

cybernetic ethics

Guiding Question

“Is replacing the physical and emotional aspects of our humanity with technology better and more efficient, or would the effects of that replacement overpower the goodness of those improvements?”



Fictional Reference



“Replacing my brain for a system that works faster, that limits errors, and doesn’t cause memory gaps becomes more appealing with each passing day.... To think my emotions will soon become a muted thing, I can’t tell if I’m afraid or eager.”

(*I am AI*, Jiang, 8)

Real Reference



“An implanted antenna allows [Neil Harbisson] to sense colours, receiving them as vibrations on the back of his head.... This is possible because the antenna is another organ in his body that’s created a new sense and has expanded and modified his way of perceiving reality, turning him into the first-ever cyborg on Earth.”

(*Neil Harbisson: The reality of a cyborg*, Metal Magazine)

My Opinion

If “True emotional intelligence is realizing that happiness is an inside job - it’s not about controlling the world ... but mastering your inner state” (Pinterest,), AI cannot *master* emotional intelligence. It does not have an “inner state/self” to master. Therefore, the only thing it can do is “control” its environment.

My Opinion

Cases like Neil are an amazing medical breakthrough. However, when it comes to replacing valuable human qualities - emotional intelligence and empathetic communication skills -, AI is not a replacement for human empathy or intuition.

Scholarly Reference

“The findings of this study proposed emotional intelligence and non-depression symptoms to be the strongest predictors of happiness among ... students. The findings suggested that higher emotional intelligence was positively associated with happiness.” (Abdollahi, 4)

Scholarly Reference

“Modern man is gradually disappearing as a natural being and increasingly turning into an artificial creature “cyborg” that leads into the question, ‘what will ultimately remain human in a human body?’” (Greguric, *Findings*)

You’re smarter than AI!



Change is good, but consider how it affects you?

