Transhumanism & Posthumanism

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# **The Problem:**

We have many limitations and imperfections that we have to endure in this short, strange thing called life. And Jesus isn’t here right now to solve them unfortunately. But human science and technology are evolving rapidly and offer hope. Is technology our new Messiah? Is the gospel of Jesus relevant for saving souls (if we have them) in the next life (if there is one) while the gospel of technological evolution is relevant for this life?

John the Baptist “offended” (scandalized) by Jesus? Should we “wait on another?”

Blind-sight, lame walk, lepers cleansed, deaf hear, dead raised, poor preached

Are we headed towards a technological singularity?

# **Defining Transhumanism (TH) & Posthumanism (PH)**

Julian Huxley – a leap like from *homo erectus pekinesis* to modern humans?

TH1 – enhanced in various ways by various technologies. E.g., Captain America, Jake Sully of Avatar, Scarlet Witch

TH2 – enhanced by enhancing man with machine (cyborgism). E.g., Cyborg (DC), Darth Vader, IronMan, RoboCop

PH - No human flesh and brain. E.g., Will Caster from Transcendence, Jarvis, Ultron, the Vision

TH today? Athletes with performance enhancing drugs, biohackers using Crispr kits on themselves, Wim Hof?, Jeffrey Epstein, Zoltan Istvan

# **Some Questions About TH & PH**

RFID chips and privacy

Is technology neutral?

What is soul, mind, and/or spirit? Are we relegated to choosing between materialism and cartesian dualism in our philosophy of mind? What about the ideas of the Christian philosopher Aquinas?

Ethical technology? Which ethical theory is used to train the model?

What does it mean to be “made in the image of God?” Does that mean don’t do biohacking on the human body? Or does it mean that humans should be doing amazing, godly things in this world? Promethean hubris?

Can we find TH & PH in the Bible?

Some pagan/occult influences on TH/PH

# **The multi-faceted Gospel the Apostle Paul preached**

By grace/generosity, through faith, not by human works, but for the sake of good works

Past, present, future - Have been saved, am being saved, will be saved

Redemption of our frail bodies & redemption of the entire cosmos!

With caveats, and a focus on resurrection of our bodies, are all orthodox Christians technically transhumanists?

# **In Conclusion**

What if Jesus accomplishes his three messianic roles in sequence rather than in parallel?

God has not solved the problem of evil . . . YET.

Will it be challenging to wait upon the Lord?

How does being created in the image of God change things?

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