

LOSING THE ABILITY TO THINK – WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN



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A recent discussion about the implications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) between Prof John Lennox and the former deputy prime minister of Australia, John Anderson, reveals the broader implications for our existence, particularly in relation to the Christian faith.

We had the privilege of listening to Lennox, an Oxford professor of maths, and former politician and National Party leader Anderson, who both have years of experience in monitoring how society has been rapidly affected by these massive advances in technology.

George Orwell's famous book, '1984', is now being quoted by more and more people because the future it painted is here.

Technology has reached the point where governments can (and do, in China) exercise total authoritarian control over populations.

The development of high-powered technology seems unstoppable because, on the face of it, it is highly exciting and brings with it so much convenience, particularly to younger people. But I fear it will inevitably lead to authoritarianism because it has no moral compass.

What does it mean to be human?

What made this such an important discussion was that John Lennox, an experienced speaker on Christian apologetics, is able to bring to bear decades of experience in having discussed the Christian faith with so many well-known atheists, such as Richard Dawkins. Lennox demonstrates how faith affects our thinking – or not as the case may be!

The interview with Lennox and Anderson on AI was recorded nearly a year ago, before the launch of ChatGPT, so

Yes, the future could be Orwellian if AI takes hold, says Graham Bridger

Lennox's warnings are becoming more urgent by the day. He says that without a means of determining truth from fiction, illusions from reality, and lies from deceit then we too, like AI itself, will have no moral compass.

Indeed, unless we shake ourselves and look the coming of advanced AI firmly in the eye, we could easily lose our understanding of what it means to be human. AI is now a part of our everyday lives, whether we know it or not, but if we simply ignore the realities of what it can mean, we will become even more helpless in conducting our own lives as free humans.

The most important questions of life

We must relate the development of AI to what the Bible says about life's big questions: "Who are we?" "Why are we alive?" "What is our purpose?" "What is God's end goal for humanity?"

If we lose track of these big questions, we will be lost as human beings and simply subjected to a haphazard and unpredictable life that is meaningless.

Have we lost the ability to 'think' critically?

The beauty of this discussion lies in the fact that John Lennox is a real 'thinker' and

someone who can really relate the Bible and the Gospel of Christ crucified to how we should conduct our lives and think of AI technology.

But we all need to begin to 'think' critically if we are to retain a true sense of what it means to be human because the lines are now being crossed daily. AI is not something we need only to think about in the years to come, it is with us and affecting everyone's lives now, whether we know it or not.

Lest we forget, freedom is now under severe attack in the Western world and the ability to think clearly for oneself – as a human being – has been brought into question, particularly during the last three years.



The events that unfolded in 2020 were highly dubious and yet duplicated simultaneously throughout the Western world. Commands by leaders to 'follow the science' were repeated ad nauseum throughout, using the same words and phrases while giving the same messages.

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They all spoke of the need for fear. People responded, presumably because of fear of death or terrible sickness if they didn't obey the draconian lockdowns that have destroyed the lives of millions and devastated economies beyond repair. In the main, they didn't even stop to question their unalienable God given rights over their own bodies and even if they did, they were soon told that they could kill Granny! The State was at war with the people over something that has since been totally disproven. This event also set the people against the people.

But does 'thinking' critically mean we are also seekers of the truth?

It appears that 'thinking' people may have one main thing in common. Those who have been prepared to speak openly and honestly and who are prepared to change their minds when



John Lennox

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presented with facts appear to be 'seekers of truth'.

As a result, millions are now realising that there has been a highly successful campaign of destruction carried out on a world scale, the like of which we have never seen before. It has been a cleverly (satanically) coordinated campaign which has been in the making for many decades. It was called 'The Great Reset'.

Fear, manipulation and propaganda

Perhaps the most important fact that the highly educational discussion between Lennox and Anderson reveals, is just how easily populations can be mass-manipulated by fear into obeying tyrannical leaders and guided by propaganda.

It was indeed most interesting to listen to a recent UK Col-

"I knew any human activity can be used for social purposes or misused for antisocial ones" - Edward Bernays, author of 'Propaganda'