

Does the Bible write about artificial intelligence?

Artificial intelligence is a product of modern digital technologies. It immediately gained considerable popularity, especially among the younger generation. Mankind has no experience at all with a similar human creation. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is much talked about and in recent years it has been used not only by experts in various fields but also by the general public. It is surprising how easily and quickly AI has gained the trust of users, including those with higher education. It is likely that the influence of AI will grow rapidly and influence the decision making, thinking and opinions of those who use its services. It is not surprising, therefore, that AI advocates and opponents alike are responding to its rapidly growing influence. We won't go into the arguments for and against the use of AI here. It is important to realise that the reasons for developing digital technologies are not just economic and military. All the discoveries and inventions of the twentieth century have completely changed the world in ways that few expected. Even digital and other modern discoveries and inventions emerging today are changing the world not only in a visible way, but also in an invisible way that only becomes apparent when its consequences cannot be taken back, because blind people have already fallen into the trap. When we consider how digital technologies have affected humanity and the world in less than a century of their existence, we can begin to see what is really going on. The biggest change humanity is undergoing is its spiritual state.

Implications of the use of digital technologies for humanity.

The impact and consequences of the use of digital technologies can be divided into good and bad. The good consequences include use in medicine, in communication, in transport, in fields serving prosperity and improving people's living standards.

The bad consequences of the use of digital technologies certainly include their ability to increase the lethality of weapons. A serious cause for reflection is their great potential for misuse and the growing dependence on them. The younger generation can no longer imagine life without mobile phones, the Internet or social networks. The communication network makes it possible to spread information almost instantly throughout the world and to influence most people almost simultaneously. Even these features of digital technology can be exploited. Even doctors and other authorities know this, and warn of the consequences of the new virtual reality, which is engulfing the healthy thinking and values of those who fall prey to it. More serious is

the fact that people blinded by modern technology are forgetting their divine origins. Why divine? Because man was created by God. All the inventions and discoveries of modern history reinforce man's pride, and this blinds him and weakens his relationship with his Creator. Fortunately, the Creator does not leave us without information. Let's see if modern technology - such an important element - of today's world, can be found in God's prophecies?

Revelation testifies to the use of today's technology.

„And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.8And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.9And they of the people and tribes and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not allow their dead bodies to be put in graves.10And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.“ Revelation 11,7-10;

“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.” Revelation 13,15;

The prophecy of chapter 11 describes that "*they of the people and tribes and tongues and nations*" will observe the two publicly displayed slain witnesses for three and a half days. The book of Revelation was written at the end of the first century AD. At that time, it was not possible to watch a nationwide event unfold in one location. Today, it's commonplace. For example, the Olympics or international football matches can be watched by viewers on every continent. It is with the help of modern technology.

The verse in Revelation 13:15; points to an even more significant technology. It is the image of the *beast*, where the word image is a translation of the Greek word *ejkón*, which can mean image, likeness, appearance. That is why some scholars translate the word *ejkón* as statue. The meaning of the Greek word gives more translation possibilities. Therefore, what John saw in the vision had no more accurate expression in his day. Today, we know that with the help of a hologram we can create a three-dimensional image of anyone and anything that can manifest as a lifelike likeness of something concrete. The question is what it means that a spirit was put into the form/image of the beast that caused the form/image of the beast to speak. It is irrelevant whether it is an image, a statue, or some other form of the beast. What

matters is that the image speaks as a living being. He will command and cause *"...cause that as many as would not worship..."* This is something to think about.

The question is, what is the spirit that has been put into the image or form of the beast? Holograms in films often represent important characters in the story. And when the significant character who is perhaps on the other side of the universe speaks through the holographic image, the words spoken by the hologram are taken as seriously as if the one who is actually speaking were present. However, the spirit of which John writes, embedded in the form of the beast, indicates that it has been given some ability to speak independently. The image or likeness of the beast has such authority that it can command that people who are not marked with the mark of the beast be killed. It seems that people whose names have not been written in the Lamb's Book of Life since the foundation of the world will perceive the image of the beast as a powerful being, for they will have to bow down to it or die. The fact that the beast is represented by an image created by some modern technology also raises the question. In order for the image of the beast to achieve such influence, it must exhibit characteristics that give the impression of credibility. Today's AI gives some users the same impression in matters of interest to them. They consult it in business (it is quite popular) and in other interest activities. There are advertisements for using AI to acquire wealth. People unaware of what may be behind the development of modern technology may be easy prey for AI, for whom propaganda creates a halo of an unbiased source of information.

AI and other technologies are upcoming tools of the beast

It may seem like a conspiracy theory, but the texts of the prophets John and Daniel point to the use of modern technology by the beast that is to come at the end of this age. The beast is described in both prophets:

„Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and its nails of bronze; which devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; And of the ten horns that were on its head, and of the other which came up, and before which three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke very great things, whose look was greater than its fellows. ... Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High,

and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.” Daniel 7,19-20; 7,23-25;

“And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all tribes, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

Revelation 13,5-8;

“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and them who dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he does great wonders, so that he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceives them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, that had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, except he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred three score and six”

Revelation 13,11-18;

These texts describe the beast as a most terrible government that destroys the earth by violence. The beast will be different from all the previous beasts described by the prophet Daniel in chapter seven. It will differ not only in its extraordinary power and open rebellion against God and heaven, but also in the means at its disposal. Most of these we already know and use today. The beast form will probably be a more advanced technology, and AI will probably be a part of it. Most of the discoveries and inventions that humans have made have a useful form of application, but they can be and often are misused. It turns out that they are not just misused for warfare. Much of the research is also about genetically engineered food, pharmaceuticals, climate and other sectors.

The influence of AI and other technologies on people's thoughts, values and actions is increasing and Bible prophecy suggests it will grow. Man was created to live in harmony with nature and to rule over it wisely. Instead, man is developing dangerous things, the production and sometimes the use of which are harming nature, not excluding man. The most dangerous consequence of their influence is that they alienate man not only mentally but also spiritually from his own originator. Such a person seeks the meaning of life elsewhere than in harmony with the living God. And that is the road to destruction.

“Enter in at the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be who go in there: Because narrow is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it.” Matthew 7,13-14;