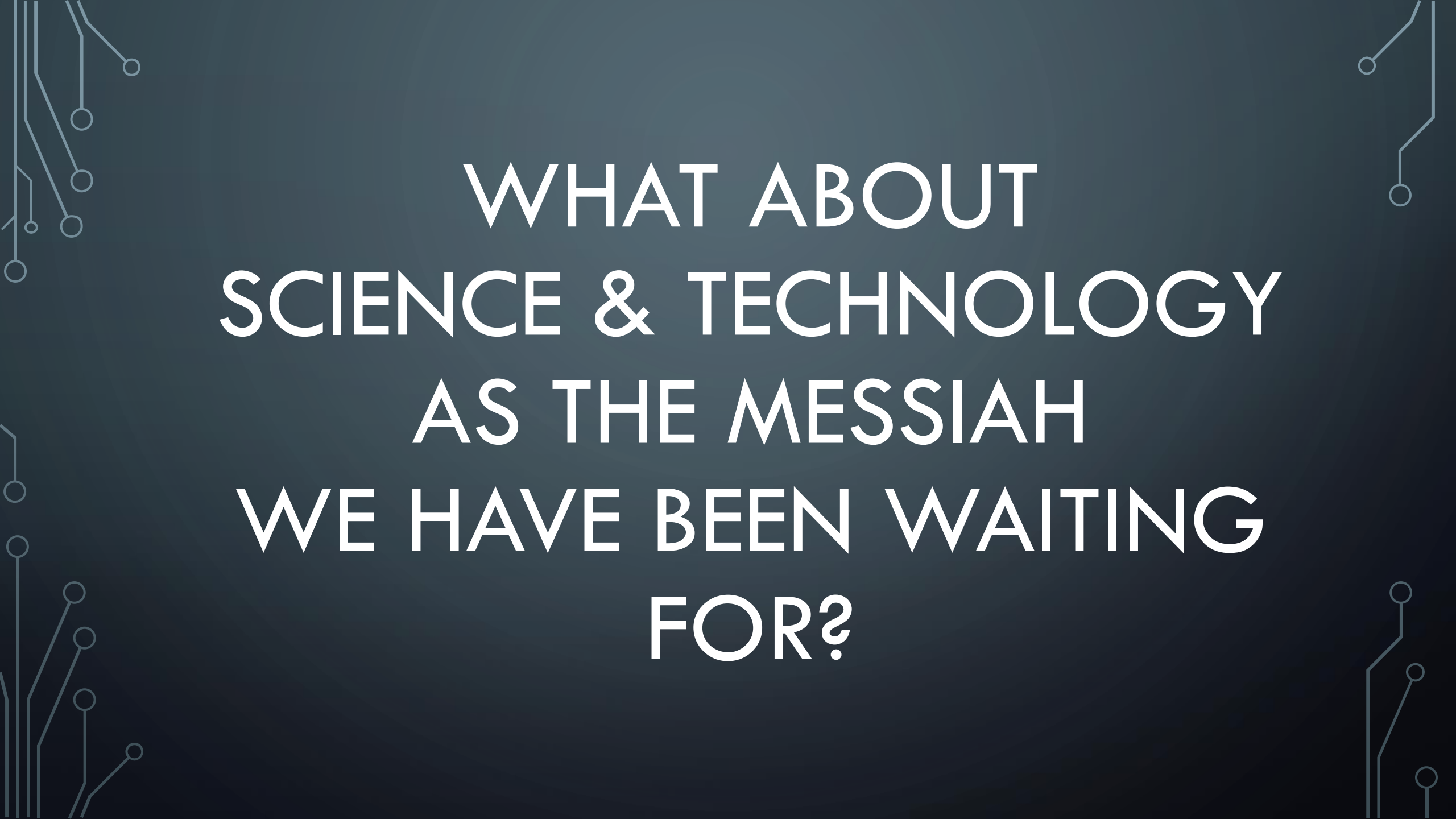
- **Isa. 42:7** “to bring out the **\*prisoners\*** from the **\*dungeon\*** from the prison those who sit in **darkness**”
- **Isa. 61:1b** “... to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the **\*prison\*** to those who are bound...”



## STILL DISAPPOINTED? WAITING?

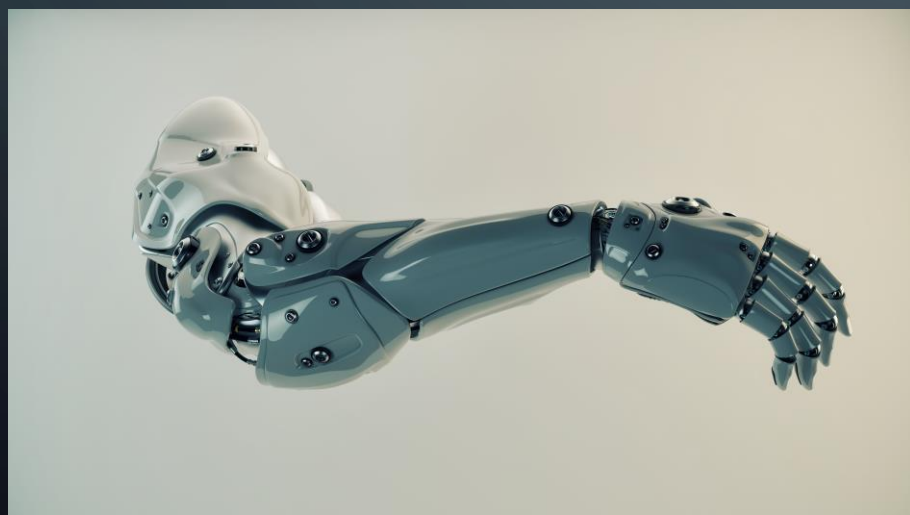
- We've been waiting 2,000 years!
- Disappointed by our limitations, diseases, suffering, natural evil, moral, evil, and death?
- So are we waiting for another???
- Are we "offended" by Jesus?



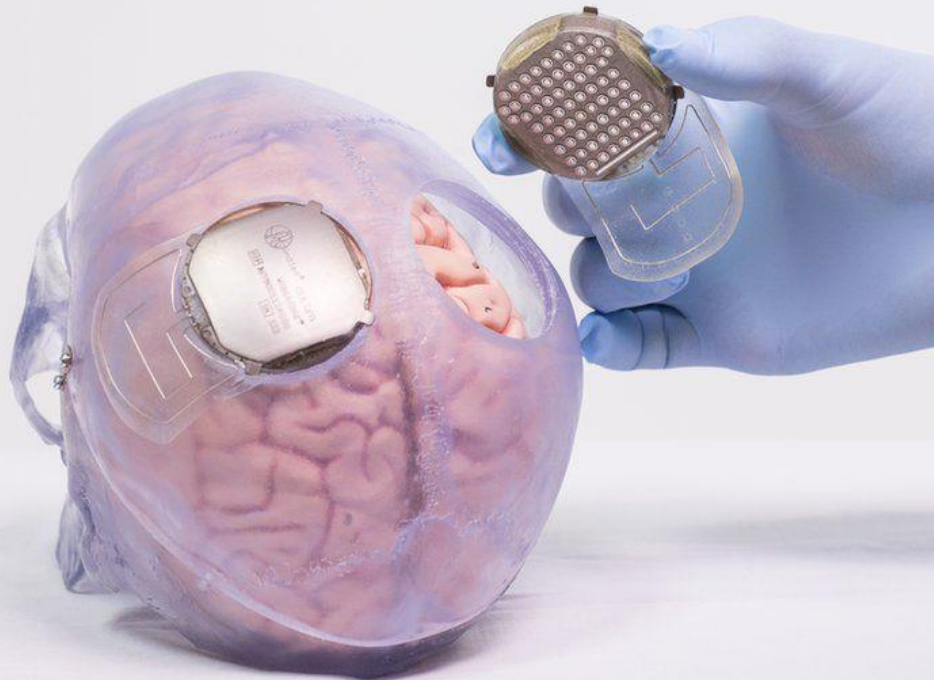
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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
AS THE MESSIAH  
WE HAVE BEEN WAITING  
FOR?

# THE LAME ARE MADE TO WALK



# PARALYZED MAN MOVES IN MIND-READING EXOSKELETON – OCTOBER 2019



**CNN** · 9d · on MSN

## First Neuralink human trial subject can control a computer mouse with brain implant, Elon Musk says

Elon Musk says Neuralink's first human trial participant can control a computer mouse with their brain, nearly one month ...



**Nature** · 6d

## Neuralink brain chip: advance sparks safety and secrecy concerns

Elon Musk announced this week that his company's brain implant has allowed a person to move a computer mouse with their mind.



**WIRED** · 8d

## Neuralink's First Brain Implant Is Working. Elon Musk's Transparency Isn't

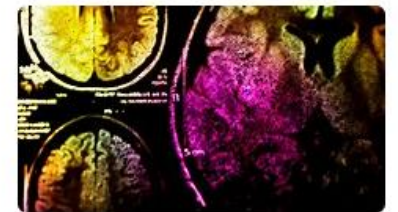
Elon Musk says Neuralink's first human trial subject can control a computer mouse with their brain, but some researchers are ...



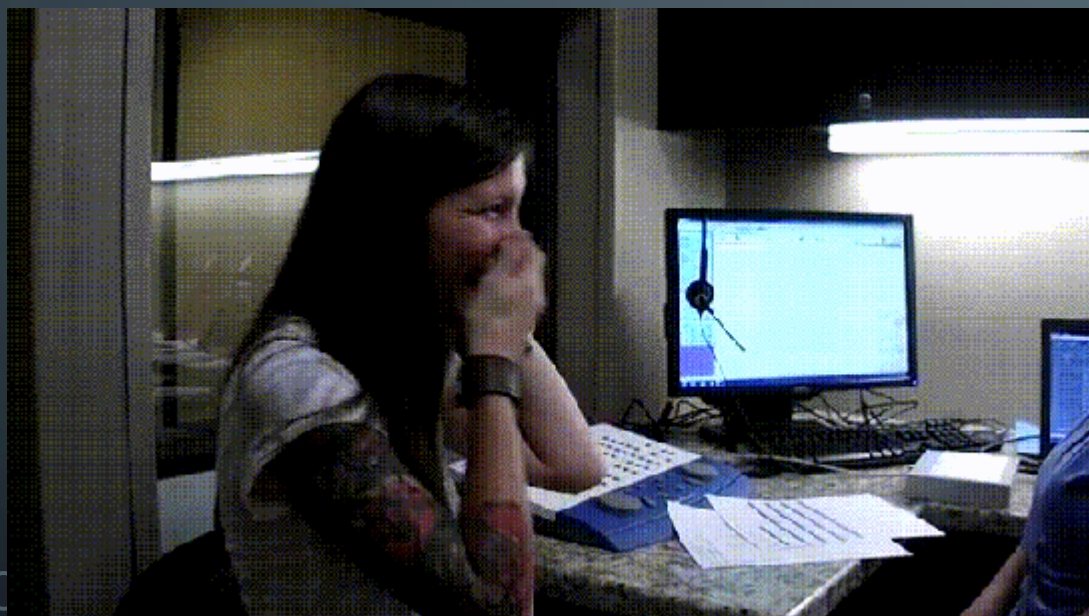
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## Why scientists are worried about Neuralink

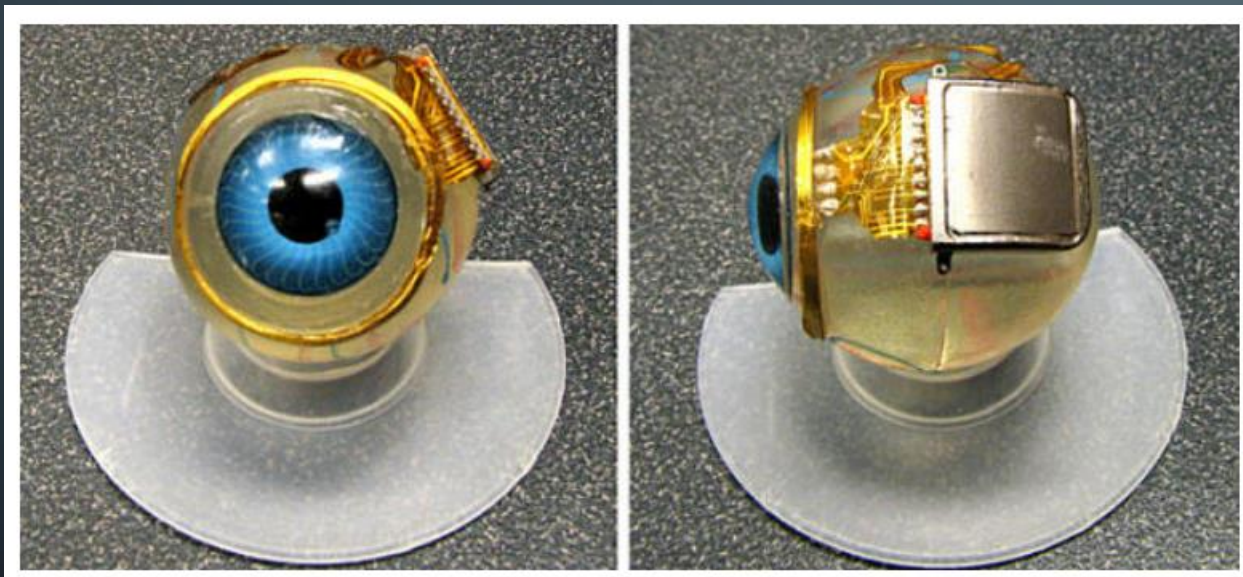
The ethics of medicine requires physicians to help patients, while minimizing potential harm. In addition to errors and ...



# THE DEAF HEAR



# THE BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT



# THE DEAD ARE RAISED ???



# 'Center For Immortality' Being Built in Texas

Paul Seaburn

July 2, 2016



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It's being called "The Center for Immortality," "The Fountain of Youth" and "The Fort Knox of Biological Materials," but the best description for the new Timeship Building currently [under construction](#) in Texas is the "Mecca of Cryogenics." This futuristic complex is expected to someday house 50,000 frozen humans waiting to be brought back from the dead or their frigid state of suspended animation.

DNA, tissue samples, and cryopreserved patients will be housed in Timeship, and their safety and security against all threats, both natural and human-made, will have to be maintained for hundreds of years.



