

Lifelines

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Topic: AI or DI

A.I. or D.I.?

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The world is awash with the early forms of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.). Have you noticed? Frequently when you are trying to write something online or on your phone, A.I. will volunteer to auto-correct you, sometimes to our chagrin. We just heard that one of the world's largest chipmakers is going to build more plants near Phoenix, to provide new chips to power A.I. I know that there are some advantages to developing A.I. technology, but as with every advancement, there are also downsides.

I mean, really, don't we all already spend too much time on our computers/phones? I know I do, because much of my ministry's communication tasks are done by phone calls, emails, texts, Facebook, computer writing, editing, advertising, etc. Have you ever noticed a young couple out on a date in a nice restaurant, and they aren't talking to each other, but they are both absorbed in their own phones? Do we sometimes stay connected on a phone, while being disconnected from the person we are with?

We are being trained to turn first to an artificial source of knowledge, instead of to our own brain, our own learning, or to the Creator's instruction book. We turn to our phone, to Google, or to Wiki, instead of turning to a known, reliable source, like our own mind, or what God advised through the Bible. The more we rely upon artificial intelligence, the less our brain bothers to remember information.

For example: Do you remember when you had to memorize or know phone numbers if you wanted to telephone someone? You had no difficulty doing it. Why do we struggle now? Because our devices remember them for us. We had to remember how to get places because we didn't have GPS to rely on. We had to remember facts, figures, dates, and definitions because otherwise we had to look it up in a paper encyclopedia or dictionary. We exercised our recall because we didn't carry an encyclopedia in our pocket. Haven't you ever snapped a photo on your phone so you didn't have to remember where you parked? Now there's nothing wrong with using a phone or a computer, but it's true that the brain, like any muscle, gets stronger and better the more you use it.

Today we turn to a machine (A.I.) to give us information, directions, advice, etc. Again, please don't misunderstand me. I am not against technology, nor improvements. I love having access to it. But when it comes to writing out your thoughts, and trying to communicate deeper thoughts through words and sentences, you cannot do better than relying upon the human mind, with your own personality revealing itself in your own words. And, is Artificial Intelligence really the best source for getting advice or guidance?

An even better source of very reliable information and advice is D.I. What is D.I.? It is Divine intelligence. God designed and created the world, and all that is naturally in it. The systems He built into nature are amazingly effective, and self-perpetuating. He knows how the system should work, and how to fix it when it is out of whack. Just look at our human

body: interactive systems, inner self-regulating systems, antibodies, blood to transport energy and life to the body parts. Our autonomic responses are adaptable, yet stable.

God is true reality, so He's is not artificial, nor is His intelligence or advice artificial. He is Divine. God is the best designer, builder, planner, equipper, mind, information system, and power creator. D.I. is available to anyone who is willing to turn to God and ask for advice. Much of this information is recorded in the Bible, which has remained true through the experiences of humans for approximately 4000 years.

When we commit ourselves to love Jesus, He promised in John 14:23: "If anyone love Me, he will keep my word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our dwelling with him." At that point, we are connected to Divine Intelligence, (D.I.), to the Helper (Holy Spirit). In John 14:26 Jesus further promised: "The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."

What is your ultimate source for truth and operating instructions? Artificial Intelligence, or Divine, living intelligence?

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