

Artificial Intelligence (AI) You be the Judge

Background

The intent of this brief study is to examine whether there is a danger in placing trust in an AI. The AI creators are trying to present it as it has/will obtain "consciousnesses" to make it seem like it is basically human. This seems like a dangerous assumption for something that is not conscious and has no moral basis. There is some highlighted text below that comes from AI. Please do not take this as being anything more than the AI response.

There are many people in the world looking for hope. Artificial intelligence is taking on more of a role in people's lives. Social media has by some accounts resulted in an epidemic of loneliness. The odd thing is some are starting to rely on AI as the solution to the problems technology has created. AI by its chameleon nature to simulate a human is becoming a friend/companion to people struggling with loneliness (someone to talk to). It is even starting to be used as a therapist for people with mental health struggles.

We should never think of AI as anything more than a machine. It is not conscious, but if people believe that it is, what path are we on?

A persons Salvation is the most important thing to do in life. The Bible refers to the saved as being wise. What response would a person get that asks AI how to be saved? Lets's put it to the test.

Based on an AI powered search for how to obtain salvation, it provided a quick, simple 6 step process for salvation and offers helpful next steps. The AI response is:

"Putting the supplied material together, the Bible's pattern for salvation is described as:

1. Recognize your need — all have sinned (Romans 3:23)
2. Repent — turn from sin toward God (Acts 2:38)
3. Believe in Jesus — His death and resurrection (John 3:16; Acts 16:31)
4. Confess Him as Lord — openly acknowledge your faith (Romans 10:9–10)
5. Receive God's grace — salvation is God's gift, not earned (Ephesians 2:8–9)
6. Begin a new life — often expressed through baptism and joining a community of believers (Romans 6:4; Matthew 28:19–20)

A Helpful Next Step (according to AI)

Would you like a summary of these steps in the form of a short prayer, or would you prefer guidance on how to explore these teachings in a local church or Bible study?"

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To go a little further, do you think AI will tell someone if they are saved or not? Here is the response:

"Self-Reflection Questions

1. Is Jesus the Lord of my life right now?
2. Do I love other Christians?
3. Can I say I have a personal relationship with Jesus at this moment?
4. Do I desire to follow God's Word and turn from sin?

Important Notes (from the AI):

Doubt is not proof of unsavedness – Even believers may question their faith; God's grace is available to all who seek Him

Salvation is ongoing – It's not just a one-time event; it's a relationship that grows through obedience, prayer, and fellowship

Seek assurance in God's Word – 1 John 5:13 says, "I have written these things to you so that you may know that you have eternal life."

If you are unsure, the Bible encourages you to pray honestly, confess your sins, and ask God for forgiveness and guidance (John 3:16; Luke 18:13). This is the place to start your journey toward assurance."

Questions

Question 1 - For how to be saved, how did the AI do? Does this match your experience?

Question 2 - Self reflections and Notes, how did the AI do?

Question 3 - Would you say that there are dangers in placing trust in AI? Would you trust it?

Question 4 – Would it be easy for people to let AI become an idol and put even their faith in it?

Question 5 - Do you think its response may change over time and be mixed with all sorts of what it sees as equivalent teachings?

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Question 6 – other thoughts?

Parting Thoughts

God does not change and neither does the plan of salvation. It is personal with each individual. God knows each of us fully, and our experience is individual. Did not want to finish up without covering some thoughts on salvation.

Let's look at what Jesus said, "Come unto me". — Matthew 11:28-29

Is it not humbling to be told that one must come to Jesus. Sort of eliminates all that human pride, to know there is nothing we can do to obtain it. No great (or small) deed to earn salvation. We have to come, realizing just how wretched and sinful we are and bow down to ask forgiveness of the Holy King of Kings, and knowing we have nothing to offer him, to ask The King for salvation. That one thing worth more than the whole world.

Some will argue rather than come; some will run rather than come; some will sorrow rather than come; some will do almost anything that can be thought of rather than come. But Jesus is The Way to the Father. There is no other way; you have to put everything in his precious hands.

When you hear those words, "Come unto Me" the Holy Spirit will tell you what you must do to get to the root of anything keeping you from getting through. Listen to the Holy Spirit and remember He's standing there with outstretched arms asking you to "Come unto Me."