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## Artificial Intelligence Technology Advances

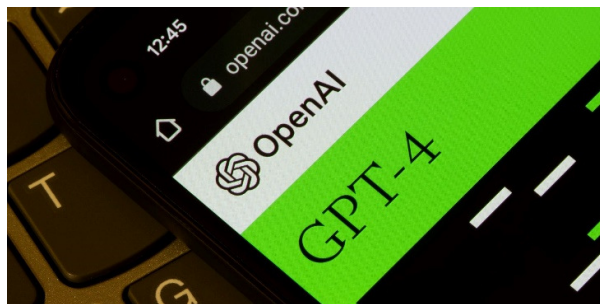


**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE** or AI is the term describing the computer science of how machines combine, interpret, and make sense of information in a manner that would be useful to people. AI has been a major goal of computer scientists and technology companies for decades and, to varying degrees, it has become

part of our everyday world of technology. From applications such as Alexa and Siri, to increasingly ‘smart’ home appliances, to automated customer service interfaces such as used by the likes of banks, government departments and company helpdesks – we are interacting with AI on a regular basis.

And AI technologies that can produce human-like responses to user requests are on the rise. Early versions of AI could answer basic questions and summarize data, but recently released technology systems have as many learning parameters as the human brain has synapses. One AI pioneer who was also a child chess prodigy (2<sup>nd</sup> in the world at age 12) programmed a computer to play chess. The processing and memory capacity allowed it to play 10s of millions of games of chess in a few hours, and it was self-learning. In the morning it started playing randomly, by lunchtime it beat its programmer, and by the evening it was stronger than the world champion; it also created a new strategy no human had seen.

One AI application named **CHATGPT-4** takes a small amount of input text then generates large volumes machine-generated content that is indistinguishable from content generated by an actual person. It can write articles and full speeches. It can make up jokes and create art. It excels at tasks that previously required human level reasoning, understanding and creativity.



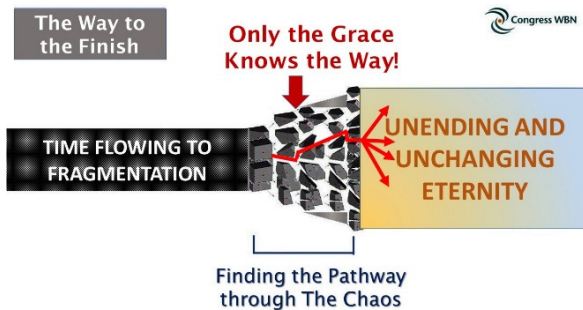
AI technology can now pass complex university-level examinations; draft lawsuits; code entire video games in just a few minutes, etc. These same capabilities, however, can also be used for

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nefarious purposes, for example to unethically manipulate data, cheat on exams and create more efficient malware for hackers. The current potential of AI is such that companies and governments around the world are investing heavily in it for their own economic advance, security and even geo-political supremacy.

## Why is this important?



Our awareness of what is happening with AI creates sight so that we are neither deceived nor intimidated by its apparent power. Sight reveals the operations of darkness and the traps of the enemy and lets us know how to conduct ourselves in the increasing gloom descending upon the earth as God brings judgment to the systems of Babylon. There are some important points of sight and awareness that we must have as Congress saints:

### Sight Point #1

All knowledge, including technological advances, is determined by and within the limits set by the Sovereign Lord. Our Father is the source of all knowledge and understanding – He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to scientists (scholars). Daniel links knowledge and scientific advances to geo-politics, economics and the course of world events. In our time, the technological know-how of countries like the United States and China or companies like Apple, Toyota and Samsung are a core component of their apparent economic and political power. Yet, the truth of their rise is that God is the One who has allowed technology to advance, and He is the One who has set nations and global companies in place for His purpose.

*Daniel 2: 20 -22 ...Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power. 21 He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars. 22 He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though he is surrounded by light. (NLT)*

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## Sight Point #2

*Isaiah 45: 6-7 I am the Lord, and there is no other. 7 I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things.*

All technological advances work to advance the Lord's purposes on earth. Whether it is increasing light or increasing darkness, the intent and the plan of God governs both the darkness and the light. In this regard, technological advances can be both a tool of injustice, destruction and death, but also a means for empowerment and the overcoming of obstacles and limitations. For example, receiving this edition of Congress WBN Global Watch is empowered by internet communications and technology. The same internet technology that enables the proliferation of criminality and acts of depravity allows us to receive video teachings and to communicate over vast geographic distances. Indeed, technology has been a core component of the synchronization of our global Congress civilization allowing us to move as one on a planetary scale.

## Sight Point#3

The issue is not technology; the issue is what is in the hearts of those using it. AI can be used by those motivated by darkness and the Satanic frequencies of deception, disobedience to God and imposing of selfish agendas. Yet saints of God use it based on Christ principles of truth, obedience, a preference for others and death to self. The same is true for finance, as the Bible calls "love of money" the root of all evil – not money itself. We use money and transact in the economic system daily but we do so from a place of self-restraint and contentment, while others would be motivated by greed, hoarding and exploitation.

*1 Tim 6: 6,8,9-10*

*6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

## An Environment of Deception

Two things are happening as we draw near to the End: there are game changing technological advances like AI, permitted by the Lord, taking place and there is an intensification of the darkness that lies in the human heart. The two things are producing an environment in which evil – cheating, lying and deception in order to gain power over others – proliferate as we move towards the End.

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Deception is a significant issue with AI. It has been used to create campaigns of disinformation, distribute fake news and 'alternative facts', along with realistic (but fake) pictures and videos. One commentator described it as follows: *"No one knows what's real and what's not. So it really leads to a situation where you literally cannot believe your own eyes and ears; you can't rely on what,*

*historically, we've considered to be the best possible evidence."* AI is creating the ability to effectively deceive large swathes of people more effectively and efficiently than at any other time.

## But Congress WBN...

Just like Noah in his generation, we have been called by the Lord to walk in the dimension of exception to the prevailing standard around us. Our standards have not changed. Where other students may cheat, our students resolve not to, even though the technology to do so is readily available. Where manipulating truth is a norm, our decisions are patrolled by the principles of the Word. Where men's hearts fail them for fear, and perplexity and confusion are the order of the day, our hearts are filled with peace and the voice of God leads us unswervingly into the future guiding us into truth.

In an atmosphere increasingly filled with deception and lies, safety is found in our personal commitment to truth, obedience and maturity in Christ into whose nature we are being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. The conscious application of the principles of Word of God delivered to us through sound doctrine inoculates us against the deception of the age. This is our distinction in the midst of the darkness of the earth. Therefore, even as new technologies and situations emerge that accelerate the growing darkness and expose the evil in the hearts of men, our commitment to walk within the boundaries of God's law intensifies even more.

