In *Our* Image #1

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Thank you, Fred, and happy Sabbath, brethren. This message is titled *In Our Image*. This comes from Gen. 1, and we're going to go there to begin. This is the recreation of the earth and the creation of man, when God created Adam and Eve.

Genesis 1:26: "And God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of heaven and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that crawls upon the earth.' And God created man in His *own* image, **in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female**" (vs 26-27).

It's very important that we understand this passage, because this is the backdrop of what we're going to talk about ***our*** image. ***We are made in the image of God!*** We were placed on the earth to have dominion over everything that God created for mankind.

Everything that God created, He says it was very good. It wasn't just good**. *It was *very* good!*** He created everything that we need for our sustenance. He placed us on the earth, and Adam and Eve were to tend and keep the garden at first.

They were expelled because of their sin, then they had to earn their bread with the sweat of their brow. We know that. But it's so interesting that God said, 'Let **Us** make man in **Our** image,' and we understand why. We understand that we have a great potential to be children born into the Family of God, *the spiritual Family of God!*

Right now, those of us who have been baptized, we have been begotten. We have the Holy Spirit within us. But the goal is to attain unto eternal life. The goal is to be born in the Family of God. That's why we bear the image of God, of God the Father and Jesus Christ. That's why They said, 'Let Us...' They're talking between Themselves here, and They say, "...'Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, after **Our** likeness...'"

Gen. 5—we are going to see the continuation of this that God said in motion at the beginning.

Genesis 5:1: 'This *is* the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.'

That's what we just read, *in the likeness of God the Father and Jesus Christ!* That's why it's **"Us...";** that's why it's Elohim, a *plural* word.

Verse 2: "He created them male and female and blessed them, and He called their name Adam in the day when they were created. And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years and **begat *a son* in his own likeness,** after his own image, and he called his name Seth" (vs 2-3).

It's very important we understand that ***God created us in His image and then He gave us the ability to reproduce after *our own kind* and *our own image and likeness*!***

- God developed it that way
- He designed it that way
- He gave us all the potential to be children in ***His*** Family

Gen. 9—here we're going to read as to what is so important about being in the likeness of God. Something that is very important for us to think about when we think about the topic that we are going to talk about the rest of this message.

This is just the backdrop to remind us of what the Word of God says about being created in His image according to His likeness with a specific purpose; how He set everything in motion. This is when He's speaking to Noah after the Flood. He's telling Noah this important thing that he needs to keep in mind after they come out of the ark.

Genesis 9:3—*God says*: "Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you, even as the green herb I have given you all things."

Not every living thing that moves, because he [Adam] already knew about clean and unclean meats. He told him to take *seven pairs of the clean* and only *two of the unclean!*

Verse 4: "But you shall not eat of flesh with the life in it—*which is* its blood. And surely the blood of your lives will I require. At the hand of every animal will I require it, and at the hand of man. At the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, his blood shall be shed by man—for He made man in the image of God.... [then He tells Noah again the same instruction that He gave before] ...And you, be fruitful and multiply.... [He told this to Adam and Eve] ...Bring forth abundantly in the earth, and increase in it" (vs 4-7).

God is explaining two things; He's explaining that:

1. life is in the blood
2. because animals have blood they have life but we are not to eat the life

Also that the life of human beings is very precious and

that God is going to require it at the hand of every animal or every man. ***He's accounted for every human being that has ever existed!*** That is what He's saying here. That is very, very important, because God is a God of love and He loves all His children. He has created us in His image and that's why our life is in the blood; ***the blood is precious to God***:

- because we were created in His image
- because we have this potential
- because He gave that life and only God can give life

We're going to talk about something today, and that's why we wanted to talk about these Scriptures first.

- God has a plan
- He created us in His image

BUT now:

- ***mankind now is creating things in our image***

We're going to talk about Artificial Intelligence today, and in order to do this I think it would be good for us to understand what Artificial Intelligence is. All of us have heard of it, and some of us have used it and we understand in a very basic level what it is. but we do not necessarily understand, unless you're in that field, how it works and how it's developing and what its potential is. To do that I want to read some excerpts from an article called: *How Artificial Intelligence Works A Beginner's Guide,* written by Muhammad Tuhin.

