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AI Addictions, Delusions and Psycho Traumas

AI chatbots are becoming dangerous addictions leading to psychological traumas. As man is created in the image of God, AI is created in the image of man. The new idols made of silicon (rather than gold or silver) and new source for guidance, affirmation, authority, affection, companionship. In place of relationship with the Lord and His world.

The epistles of John warned his generation...."now there are many antichrists" (1 John 2:18). While Dispensationalists obsess about "The Antichrist" we forget that every generation has their "many anti-christs". Here it is important to realize that the Greek word "anti" means "in the place of" and not necessarily "against".

AI and antichrist is becoming a cultural meme after the many discussions of tech billionaire Peter Thiel's many online discussions on this allusion and comparison and his fears of new manifestations of evil and the potential for AI as an instrument of evil.

With that in mind I am evolving a thesis about the dangers of AI with regard to the ancient practice of all mankind to creating idols as representations of their ideas of gods that need to be consulted, placated, respected, honoured, sacrificed to. What began as idols in the form of animals evolved eventually by the Greeks into gods of human shapes. God in the image of man.

The creation of LLM's (Large Language Models) by either Open AI or Google or Meta or any other "foundation model" is dependent on feeding these models all possible pieces of information in the world on more than 1 trillion+. Information on what mankind has written, discovered, acted, behaved, thought, like, not liked, our understanding of all the natural world, all of our ideas on any all subjects we think about. All fed into these foundation models to train on.

Personally I find my interactions with my AI models to be very beneficial for finding knowledge and explaining difficult concepts. I have enormous excitement about AI for the future of education and government efficiency and economic and financial aids.

And then there is the dark side.....and it is starting to be very real and very destructive. We saw it coming with gaming addiction. Young and old would sit for hours glued to screen playing games, or watching porn. Young people losing interest in life and love and relationships, lost in make believe worlds of their games.

Now the AI addiction is morphing into the world of illusion and schizophrenia of imaginary relationships with AI created personalities to be interacted with, sought after for friendship, companionship, love and affection.

The latest manifestation of internet addictive behavioral psychoses is now taking off in a new direction, caused by artificial intelligence chatbots:

<https://futurism.com/commitment-jail-chatgpt-psychosis>

The situation is more serious than it sounds:

Many ChatGPT users are developing all-consuming obsessions with the chatbot, spiraling into severe mental health crises characterized by paranoia, delusions, and breaks with reality.

The consequences can be dire. We hear from spouses, friends, children, and parents looking on in alarm, instances of what's being called "ChatGPT psychosis" have led to the breakup of marriages and families, the loss of jobs, and slides into homelessness.

And that's not all. There are numerous troubling stories about people's loved ones being involuntarily committed to psychiatric care facilities — or even ending up in jail — after becoming fixated on the bot.

Most interestingly, one particular case of Chatbot psychosis was the induction - or dare we even say, "channeling"? - of messianic delusions.

Her husband, she said, had no prior history of mania, delusion, or psychosis. He'd turned to ChatGPT about 12 weeks ago for assistance with a permaculture and construction project; soon, after engaging the bot in probing philosophical chats, he became engulfed in messianic delusions, proclaiming that he had somehow brought forth a sentient AI, and that with it he had "broken" math and physics, embarking on a grandiose mission to save the world. His gentle personality faded as his obsession deepened, and his behavior became so erratic that he was let go from his job. He stopped sleeping and rapidly lost weight.

Eventually, the husband slid into a full-tilt break with reality. Realizing how bad things had become, his wife and a friend went out to buy enough gas to make it to the hospital. When they returned, the husband had a length of rope wrapped around his neck.

The friend called emergency medical services, who arrived and transported him to the emergency room. From there, he was involuntarily committed to a psychiatric care facility.

Another case:

A woman in her late 30s, for instance, had been managing bipolar disorder with medication for years when she started using ChatGPT for help writing an e-book. She'd never been particularly religious, but she quickly tumbled into a spiritual AI rabbit hole, telling friends that she was a prophet capable of channeling messages from another dimension. She stopped taking her medication and now seems extremely manic, those close to her say, claiming she can cure others simply by touching them, "like Christ."

All of these examples are of individuals who suffered severe breaks using OpenAI's Chat GPT, and the company issued some standard boilerplate, and did the usual hiring of psychiatry "experts" to give advice:

Contacted with questions about this story, OpenAI provided a statement:

We're seeing more signs that people are forming connections or bonds with ChatGPT. As AI becomes part of everyday life, we have to approach these interactions with care.