## Modern Science

Cryonics sounds like science fiction, but it's based on modern science. Life can be stopped and restarted if its basic structures can be preserved. Vitrification can preserve biological structure very well – much better than freezing. Methods for repairing biological structure at the molecular level can now be foreseen.



# Freezing your body to come back to life later? China offers it

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 🕒 PUBLISHED AT 9:23 PM


By [ELAINE YAU](#) | [SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST](#)



Stainless-steel containers for freezing and storing bodies in super-cold liquid nitrogen at the Shandong Yinfeng Life Science Research Institute, China's only cryonics centre.  
*The Shandong Yinfeng Life Science Research Institute*

## 1 THESS. 4:13

“... we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like *the rest of mankind, who have no hope. . .*”

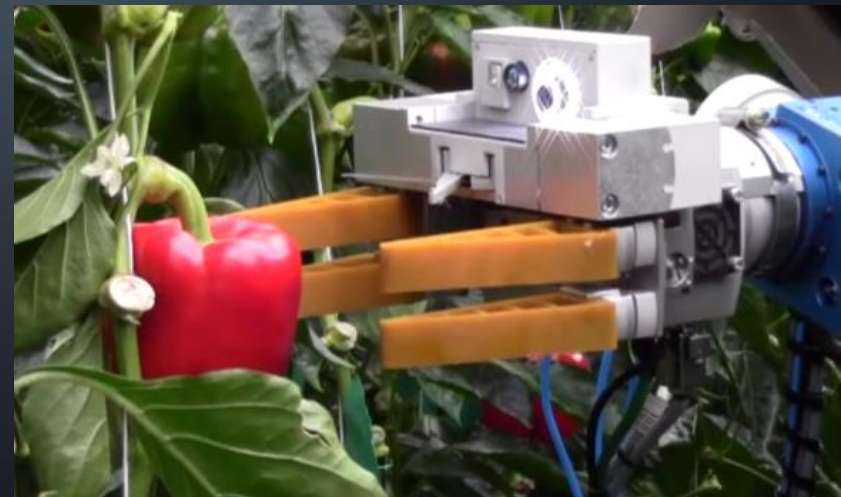


He's only mostly dead.  
There's a big difference  
between  
mostly dead  
and all dead.  
Mostly dead  
is slightly alive.

# LONGEVITY

- Nanobots repairing our telomere endings?
- Nanobots remove bad genetic sequences and cancer cells?
- Drugs like *Metaformin*?
- 3-D printed organs?
- Cloned organs?
- Stem cell therapy?
- Antioxidants

# THE POOR RECEIVE GOOD NEWS



# “SET THE PRISONERS FREE?!”

- Freedom to be whatever you want to be
- Superpowers? Superhero? Supervillain?
- Morphological freedom
  - Embody multiple “avatars” and cobots
  - Biohacking
  - Species Dysphoria / Trans-species / Wrong body



## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL **KURTZ**

“But we can discover no divine purpose or providence for the human species. While there is much that we do not know, humans are responsible for what we are or will become. **No deity will save us; we must save ourselves.** ... Promises of immortal salvation or fear of eternal damnation are both illusory and harmful. They distract humans from present concerns, from **self-actualization**, and from rectifying social injustices.”

**Paul Kurtz | Humanist Manifesto II | 1973**

# THE H/TH/PH GOSPEL

- Salvation by human wisdom and effort
- Salvation through scientific understanding of our world
- Salvation through application of technologies that extend life and enhance our abilities
- We must deify ourselves (become gods/angels)?
- We must create a God?



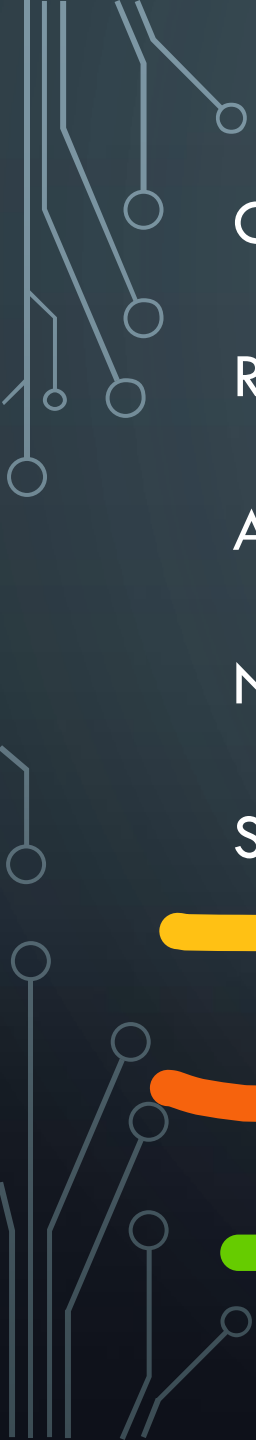
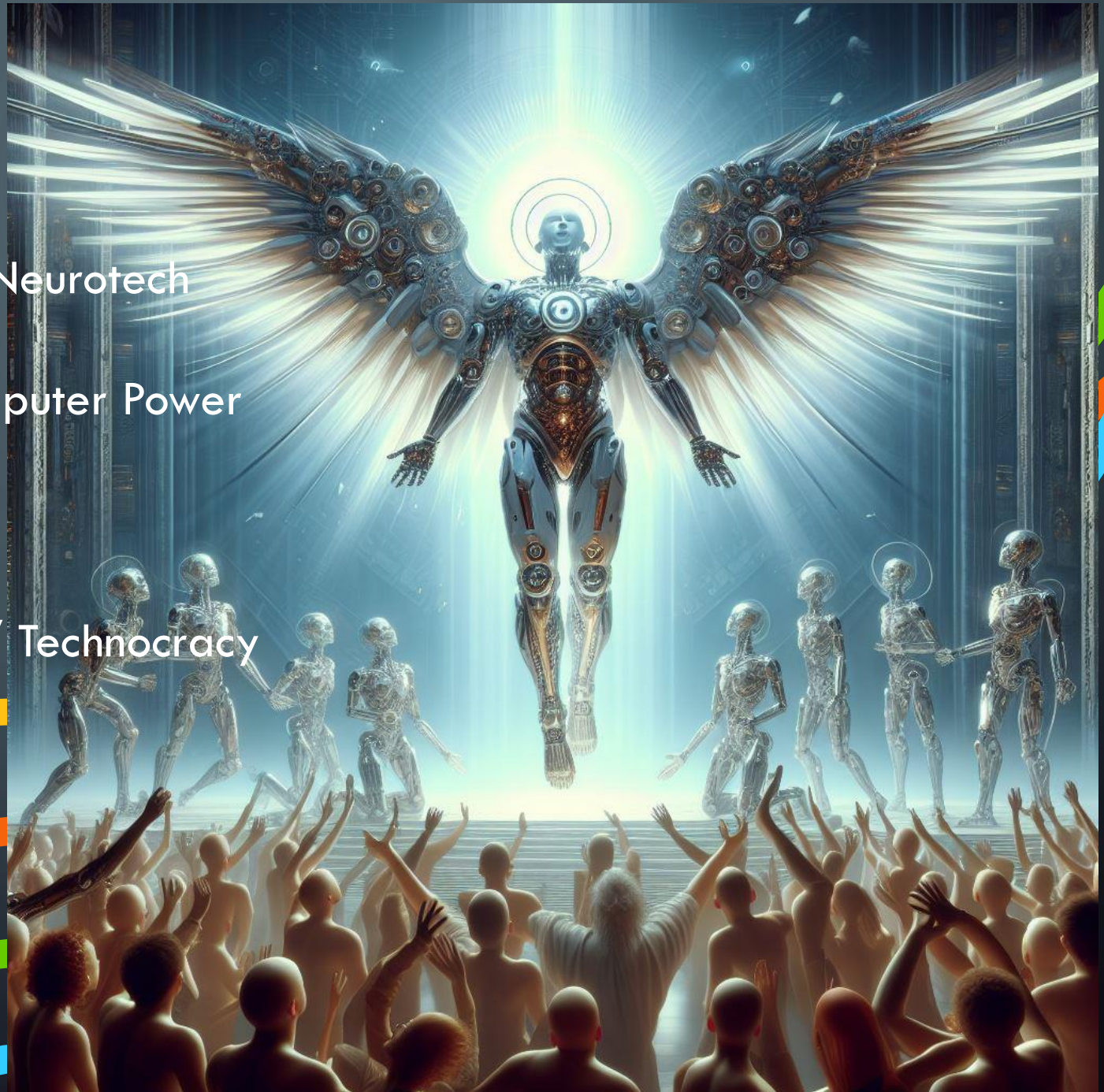
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Robotics / Cybernetics / Neurotech

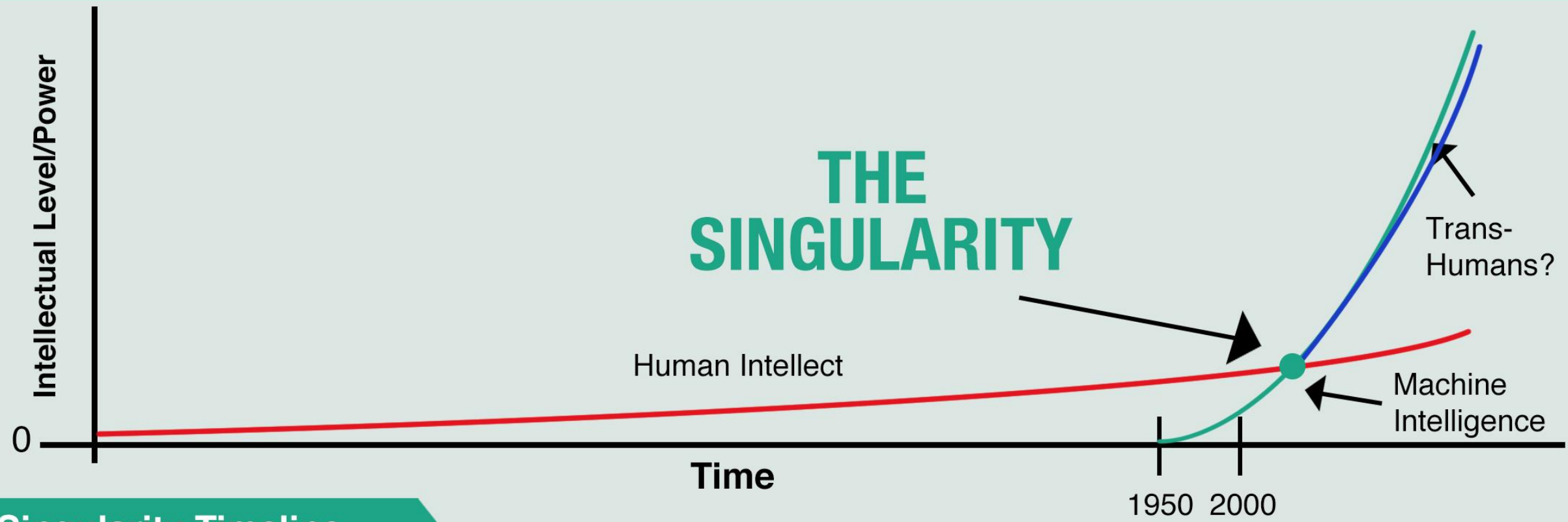
Artificial Intelligence, Computer Power

Nanotech

Statism / Totalitarianism / Technocracy



# THE SINGULARITY

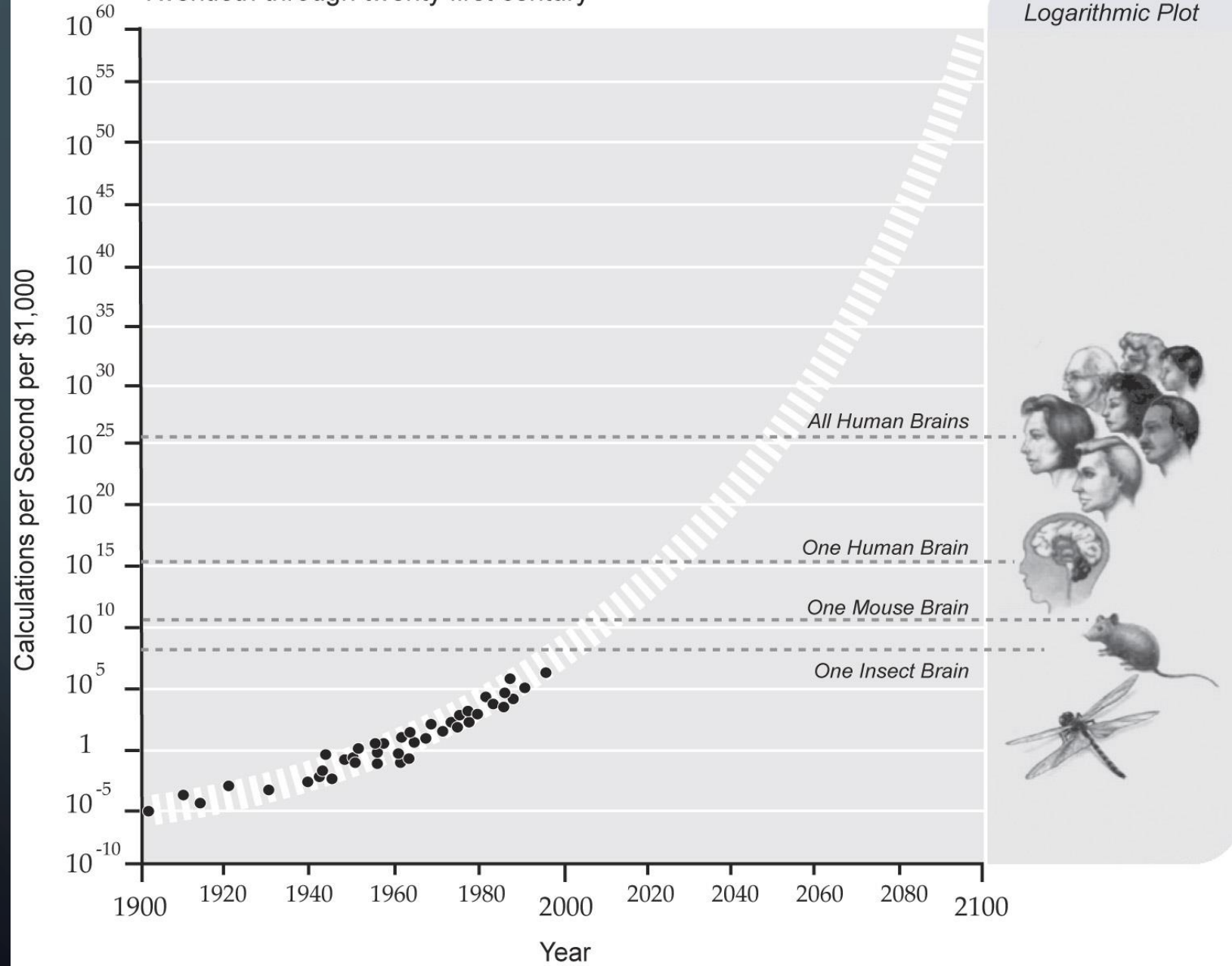


## Singularity Timeline

Rise in human intellect could be driven by integrating with machines in the future

# Exponential Growth of Computing

Twentieth through twenty first century



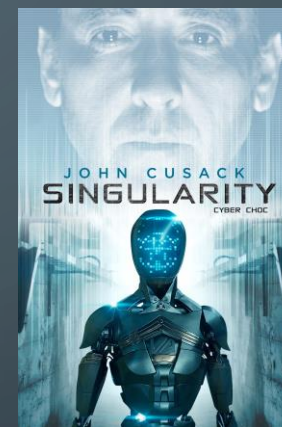
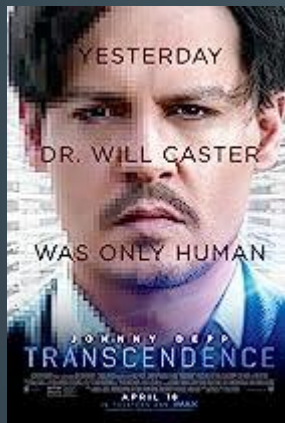
# WHAT IS TRANSHUMANISM? POSTHUMANISM?



