ULTRATHOUGHTS™ TRIPARTITE

FORBIDDEN PHILOSOPHY

ALTERNATIVE IDEAS ON SCIENCE, RELIGION AND THE GODHEAD



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HOMO SAPIENS 2.0

t has become fashionable of late to consider the next version of humanity. Whether our next stage comes as a result of the natural forces of evolution, the direct hand of God, or the dynamic relationship between people and machines, more of us are convinced *Homo sapiens* version 2.0 is on the horizon. This view is certainly not new. Still, today this long-time theme of various religions is gaining acceptance among an elite class of scientists. What was once considered the irrational visions of religious nuts or entertaining sci-fi is being seriously studied by our best and brightest.

The idea of a new and improved model of our biological species is certainly a worthy topic for ultra-thinking because it leads to a deeper understanding of ourselves and the dynamics of our existence. In order for our species to branch off and become *H. sapiens 2.0*, our distant child would need to be significantly different than ourselves. An understanding of the nature of those differences requires that we first appreciate why we are dissimilar from our own ancestors. Such an evaluation is far more difficult than it sounds.

We merely have traces of our early cousins; bone, etchings, and tools. Scientists, in a few cases have had success in mapping DNA segments from ancient tissue. Of course, DNA is of limited value in understanding the true nature of the creature, and while artifacts may provide hints, they are far from definitive evidence of anything. By combining all available information, anthropologists believe they have some understanding of how our

ancestors looked, hunted, walked, and lived. Stretching their theories further some are confident they even know a bit about how these people thought. Did they have spiritual awareness? Some researchers review various artifacts and are quite confident they know, others disagree. In my view, it's quite a stretch to assume we actually know how pre-modern peoples like Neanderthal or Flores man thought when we aren't even sure that the evidence we find is actually from the people we are theorizing about.

In considering the future of our species, significant research is focused on the merger of human and technology. Though the specifics vary, most believe it rather obvious that people and machine will effectively merge and be "better" as a result. Today's augmented reality games and bioimplant usage point to a not-so-distant future, merely decades from now, when our species is enhanced beyond our comprehension. We will still be this same species but the species will have incredible abilities aided by robotics, nanotechnology and mental augmentation. Of course, these scientific advancements will be accomplished with the use of machine or artificial intelligence (AI).

I suggest that AI may be the key in urging the evolution of our new model. Our quest for an easy and enjoyable life may prove to be our Achilles heel. A physical being that is not challenged or exercised wastes away. In an ironic twist, though through augmentation we would appear to have incredible capabilities amplified through AI, we would actually be far less "special" than we have ever been. We would have become machine dependent.

Left unchecked, there is little doubt artificial intelligence will eventually facilitate changes to our animal. Evolution from our very limited understanding of the process seems to take a bit of time. Therefore without DNA modification technologies to expedite the progression our specific species may exist with AI fa-

cilitated augmentation for hundreds if not thousands of years, although eventually, the dawn of a new species would appear.

Be reminded that the evolution of one species to another involves far more than physical characteristics. In ways we don't understand your physiology is intertwined with the non-physical essence of your person. The essence of you is closely tied to your mind. You become the person you think you are. A new species of hominins could simply express different action and thought than predecessors, thereby qualifying as *H. sapiens 2.0* although the physical features of each are identical.

My ultra-thinking determines that for a relatively brief period of time our specific human species will remain dominant on the planet. Having a body which is enabled through highly engineered augmentation we can't yet comprehend how this will change the mind. Reminding you there is evidence that patterns of thought do seem to be inheritable traits, I believe our offspring will one day be born having a different mental orientation.

I surmise that eventually the very tenor and theme of a mind-myth narrative created by a segment of our species which has evolved to optimize augmentation will be different than that of others. Just imagine living your life having the library of congress, or a global road map simply there in your *head*. As more societies seek the advantages of an augmented citizenry, this innate way of thinking will become the preferred way of thought. Within roughly five generations of its immergence this "different" way of thinking will come to dominate the species. What would life be like for a person who has an internet search engine seamlessly integrated within their mind? That is just one example of what is in store for our children of the future.

