THOUGHTS

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"PERSISTENT AGENTS" A GOD REPLACEMENT

It's not enough that Big Brother data center corporations want to have access to our data as a hook that can captivate us at any moment. Now, they want to have persistent agents – read, always on, always ready to interrupt and glean all our conversations and activities for their files – by our side. There is already the ever-present danger of people turning to collective human thought as a guide rather than the infallible Word of God. It's foolish to replace the divine revelation of the Lord with peer pressure-influenced collective human wisdom, but people do so with regularity. They won't spend a minute of focused attention on learning the Word, but they will readily spend several minutes researching what the almighty AI might say.

Consider the inanity of people holding or carrying little fictitious creatures, super-intelligent dolls, around with them as persistent links to AI. Is there anything more stupid than a doll that looks cute and has a globalized brain as your consultant? This is a soft sell of the idea; eventually, the goal will be to influence you to think you cannot live without a continuous link to AI. Finally, a presence, a robot, will always be at your side as your info doppelganger, and their record of your life.

If people think they can get along now without God and put trust in Humanism, the collective wisdom and practices of mankind, imagine how derision of God will explode when people are prompted to chat with a toy genius rather than the Lord. The toy will give answers immediately for gratification versus the Lord's allowing a person to feel their way through an issue. The impatience and arrogance of people will not allow them to tolerate the gap between prayer to God and hindsight gained through the unfolding of a situation.

DAY OF MUCH GOOD NEWS

Perhaps you like checking out the headlines in the morning. After listening to the Word of God from the Bible as a devotional time, doing my workout, and cleaning up, it's time to see what is going on in the world. Sometimes I am met with the thought, "What in the world is going on?" as there are often reports demonstrating human depravity.

However, today is full of great news! I opened the browser to see an article, "Science is proving Richard Dawkins and the New Atheists Wrong," written by Stephen Meyer, one of my heroes of Christian apologetics. He is a member of the Discovery Institute, an organization that you need to explore. It is a think tank of scientifically oriented intellectuals who are pushing back hard against Darwinism and exploring scientific support for Intelligent Design theory. I have read several books by Meyer. I recommend that as citizens in a paganizing, atheist-leaning culture, you read some of his work, too. We must be equipped to do more than simply invite people to church. We need the ability to reason with people for the hope that we have, "But in your hearts

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set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (I Peter 3:15).

Another reason it is a great day: a young woman at the health club to whom I gave my book *THOUGHTS* has read it and is now on to Meyer's *Return of the God Hypothesis*. I have read it, and if you wish to get caught up on the scientific and philosophical arguments (apologetics) in support of the Christian worldview, check out that book. I am elated to see a young woman who wishes to be competent in discussing worldviews!

Further, adding an environmental positive to the morning, the article "Researchers Dumped Coffee Waste into a Forest and Couldn't Believe What it Looked Like 2 Years Later," discusses the stunning positive effect of coffee waste revitalizing barren land in Costa Rica! Superb! Hopefully, that will be a catalyst to reclaim wastelands and support our ecosystem!

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THOUGHTS on Science
I have been working on this book for several years, and the time for its birth, its publication, is near! I intend to have it published by the end of 2026, so please pray for success.

Every day, we see science articles distilling the dense research conducted in labs and classrooms around the world. New discoveries in Paleontology, Biology, Astronomy, and many other science-oriented fields may be challenging to integrate with our faith. We hear of weird ideas such as the multiverse. Purported evidence of alien life on Mars, or reports of UAPs (Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon) blend with Stephen Spielberg movies such as Disclosure Day. Is there any value in much of what the scientific community does? Does it all militate against the Christian worldview? I address such questions in my book, raging against nonsense and applauding solid evidence that supports our faith. I hope you are looking forward to its publication!

Blessings,
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