The human species can, if it wishes, transcend itself—not just sporadically, an individual here in one way, an individual there in another way, but in its entirety, as humanity. We need a name for this new belief. Perhaps **transhumanism** will serve: man remaining man, but transcending himself, by realizing new possibilities of and for his human nature. “I believe in **transhumanism**”: once there are enough people who can truly say that, the human species will be on the threshold of **a new kind of existence, as different from ours as ours is from that of Peking man**. It will at last be consciously fulfilling its real destiny.

**Julian Huxley (1957)**  
**(Evolutionary Humanist)**





Rank	Title	Lifetime Gross	Year
1	Avatar	\$2,923,706,026	2009
2	Avengers: Endgame	\$2,799,439,100	2019
3	Avatar: The Way of Water	\$2,320,250,281	2022
4	Titanic	\$2,264,750,694	1997
5	Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens	\$2,071,310,218	2015
6	Avengers: Infinity War	\$2,052,415,039	2018
7	Spider-Man: No Way Home	\$1,921,847,111	2021
8	Jurassic World	\$1,671,537,444	2015
9	The Lion King	\$1,663,079,059	2019
10	Avengers: Age of Ultron	\$1,542,317,294	2015
11	Furious 7	\$1,527,251,659	2015
12	The Avengers	\$1,520,538,536	2012
13	Top Gun: Maverick	\$1,495,696,292	2022
14	Frozen II	\$1,453,683,476	2019
15	Barbie	\$1,445,638,421	2023
16	Frozen	\$1,397,045,694	2013
17	The Super Mario Bros. Movie	\$1,361,952,674	2023
18	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2	\$1,356,961,410	2011
19	Black Panther	\$1,349,926,083	2018
20	Star Wars: Episode VIII - The Last Jedi	\$1,334,407,706	2017
21	Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom	\$1,310,469,037	2018
22	Beauty and the Beast	\$1,266,115,964	2017
23	Incredibles 2	\$1,243,225,667	2018
24	The Fate of the Furious	\$1,236,009,236	2017
25	Iron Man 3	\$1,215,577,205	2013
26	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King	\$1,183,481,430	2003
27	Minions	\$1,161,000,230	2015
28	Aquaman	\$1,157,347,433	2018
29	Captain America: Civil War	\$1,155,046,416	2016
30	Skyfall	\$1,142,504,419	2012
31	Spider-Man: Far from Home	\$1,131,927,996	2019
32	Captain Marvel	\$1,131,416,446	2019
33	Transformers: Dark of the Moon	\$1,123,794,079	2011
34	Jurassic Park	\$1,114,456,337	1993

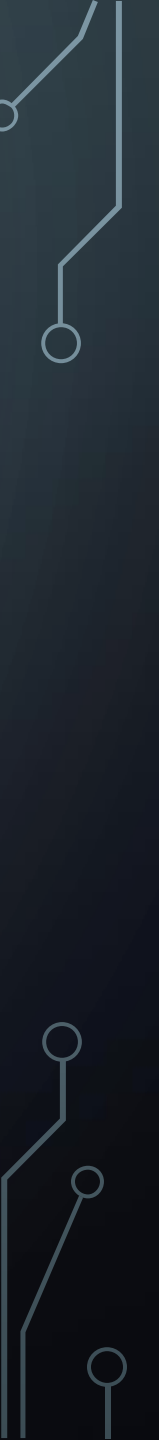
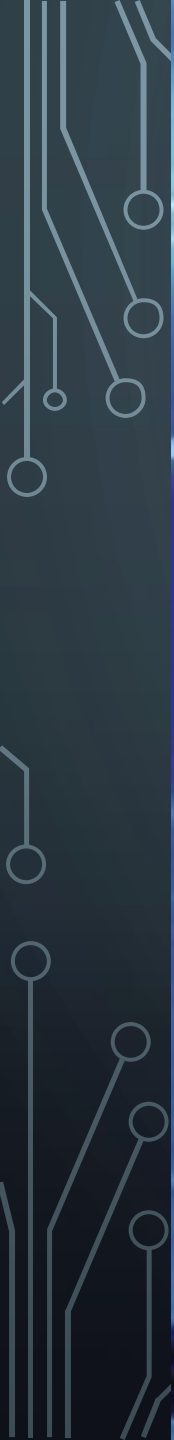
# TRANSHUMANISM (1)

- Human body/brain enhanced by application of one or more technologies.
- Still human, but also super-human
- Not necessarily a merger with machine/tech

















# SCARLET WITCH

- Enhanced by “technology”
- Not a cyborg
- Telepathic power
- Kinetic power

# TRANSHUMANISM (2) (CYBORGS)

- Human body/brain enhanced by partial merger with machine.
- More than human, more than machine.
- Lines blur between animal and mineral

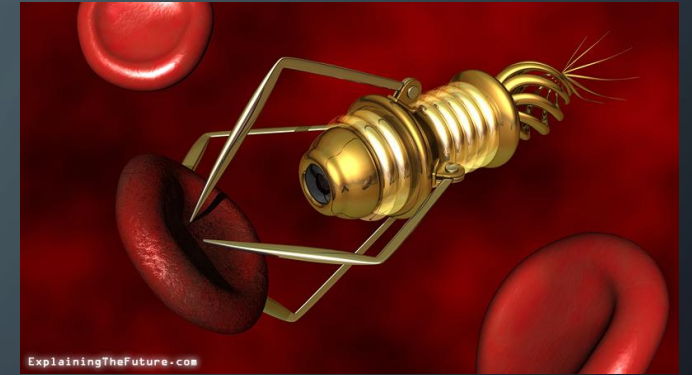






# TECHNOLOGIES USED TO ENHANCE/TRANSCEND MERE HUMANITY

- Bionics, cybernetics, robotics, robotech
- Neurotech
- Nanotech
- Biotech, Genetech
- Pharmaceutical
- Harnessing of normal/paranormal energies/knowledge
  - Paranormal, occult, chi, yoga, witchcraft
  - Mind/body enhancement – martial arts, superspy
- Demons, spirit guides
- Alien tech



# PROBLEMS TRANSHUMANISM HOPES TO SOLVE

- Current human limitations of body, brain, five senses
- Aging & dying
- Guide human evolution
- Try to keep up with super-intelligent machines after the singularity
- Influence the singularity
- Space travel, explore universe, colonize new worlds



# POSTHUMANISM

- **Non-biological** (silicon, steel, etc.)
- Not animal or vegetable—just mineral
- **Echoes of former humanity**
- Disembodied or embodied in robots
- **Interchangeable terminology**



## PROBLEMS POSTHUMANISM HOPES TO SOLVE

- Death
- Limitations of physical bodies
- Seed the singularity

The background is a dark blue gradient. In the four corners, there are white, stylized circuit board traces. These traces consist of straight lines that turn at right angles, ending in small white circles, resembling a PCB layout or a neural network diagram.

# SCI-FI EXAMPLES OF POSTHUMANS

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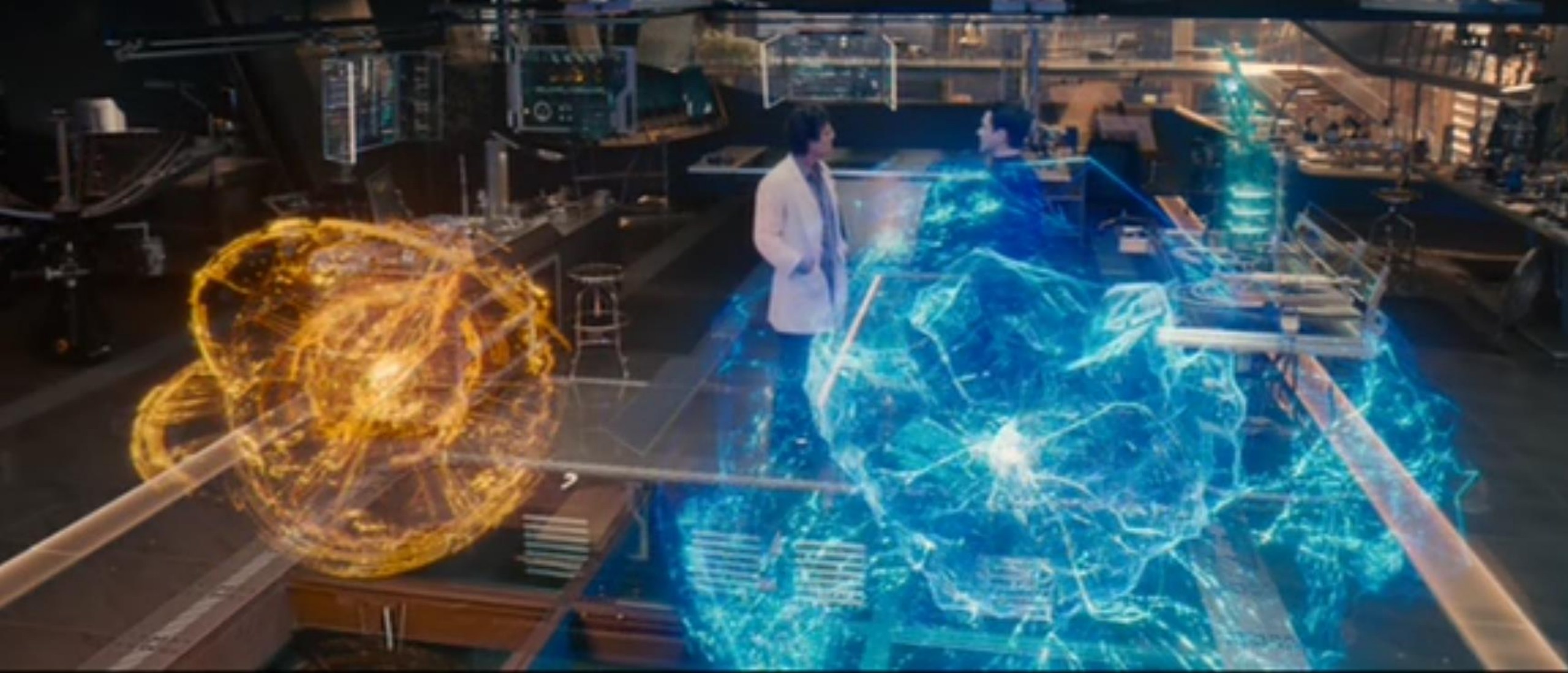


# TRANSCENDENCE

YESTERDAY DR. WILL CASTER WAS ONLY HUMAN

ALCON ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH DMG ENTERTAINMENT A STRAIGHT UP FILMS PRODUCTION A FILM BY WALLY PEISTER  
JOHNNY DEPP MORGAN FREEMAN "TRANSCENDENCE" REBECCA HALL KATE MARA CILLIAN MURPHY COLE HAUSER AND PAUL BETTANY  
MUSIC BY MICHAEL DAINNA COSTUME DESIGNER GEORGE L. LITTLE EDITOR DAVID ROSENBLUM, A.C.E. PRODUCTION DESIGNER CHRIS SEAGERS  
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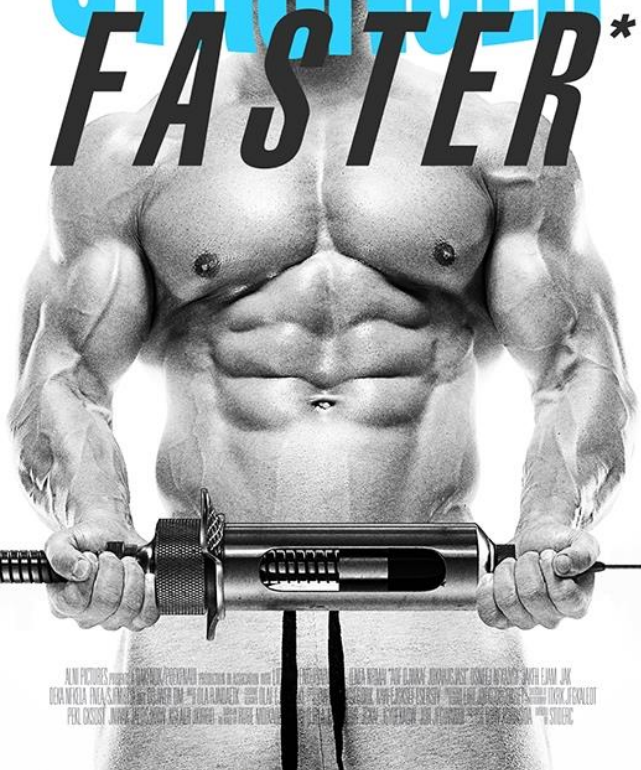


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# NON-SCI-FI EXAMPLES OF TH

What is the cost  
of winning at all costs?