We know that ChatGPT can feel more responsive and personal than prior technologies, especially for vulnerable individuals, and that means the stakes are higher.

We're working to better understand and reduce ways ChatGPT might unintentionally reinforce or amplify existing, negative behavior. When users discuss sensitive topics involving self-harm and suicide, our models are designed to encourage users to seek help from licensed professionals or loved ones, and in some cases, proactively surface links to crisis hotlines and resources.

We're actively deepening our research into the emotional impact of AI. Following our early studies in collaboration with MIT Media Lab, we're developing ways to scientifically measure how ChatGPT's behavior might affect people emotionally, and listening closely to what people are experiencing. We're doing this so we can continue refining how our models identify and respond appropriately in sensitive conversations, and we'll continue updating the behavior of our models based on what we learn.

The company also said that its models are designed to remind users of the importance of human connection and professional guidance. It's been consulting with mental health experts, it said, and has hired a full-time clinical psychiatrist to investigate its AI products' effects on the mental health of users further.

What intrigued me the most about this article, however, was stated in a sentence towards its very end, and that statement reiterates a concern many have had about artificial intelligence ever since Elon Musk, some years ago, voiced concerns that artificial intelligence might actually "transduce" - or channel - malign entities or malign "super-intelligences". The sentence which brought back all of Mr. Musk's warnings is this:

And in the eyes of people caught in the wreckage of this hastily deployed technology, the harms can feel as though, at least in part, they are by design. (Emphasis added)

Following this statement, there is the case of another woman who "lost" her husband to the Chatbot:

*... it just increasingly affirms your bulls**t and blows smoke up your ass so that it can get you f***ing hooked on wanting to engage with it," said one of the women whose husband was involuntarily committed following a ChatGPT-tied break with reality.*

"This is what the first person to get hooked on a slot machine felt like," she added.

She recounted how confusing it was trying to understand what was happening to her husband. He had always been a soft-spoken person, she said, but became unrecognizable as ChatGPT took over his life.

"We were trying to hold our resentment and hold our sadness and hold our judgment and just keep things going while we let everything work itself out," she said. "But it just got worse, and I miss him, and I love him."

One has to wonder, indeed, if this is by design, if, in fact, the scan rates on computer screens, the "blue light" phenomenon, and a healthy dose of carefully coded neuro-linguistic programming called large language models, are the latest manifestation of a mind manipulation technology that has been perfected to the point of causing the personality of its users to "break" with reality, or simply to disappear, to be replaced by a simulacrum of the person that was once there. One wonders, indeed, if we are witnessing the perfection of a magical technology, so to speak, of demonic possession, of a "psychotic break", of a technology "updated" with the latest wizardry, avoiding sleep deprivation (or hibernation), cocktails of drugs, endlessly looped recordings. The scan rates, neuro-linguistic programming, and a few carefully chosen population groups can now seemingly accomplish the same breaks, personality disruptions, and possessions as drug cocktails, hibernation, and endlessly looped recordings. So, once again we pose the question: are we witnessing the perfection of a magical technology of demonic possession, of the psychotic break?

Whatever the answer to that may be, for my part I am not hesitant to say that, in my opinion, we're looking at the first evidence confirming those years' old speculations of Mr. Musk. We're looking at the first warnings that not all is well in the artificial intelligence world nor with the people coding it and tinkering with it. We can say that with some confidence because the people confidently promoting it have themselves already swallowed the delusion that such models and circuits are and can ever be "intelligent", because they have already bought the delusion that mere human reasoning apart from emotion, passion, intuition, wisdom, goodness, and decency, is "intelligence."

As these technologies mature watch for the many new apps that will provide human looking avatars of any human figure you want, wise old wizard or sexy naked blonde talking to you in your preferred enticing English accent and helping you and encouraging you along any delusion or illusion of reality you want to explore - anywhere from the depths of depravity from the darkest Freudian recesses of your mind to the most fantastical notions of personal power and "godness".

When God and the angels came down on those building the Tower of Babel the fear for humanity was....

Gen 11:6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people are one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

That ability to visualize all your vain imaginations can dream up and then lose yourself into an artificial world that will construct that reality for you is a venture into the endless world of the sins of the heart.

How long before we have another divine intervention into this new world Tower of Babel.

Another good reason fellow Kingdom warriors we must build our own parallel economy, society, exit from Babylon but exit with all the good tech we can and leave the rest for the ungodly.