Though a mentally augmented person would think significantly different than we do, I suppose they would still seek affirmation. Today we commonly derive much of our affirmation via an innate sense of spirituality; however, we aren't shy about obtaining comfort from material substance either. The augmented person will constantly be empowered and emboldened through AI enhancement. In the future a highly-augmented human being may build a myth that relies so much on the material that it neglects the spiritual entirely. A mind-myth immersed exclusively within the physical realm aided by AI will unintentionally, yet continually deny the worthiness of the spiritual realm. I ultra-think that as humanity continues to augment vast numbers of people at a very early age, we will cause our species to morph. This new class of beings would have absolutely no spiritual awareness because they simply didn't need any. Thinking meaningfully different than H. sapiens this creature would qualify as an entirely new species. H. sapiens 2.0 will ultimately appear because of a change in thought pattern not as a result of any significant physical change.

Our species, *H. sapiens* prime, may coexist with version 2.0 for eons just as Neanderthal coexisted with *H. sapiens*. Eventually, however, 2.0 will dominate the planet and largely overwhelm prime. 2.0 may even push its presence beyond the solar system ruling its range as a type of demigod hominin unless, of course, my Ultrathought regarding cosmic erasers proves prophetic. As previously stated, it is entirely possible that all machine intelligence is simply erased from the solar system. With that qualifier disclosed, I suggest that one day members of prime may see that *H. sapiens* 2.0 isn't the last of our lineage.

It's commonly accepted by futurists that, eventually, AI will have no need for biological hominins. Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) machines are on the horizon. These truly autonomous machines will have the ability to learn any intellectual task and will be common place on the planet within 1,000 to 10,000 years. Regardless of the timeframe, this form of 'life' will

be so far advanced of both AI and version 2.0 that machines, not hominins, will eventually dominate all that is physical in the galaxy. But, before that occurs *H. sapiens 3.0* will evolve from human version 2.0.

Version 3.0 of the more distant future will not bother to learn anything organically because all knowledge can literally be gleaned through technology. Having little sense of wonder this creature will have a dull mind-myth when compared to 2.0 and certainly *H. sapiens* prime. Version 3.0 may express what appears to be casual brilliance but without nurturing any depth of mind, the human will be utterly ignorant when 'offline.' Having no mental depth, this last evolution of 'us' will probably be a fool of very limited mental or physical capacity due to its near-total reliance on technology.

I ultra-think that it is highly probable that *H. sapiens 3.0* will be the very last species from our line of modern humans. Will a somewhat intelligent chimpanzee still exist in the wild 100,000 years from now? Probably. Will a curiously intelligent cuttlefish exist in the sea? Most certainly. Will any human-like ape version, *H. sapiens* prime, *2.0* or even version *3.0* exist anywhere 100 millennia from now? I suggest that if one does it may only be a curiosity of the AGI constructed zoo.

We are the only animal on the planet today that has the innate ability to contemplate the Godhead. We reflexively express this tendency as children and the inclination continues through adulthood provided that we attempt to show deference. Like an innate need for love, companionship, or affirmation, we need to seek the Godhead to be fulfilled. Certainly, we can train ourselves to deny a need for love, and we can do the same with respect to the spiritual realm. That training can be overt, or it can simply come as a result of preoccupation with other matters, regardless it is an anathema to the species.

Documented trends show that in Western society our brethren are neglecting Godhead predisposition. Therefore, it is possible a new version of our species will arrive far sooner than many believe. Today thousands if not millions are maturing to create a reality bubble that is lethargic mentally and neglectful of what makes them special on this planet. I meet a number of people who project outright hatred toward all that is spiritual. While this is a bit annoying, it's better than what others seem to be doing. More and more people deny the very idea of the meta. To resent or hate the spiritual realm one must have at least contemplated its very existence, but to deny any possibility of the Godhead within the mind is to be a rather common animal.

Whether it's the result of individual choice, the natural forces of evolution, the direct hand of God, or the dynamic relationship between us and AI, is unimportant. To be a-spiritual urges our annihilation. We have but one truly unique characteristic: the ability to contemplate deeply. Such contemplation seems to include if not focus on the Godhead. To suppress or neglect this feature is to deny our very humanity.

Before leaving this discussion I want to give you a thought to ultra-think. Is it possible that we are the dullest incarnation of the family to date? Is it conceivable that whatever species predated us in our family line, this predecessor was the better version of us? In such case, we are not prime but version *H. sapiens 1.0.* I'm starting to wonder if there is an underlying reason for the double helix structure of DNA. You know the image. The twisted spiral pattern. Could it be that we are just another step on a downward spiral staircase to becoming a common animal?