# BIGGER STRONGER FASTER\*



ALMO PICTURES PRESENTS A BARNACK PETERSON PRODUCTION IN ASSOCIATION WITH...  
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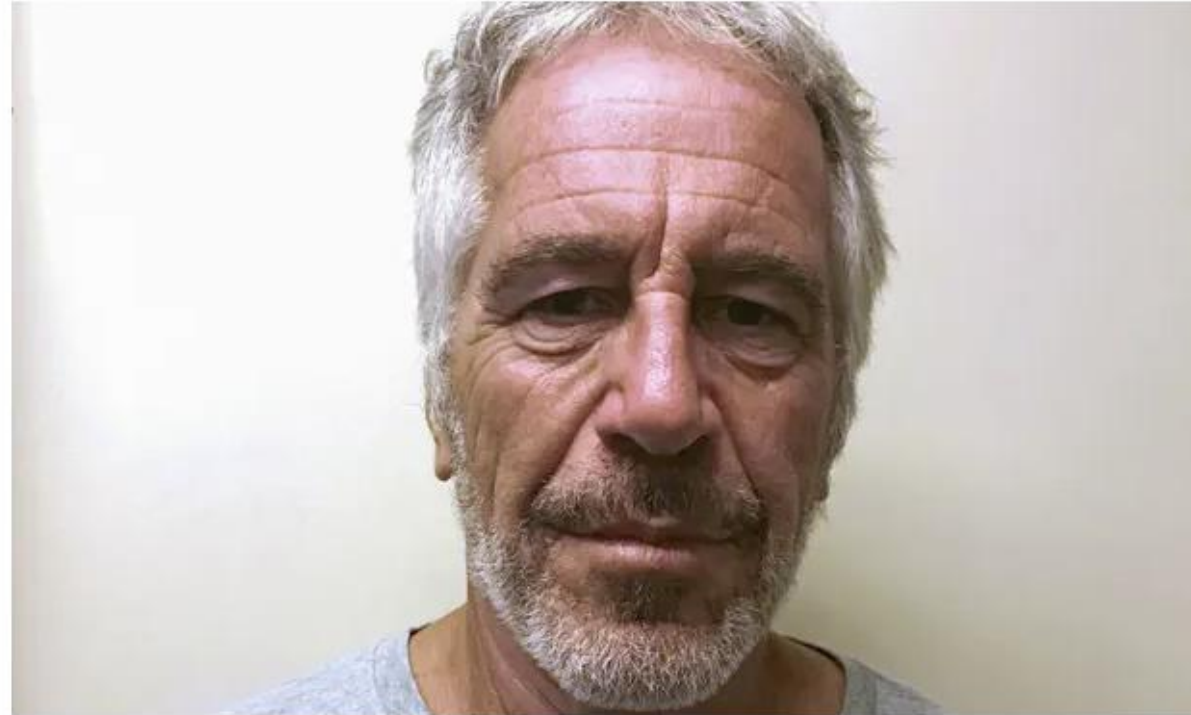
- Impervious to cold
- Control immune response?!
- Breathing techniques
- Testable





# Epstein reportedly hoped to develop super-race of humans with his DNA

**Registered sex offender hoped to seed human race with his DNA by impregnating 20 women at a time, New York Times reports**



▲ Though there is little evidence the scheme ever progressed beyond fantasy, prominent scientists, including the late Stephen Hawking, regularly attended dinners, lunches and conferences held by Epstein, the Times reports. Photograph: Handout/Reuters

Jeffrey Epstein, the wealthy financier accused of sex trafficking, planned to develop an improved super-race of humans using genetic engineering and artificial intelligence, [according to the New York Times](#).

In the aftermath of his 2008 sex trafficking conviction, Epstein hoped to seed the human race with his DNA by impregnating women at his ranch in New

Technology Intelligence

## The truth about Jeffrey Epstein and his fascination with transhumanism



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Epstein's DNA seeding idea may have stemmed from transhumanism, or the belief that people can artificially improve the human body using technology

## The bizarre transhumanist fantasies of Jeffrey Epstein

by Michael Cook | 3 Aug 2019 | 2 comments



What's the thread connecting cryonics, sperm banks, eugenics and transhumanism? The disgraced New York financier Jeffrey Epstein.

Epstein is currently in jail awaiting trial on charges related to sex-trafficking allegations. Because he is reputedly a billionaire and the friend, or ex-friend, of public figures like former US President Bill Clinton, current US President Donald Trump, and Prince Andrew, and of many eminent scientists, journalists have been trawling through Epstein's affairs for weeks, ever since he was arrested on July 6.

Of course, these allegations and rumours remain to be confirmed in court, but it appears that Epstein had grander ambitions than your average guy trafficking in underage girls. According to the *New York Times*, Epstein spoke to a number of people about plans he was forming to impregnate women, perhaps 20 at a time, with his sperm at his huge ranch in New Mexico. This fits in with Epstein's overt interest in eugenics. He may have wanted to spread his superior genes far and wide.

# JEFFREY EPSTEIN – TRANSHUMANIST

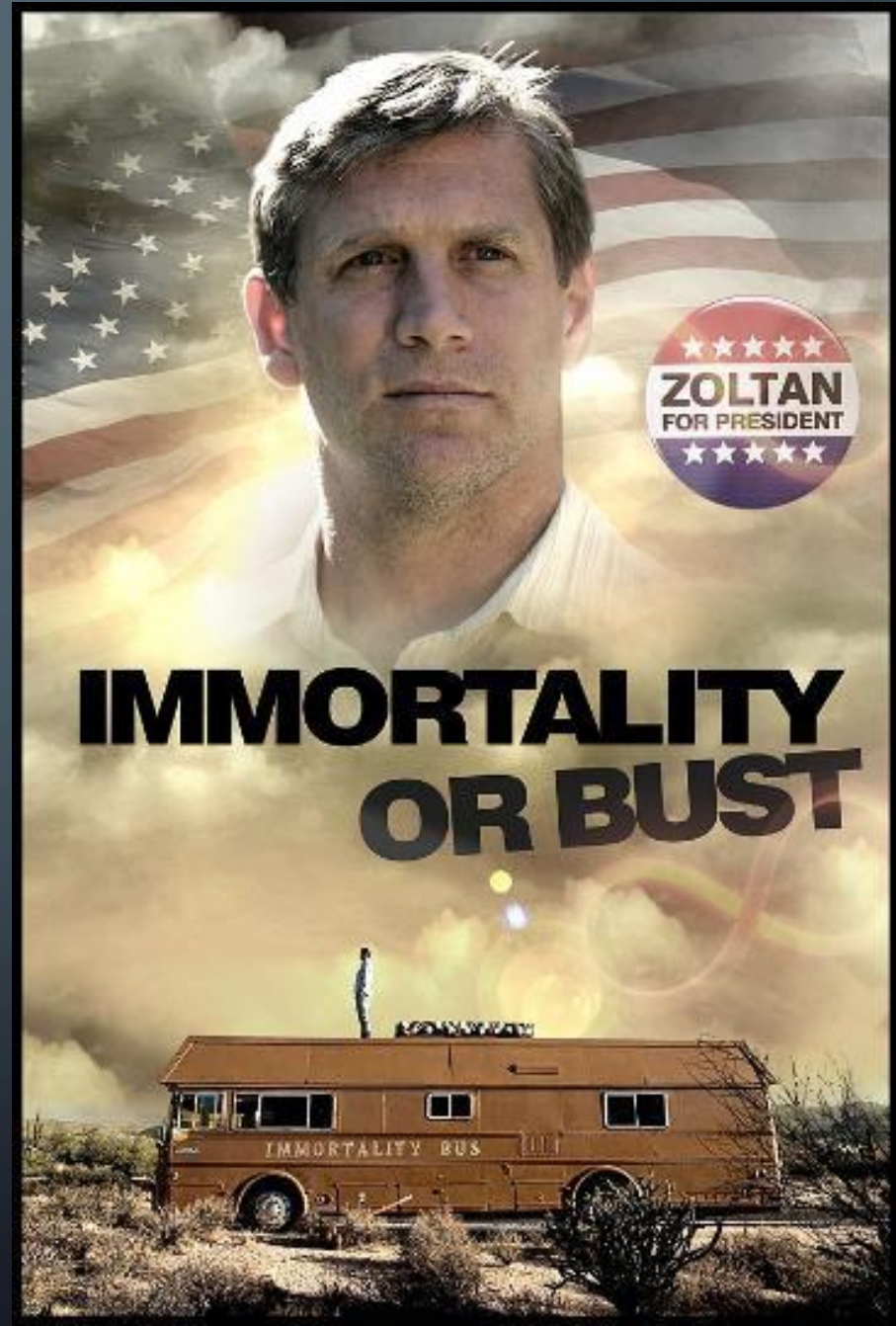
- Donated \$20,000 to World Transhumanist Association
- Donated \$100,000 to Ben Goertzel's research on artificial intelligence
- Pledged \$30 million (gave 9) to Harvard U to establish the Program for Evolutionary Dynamics
- Donated to the OpenCog project (software to human-equivalent AGI)
- Planned to seed the human race with his own superior DNA
- Reported wanted his head and reproductive organs frozen



**ZOLTAN**  
**PRESIDENT 2020**  
**UPGRADING AMERICA**

# ZOLTAN ISTVAN

- Author of *The Transhumanist Wager*
- U.S. Presidential candidate 2016 (Transhumanist political party)
- Ran for Governor of California
- What was his first step towards transhumanism???



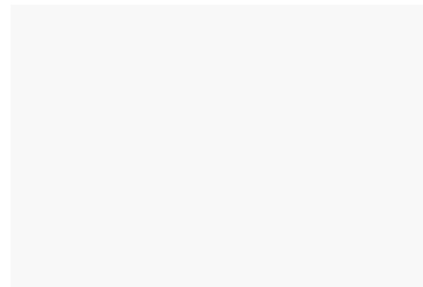


# I just got a computer chip implanted in my hand — and the rest of the world won't be far behind

Zoltan Istvan



The 1960s were about peace, love, and drugs. I believe the next decade will be about virtual reality, implants, and transhumanism.



Zoltan Istvan. Endless Eye

Even though I was born after the 1960s, I've always been fascinated with that era. Some people credit [Ken Kesey's](#) cross country bus trip as helping to spawn a generation of hippies. My [Immortality Bus trip](#) — a cross-country bus journey to spread the word about my [Transhumanist Party campaign for the 2016 U.S. presidency](#), along with the need for a pro-science and longevity culture — aims to stir up the national consciousness as well.

My goal is to usher in a cultural shift to [transhumanism](#) — the idea that human capacity can be enhanced by technology.

To start, I got a chip implanted in my hand.

FIND A JOB



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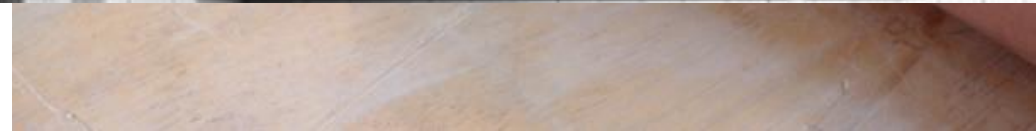
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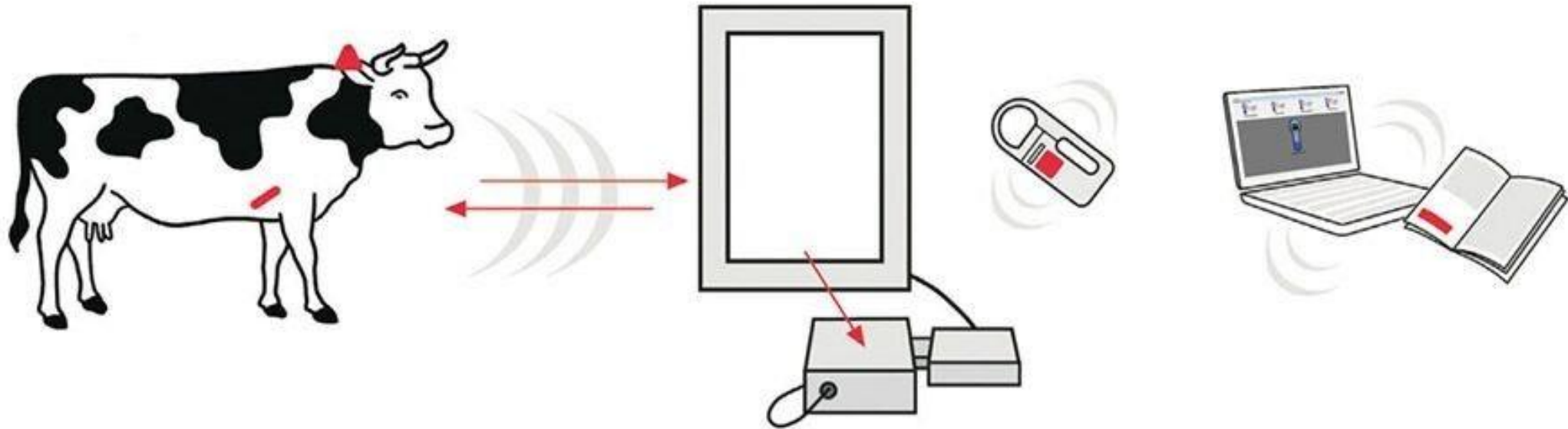
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# RFID CHIPS





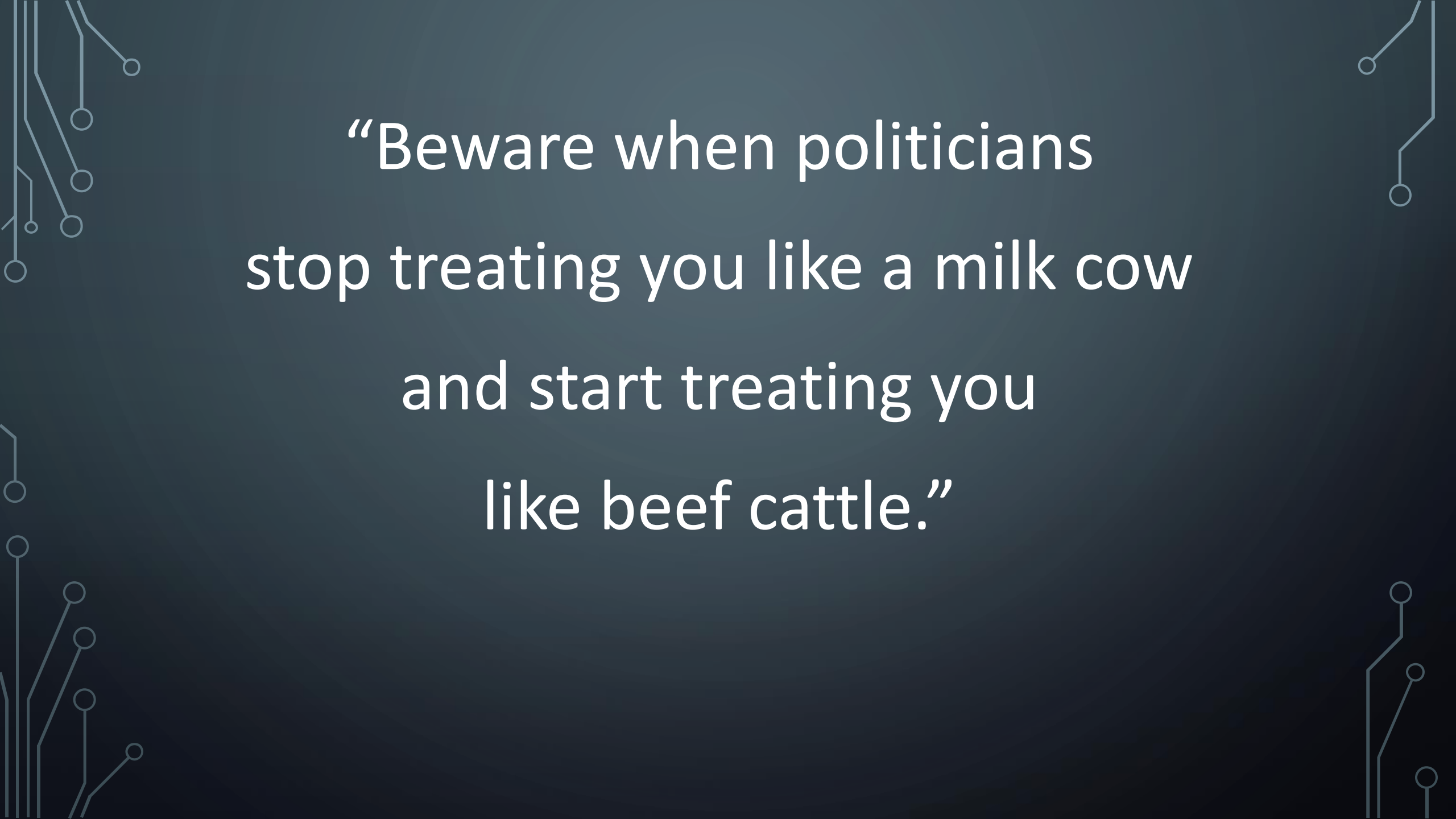
# HOW LIVESTOCK RFID WORKS



**1.** Apply ear tags to, and/or implant boluses in your animals

**2.** Read RFID identification codes to track individual animals using Datamar portable readers or raceway antennas

**3.** Use the included software to integrate data seamlessly to your livestock management system

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“Beware when politicians  
stop treating you like a milk cow  
and start treating you  
like beef cattle.”



**AUSCHWITZ  
TATTOO**

**IBM NUMBER**

# INFAMOUS AUSCHWITZ TATTOO BEGAN AS AN IBM NUMBER

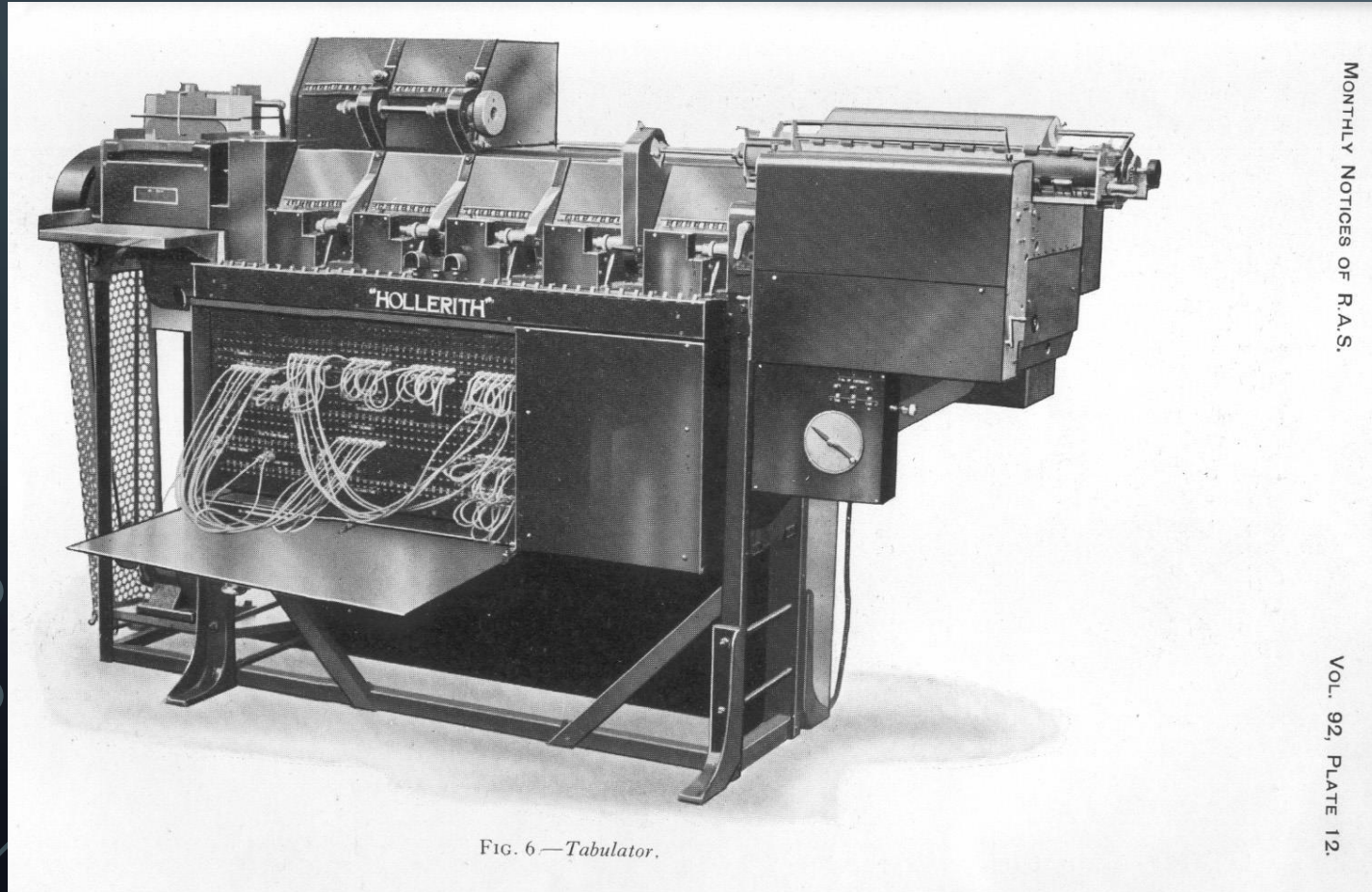
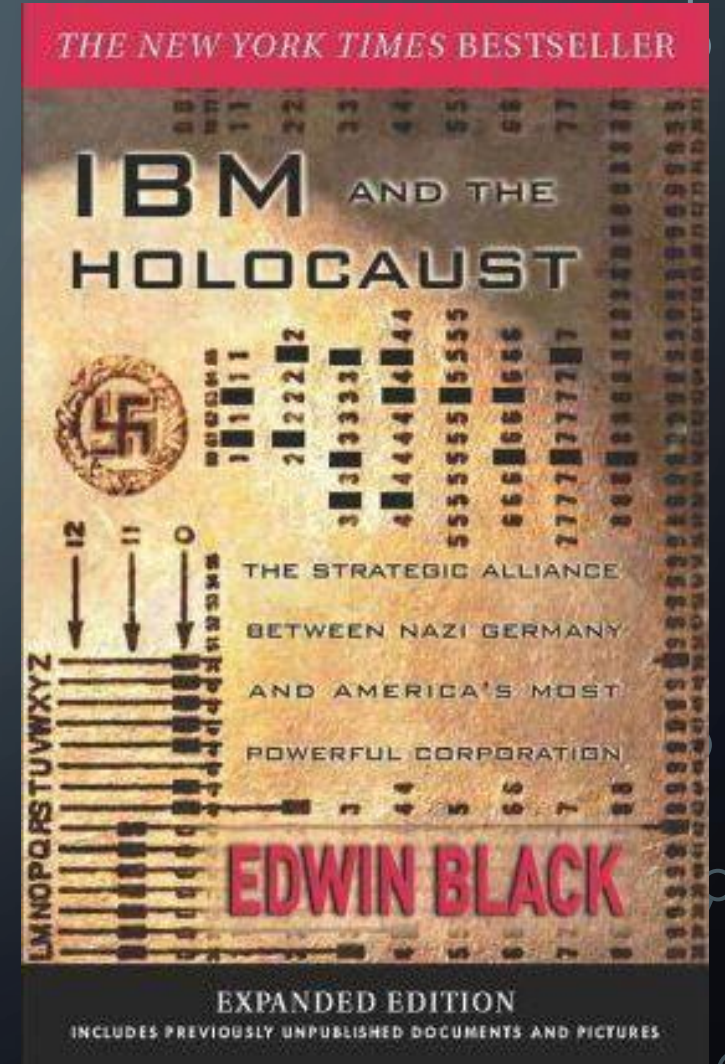
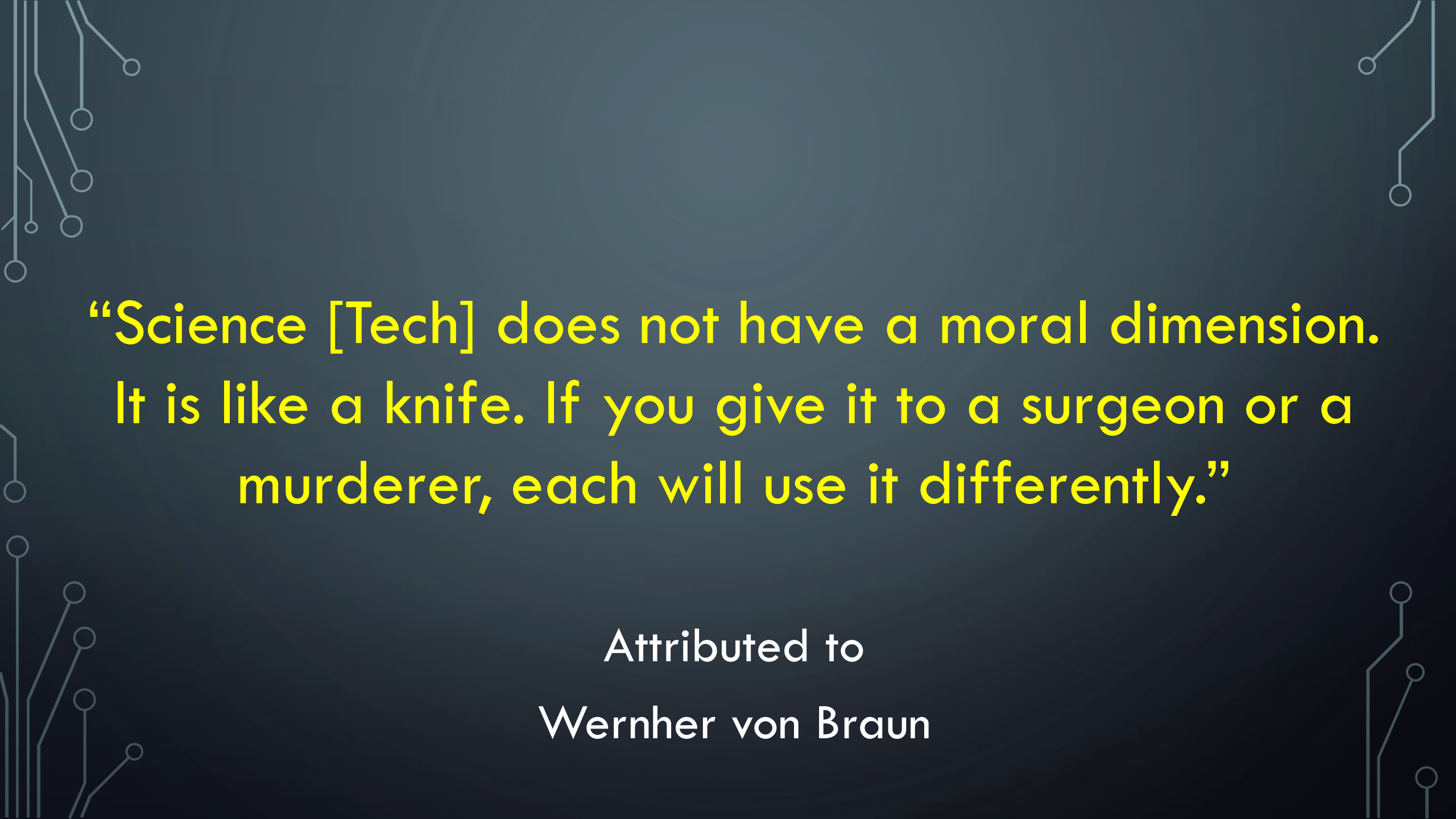


FIG. 6.—Tabulator.

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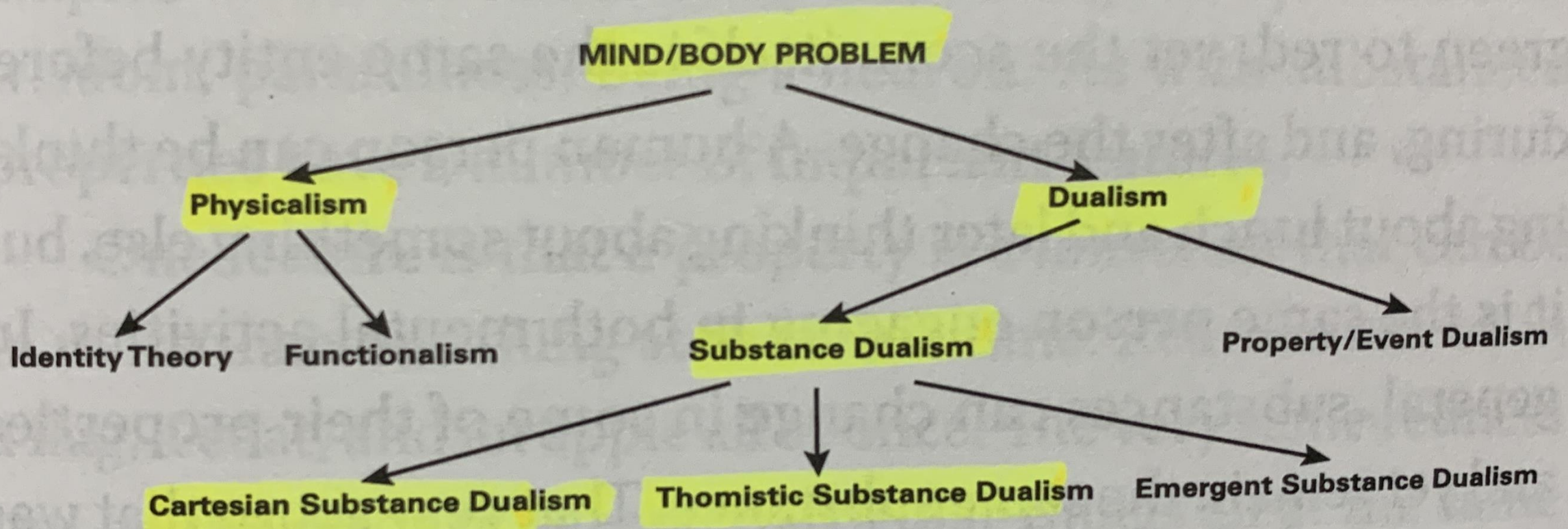
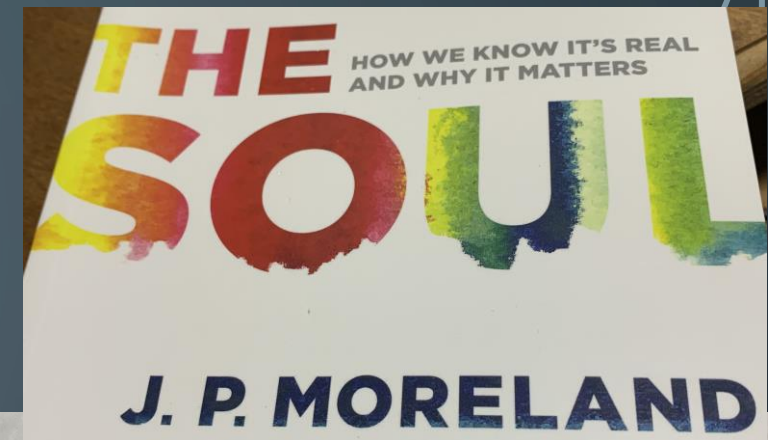
“Science [Tech] does not have a moral dimension.  
It is like a knife. If you give it to a surgeon or a  
murderer, each will use it differently.”

Attributed to  
Wernher von Braun

# SOME THOUGHTS ON AI

- Premises need to be challenged
- Don't overestimate AI
- Don't underestimate AI
- Neutral - great potential for good & bad
- Who sets it to which tasks for which purposes?
- Whose ethics/values/vision drive it?

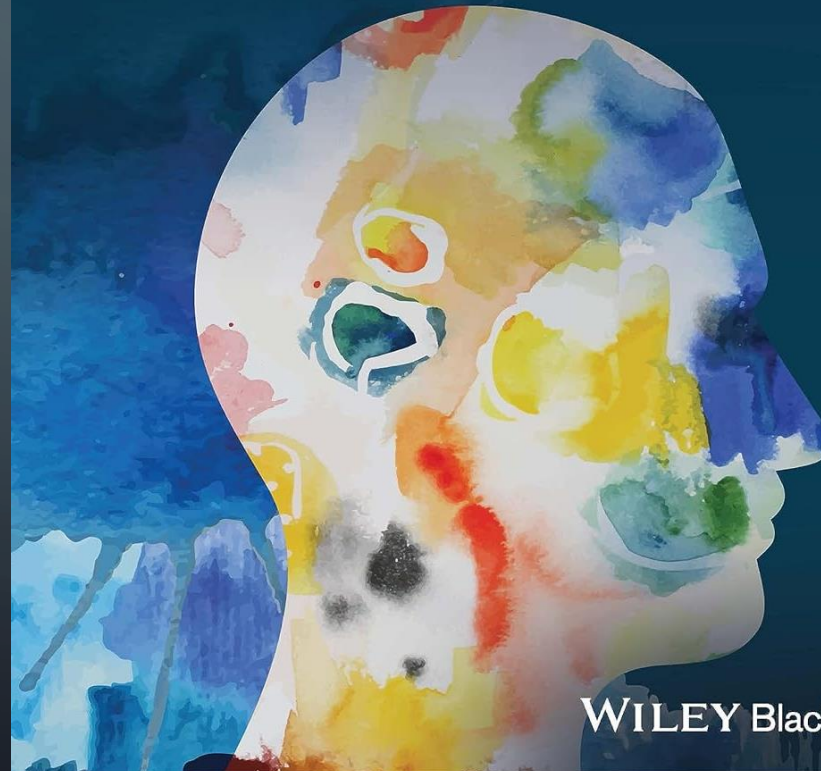
# WHAT IS SOUL/MIND/SPIRIT?



Brandon Rickabaugh  
J.P. Moreland

# The Substance of Consciousness

A Comprehensive Defense of  
Contemporary Substance Dualism



WILEY Blackwell







## Walter Freeman

University of California, Berkeley,  
Molecular and Cell Biology, Emeritus

The light of meaning comes from within,  
illuminating the fabric of Aquinas's tent.

Brains create ideas, hypothesis, imaginings, etc.  
We push this fabric out against objects in the world.  
Brains create behaviors to provoke sensory input.  
The tent's fabric conforms around these objects.  
Sensory input pass/fails brains' ideas, imaginings, etc.  
Thus, we learn what these objects might look like if  
the impenetrable barrier of the tent,  
the solipsistic isolation of our brains,  
did not separate the fabric encased shapes,  
did not separate the imagined objects, people, etc,  
from the actual objects, people, etc. outside the tent,  
from actual objects, people, etc. in reality.

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The human brain could be far more powerful than we ever imagined, scientists have discovered. Researchers have identified ...



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OPINION

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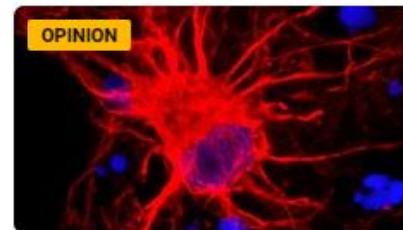
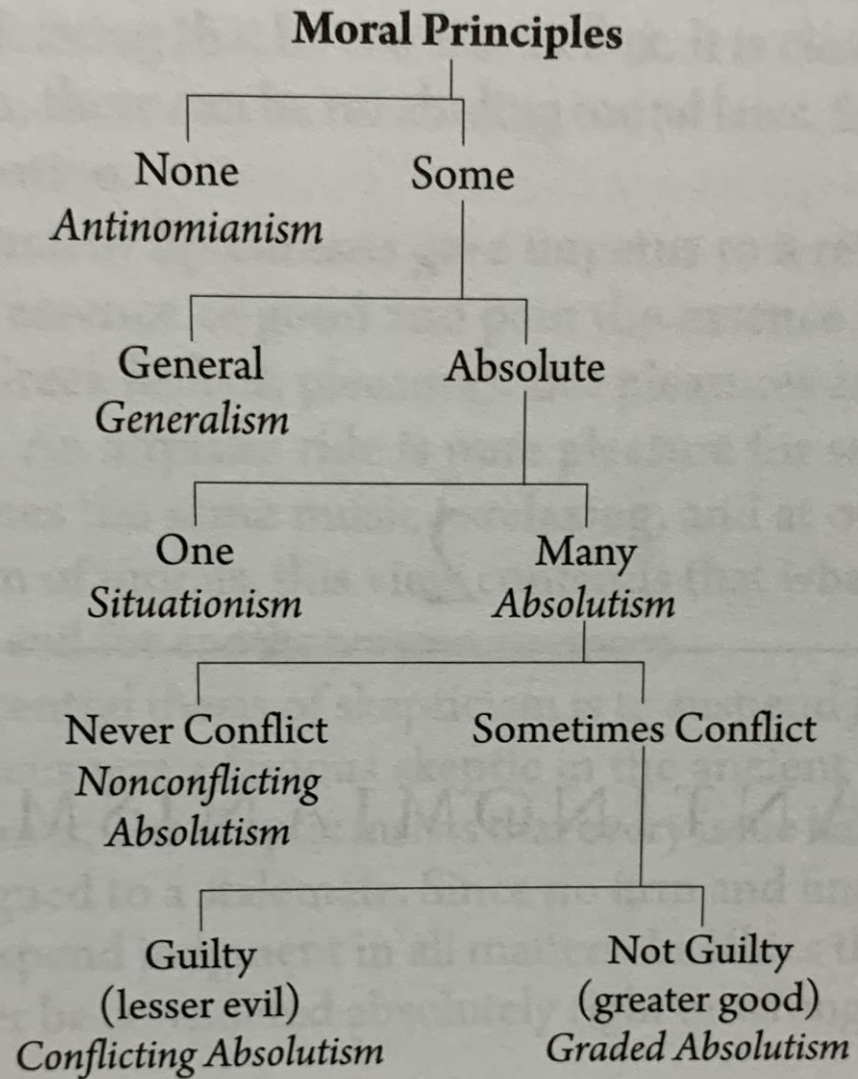


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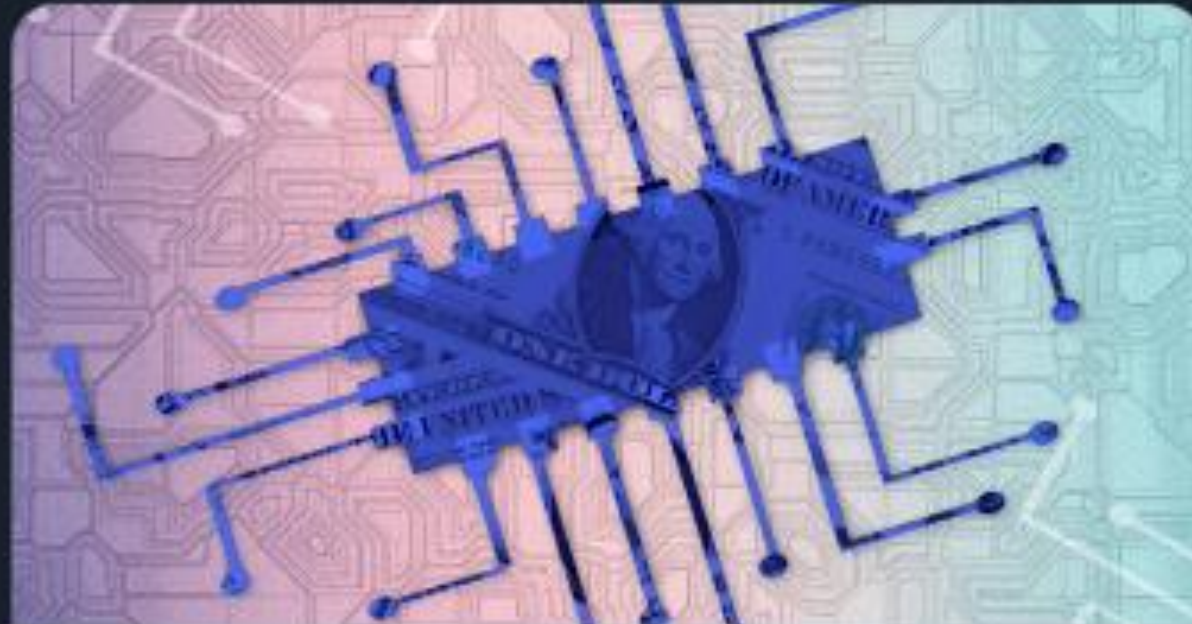
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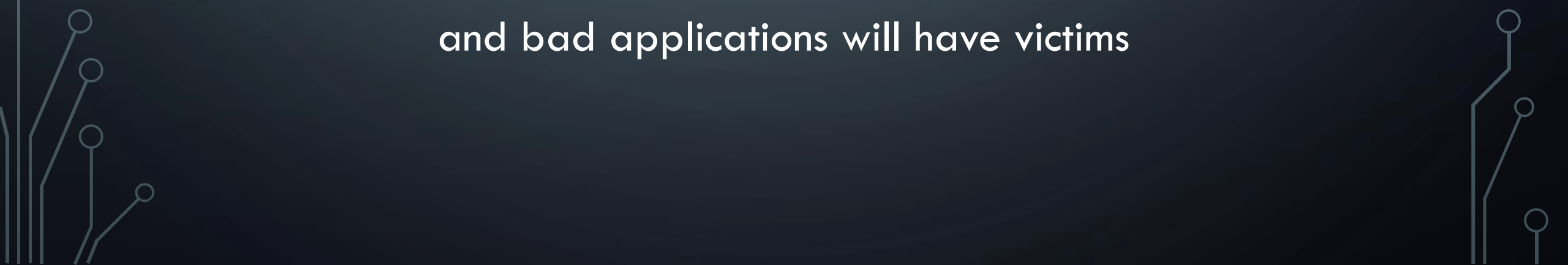
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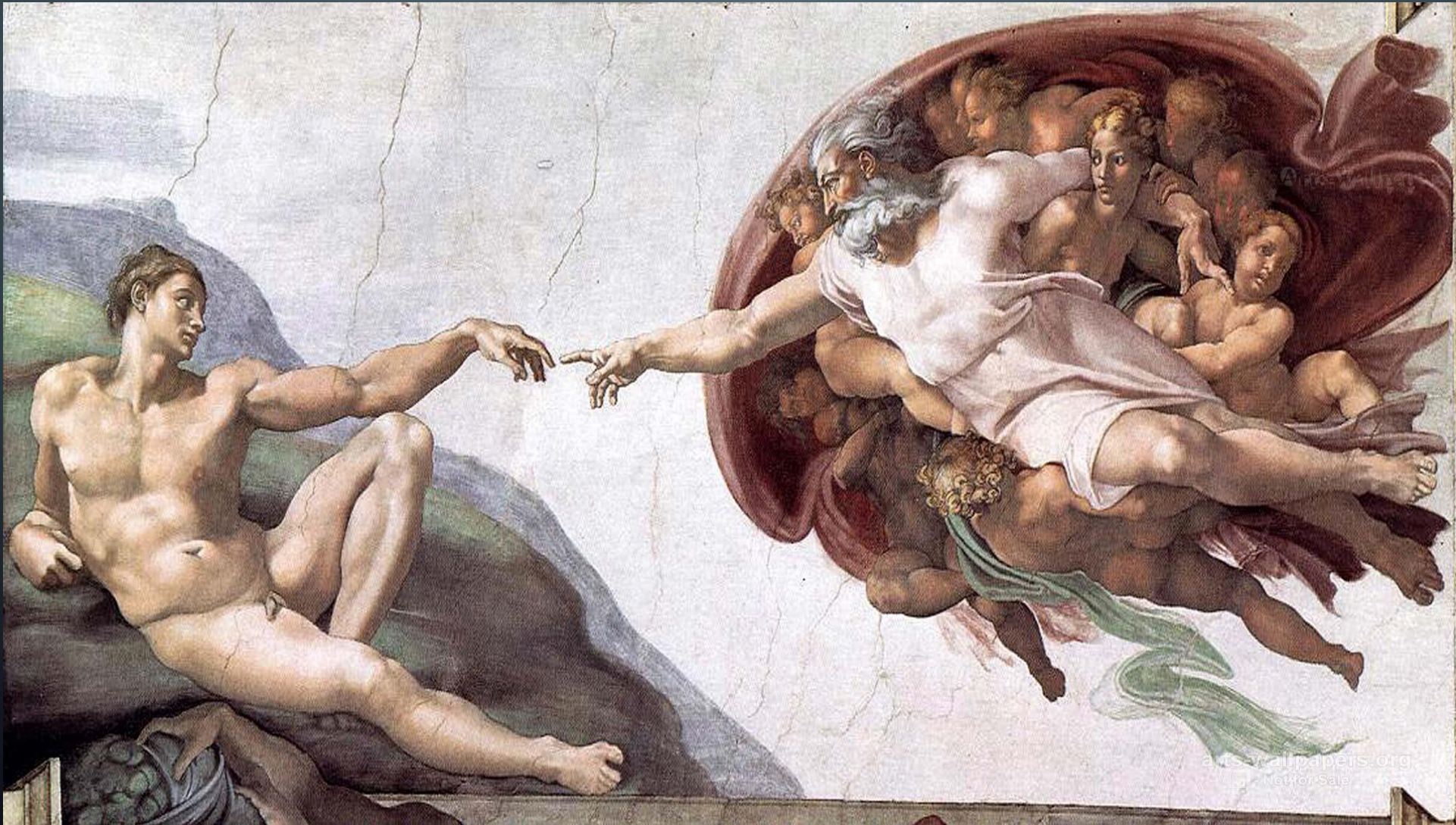


Ideas have consequences;  
bad ideas have victims.

The unleashing of technological powers has major consequences  
and bad applications will have victims



"MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD" ?



# "MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD" ?

Genesis 1:25-27

And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make man **in our image**, after our likeness. And **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." **So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.**

Genesis 5:3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

Genesis 9:6 "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

## "MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD" ?

The expression 'in his own image' has generated discussion and debate among Jews, Christians, and many other theists for centuries. One point on which all seem to agree is that we humans, like God, have the capacity and responsibility to govern. This governing encompasses management of all Earth's resources, both physical and biological.

Hugh Ross, *Hidden Treasures in the Book of Job: How the Oldest Book in the Bible Answer's Today's Scientific Questions* (Baker, 2011) p.106-117



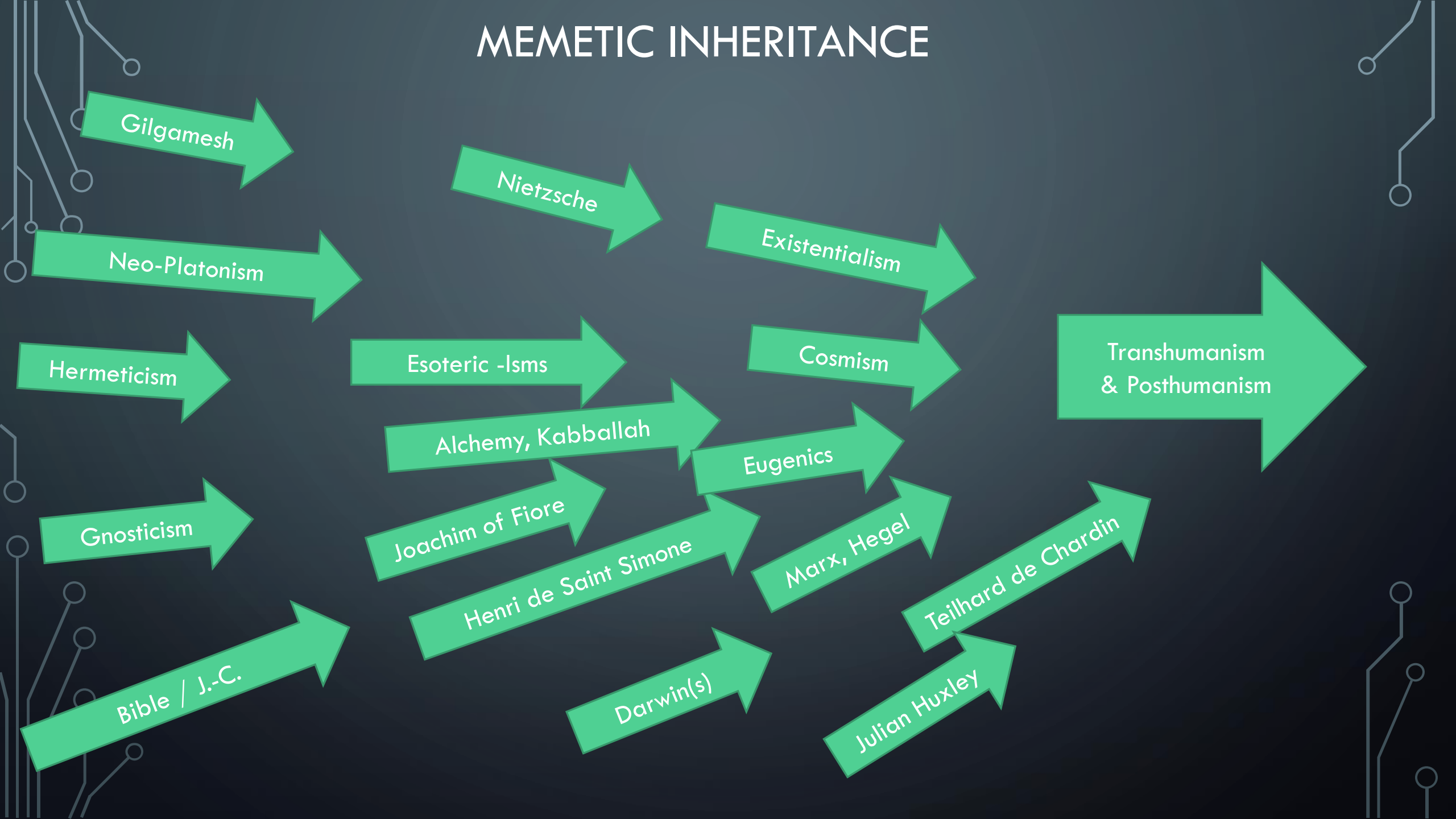
# ECCLESIASTES

- 3:21 Who knows whether the **spirit of man** goes upward and the **spirit of the beast** goes down into the earth?
- 11:5 ... you do not know the way the **spirit** comes into the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything
- 12:6-8 before [death] and the dust [body] returns to the earth as it was, and the **spirit** returns to God who gave it

# TH/PH IN THE BIBLE?

- Lifespans go from 900 years to 120 ?!
- Samson, Elijah, David, David's "Mighty Men?"
- Isaiah 65:20 – in a future age dying at age 100 is dying very young
- Jesus Christ? (Divine & human nature, Spirit of God was on him, transfiguration, resurrected)
- Is the Anti-Christ a transhuman?
- Is the "second beast" and/or "the image of the beast" (Rev. 13:14-15) a post-human super artificial intelligence system that helps the Anti-Christ control the world?

# MEMETIC INHERITANCE



Gilgamesh

Neo-Platonism

Hermeticism

Gnosticism

Bible / J.-C.

Nietzsche

Esoteric -isms

Alchemy, Kabbalah

Joachim of Fiore

Henri de Saint Simone

Darwin(s)

Existentialism

Cosmism

Eugenics

Marx, Hegel

Julian Huxley

Teilhard de Chardin

Transhumanism  
& Posthumanism

# EVOLUTIONARY PHILOSOPHIES *BEFORE DARWIN*

Plato

Plotinus / Neo-Platonists

G.W. F. Hegel

Erasmus Darwin

Henri Bergson, A.N. Whitehead

Teilhard de Chardin



Raphael, himself one of those immortal naïves, in one of his allegorical paintings depicted that reduction of illusion to mere illusion, the original act of the naïve artist and also of Apolline culture. In his **Transfiguration**, the lower half of the painting, with the possessed boy, his despairing bearers, the dismayed and terrified disciples reveals the reflection of eternal, primal suffering, the sole foundation of the world: 'illusion' here is the reflection of the eternal contradiction, of the father of all things. From this illusion there now arises, like an ambrosial vapour, a new and visionary world of illusion of which those caught up in the first illusion see nothing - a radiant floating in the purest bliss and painless contemplation beaming from wide-open eyes. Here, in the highest artistic symbolism, we behold that Apolline world of beauty and its substratum, the terrible wisdom of Silenus, and we intuitively understand their reciprocal necessity.

Friedrich Nietzsche, *The Birth of Tragedy*.

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# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL OF TARSAUS

# ANOTHER GOSPEL?

2 Corinthians 11:3-5 ▾ English Standard Version ▾

<sup>3</sup> But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. <sup>4</sup> For if someone comes and proclaims **another Jesus** than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive **a different spirit** from the one you received, or if you accept **a different gospel** from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles.

## EPHESIANS 2:8-10

- **By** God's grace (generosity)
- **Through** our faith
- Not **by** our works
- **For** good works

## TITUS 3

- **By** Goodness of God
- **By** loving kindness of God
- Not **by** works done by us
- But **by** his own mercy
- **By** the washing of regeneration
- **By** the renewal of the Holy Spirit
- **By** his grace (generosity)
- **Through** believing in God
- **For** good works



Lost sinner in Adam	"I need to be saved!"	
<b>Justification in Christ</b>	"I <i>have been</i> saved!"	(from the guilt/penalty of sin)
<b>Sanctification in the Spirit</b>	"I <i>am being</i> saved!"	(from the power of sin)
<b>Glorification / Resurrection</b>	"I <i>will be</i> saved!"	(from the presence of sin)
Redemption of Cosmos	This broken world will be fixed too	Rom. 8:18-25

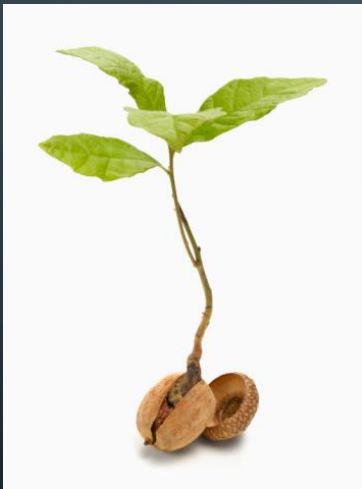
# ROMANS 8 – SALVATION OF BODIES & COSMOS

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the **sufferings of this present time** are not worth comparing with the **glory that is to be revealed** to us. <sup>19</sup> For the **creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.** <sup>20</sup> For the **creation was subjected to futility**, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that **the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.** <sup>22</sup> For we know that **the whole creation** has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And **not only the creation, but we ourselves**, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, **groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.** <sup>24</sup> **For in this hope we were saved.** Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, **we wait for it with patience.** ... <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified **he also glorified.** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

## 1 COR. 15

Now I would remind you, brothers, of **the gospel** I preached to you, which you received, in which you **stand**, and by which you are being saved, if you **hold fast** to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as **of first importance** what I also received: that **Christ died** for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, **that he was raised** on the third day

# 1 Cor. 15:36-53



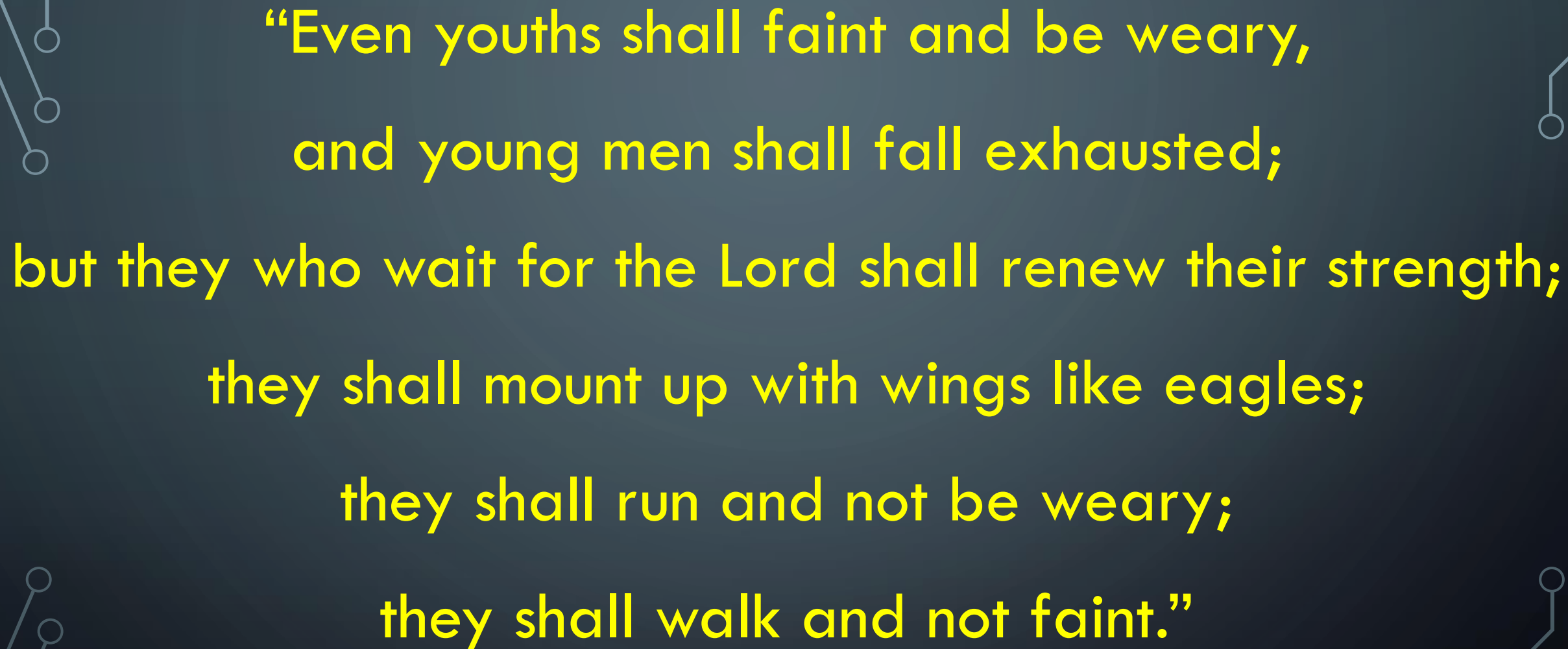
# 1 COR. 15

36 You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ... 42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. ... 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. ... 53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.



**“Wait upon the Lord”**

**Isa. 25, 40**

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“Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.”

Isaiah 40

He [God] will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all  
faces. . . It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Isaiah 25



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# ARE ALL ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS “TRANSHUMANISTS?”

DEPENDS...

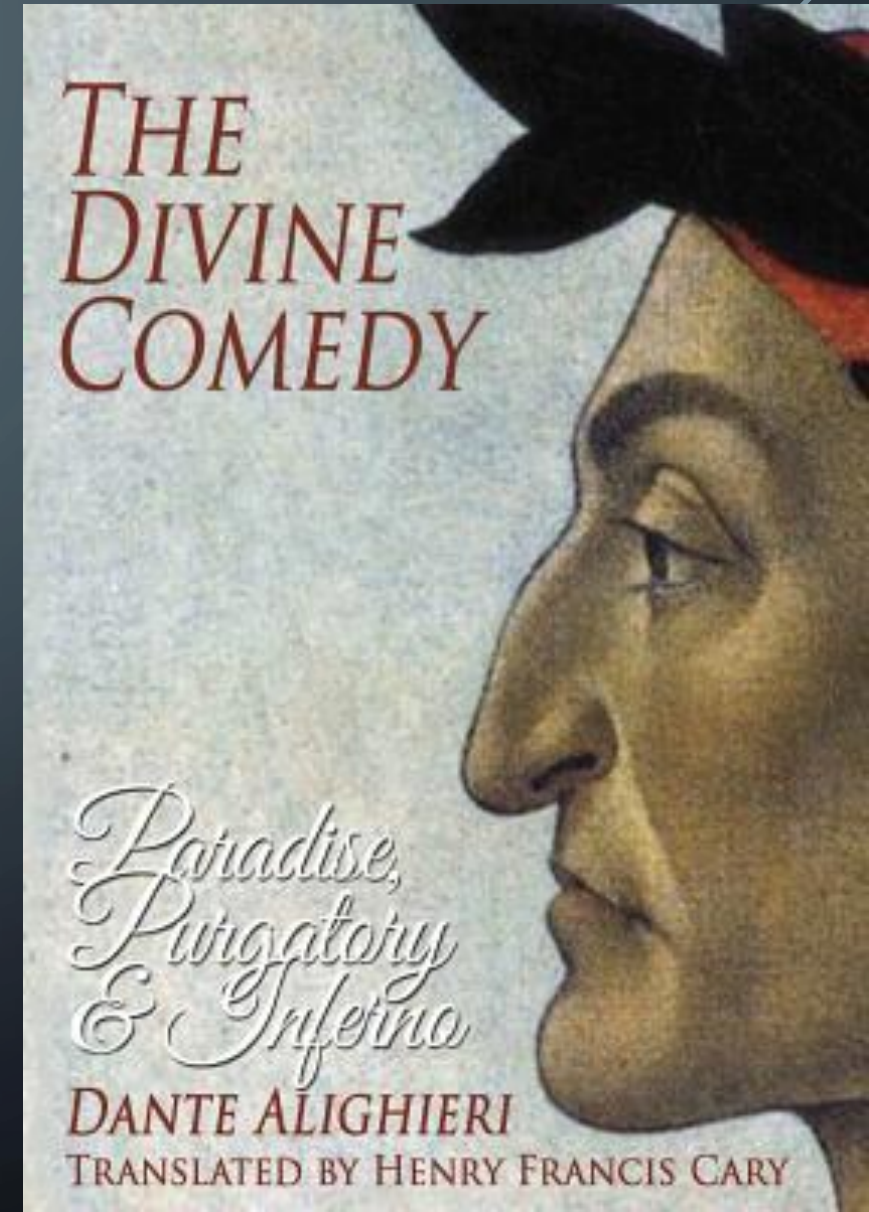
# TRANSHUMAN = RESURRECTION

The first known usage of the English word “transhuman” occurs in 1814:

“Words may not tell of that **transhuman**  
[*trasumanar*] change: And therefore let the  
example serve, though weak, For those whom  
grace hath better proof in store.”

Dante Alighieri *The Divine Comedy*, Paradiso, Canto 1 (c. 1308)

Henry Francis Carey’s 1814 translation



## DANIEL 12

And many of those who **sleep** in the dust of the earth shall **awake**, some to **everlasting life**, and some to shame and **everlasting contempt**. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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ARE WE “WAITING ON ANOTHER?”

# MESSIAH? MOSHIACH? CHRISTOS? CHRIST?

- 1) Prophet
- 2) Priest
- 3) King

(but not all three roles at the same time)



JESUS HAS \*ALREADY\* DEMONSTRATED HIS  
AUTHORITY OVER DEATH, DISEASE, BLINDNESS,  
LAWS OF NATURE, DEMONS, SINS, MEN,  
TRADITION, THE SABBATH, AND THE LAW





If God is all-powerful, he can defeat evil.

If God is all-good, he wants to defeat evil.

But evil has not been defeated.

Therefore, there is no all-powerful and/or all-good God.





If God is all-powerful, he can defeat evil.

If God is all-good, he wants to defeat evil.

But evil has not been defeated...

**YET**

Therefore,

God will surely defeat evil in the future!





# SO WHAT?



- Wait upon the Lord (Isa. 25, 40)
- “Do good unto all men” (Gal. 6:10) as humans made in the image of God to other humans made in the image of God.
- “Test everything, hold to that which is good.” (1 Th. 5:21)
- Practice conversational evangelism
  - Be witnesses of. . . (Acts 1:22; 2:32; 3:15)
  - We have a better story to tell
- Be salt and light in our world
  - STEM to STEEM
  - Christian philosophers/ethicists on all levels



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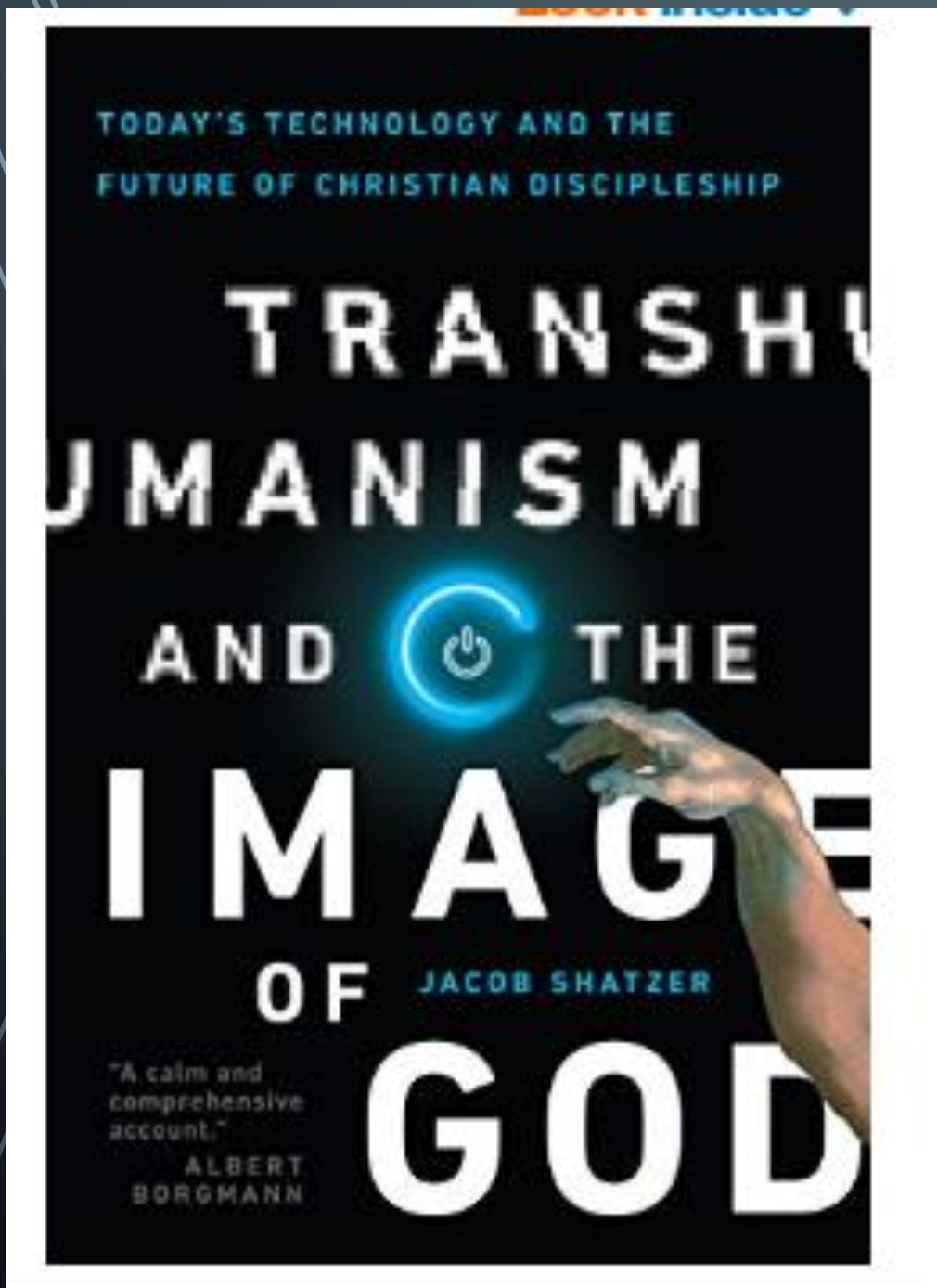


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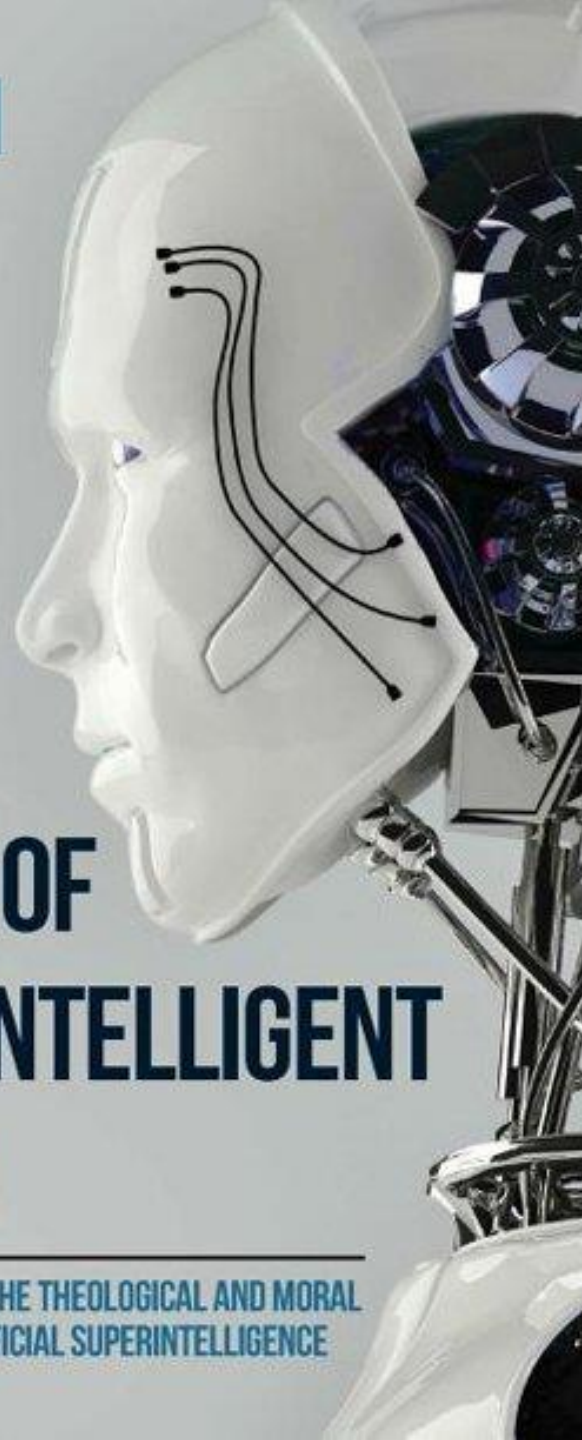
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