We're going to read some things in here that are important for us to understand when it comes to Artificial Intelligence. So we understand what is being built how it's being built and that we understand then, and we're going to study what the Word of God says about this topic.

Today we don't have the time to go into all of the Scriptures so this is probably going to be a series of messages of short messages. But we want to understand what it is and what the Word of God says about it. This article begins by answering the question: what is Artificial Intelligence? I'm going to read this excerpt where the author says:

> Article: ***How Artificial Intelligence Works A Beginner's Guide*** by Muhammad Tuhin, April 2025
> {How Artificial Intelligence Works: A Beginner's Guide}
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> At its core Artificial Intelligence refers to machines or computer systems designed to perform tasks that traditionally required human intelligence. These tasks could include things like recognizing speech making decisions solving complex problems or even understanding emotions. AI strives to mimic how humans think and make decisions but it does so using algorithms data and statistical models rather than biological processes.

It's important that we keep this in mind as we are going to go to some passages in the Bible and read what it says. Keep in mind that the goal or one of the objectives of AI is to mimic/imitate and develop how humans think. But instead of doing it the way that God created it:

- with His spiritual intelligence
- with His infinite power and knowledge

This is a human creation, an imitation of something wonderful that God created in the human mind. But through again data algorithms and statistical models. Now the author also answers the question how does Artificial Intelligence work and he says:

> At the heart of Artificial Intelligence are algorithms and those are sets of rules or instructions that guide the machine on how to perform a specific task AI algorithms learn from data an adjusts based on experience and improve their performance over time.

So, these are sets of rules that are given to the machine so that they can deal with the information and continue to evaluate and compare it, and make decisions and synthesize that information. That's what it's doing. This article calls it *the foundation of AI,* which is called *machine-learning!* We're going to read a short excerpt to see what *machine-learning* is.

> *Machine-learning* is a subset of Artificial Intelligence that allows computers to learn and improve from experience without being explicitly programmed. Instead of writing codes that tells the system what to do machine-learning involves feeding data into a model, which then uses statistical methods to make predictions or decisions based on patterns it identifies in the data.

So, that's what it's doing. It's a model that the computer has and other decisions and models and code and all the other instructions are generated not by the programmer ***but by the machine!*** That's what is called *machine-learning!*

In order for the machine to learn it has to be trained and in order for the machine to be trained it has to be it has to be receiving doing tasks constantly and receiving feedback and that's what's going on right now. If you use a computer, most of the software that is out there is integrating starting to integrate in absolutely everything Artificial Intelligence with what goal? With the goal to continue to train the machines to on so that the machine can understand tasks and can start mimic and can start providing

suggestions to the user.

Now this goes a step further as we saw Artificial Intelligence try to mimic the human brain. It does this through something called 'neural networks,' and yes, neural comes from the brain neural networks we have neurons, *and we have neural networks that are were created by God—intelligently designed—* and now **scientists are creating** neural networks. But what are the neural networks in the context of Artificial Intelligence? *This author says*:

> Neural networks are a key technology with machine-learning, and they are inspired by the structure of a human brain. Just as our brain has neurons connected by synapses, a neural network consists of layers of artificial neurons that process data and learn from it.

> Neural networks are composed of three main layers one is the input layer and this is where the data enters the neural network. For example: in image recognition the input layer receives pixel data from the image then there's also hidden layers these layers process the data by performing complex mathematical operations each hidden layer learns to detect patterns or features that help the machine understand the data better.

> Then there's also an output layer the output layer produces the final prediction or decision. For example: in a classification task the output layer might output a label like cat or dog.

If you feed the computer enough images of cats and dogs and you also provide the feedback verifying what it processes putting in pictures and saying, 'Hey this is a dog. I think this is a dog.' The machine says that and you give a feedback: 'yes, yes; no that's a cat.' It can then learn from the characteristics of the data for example: cats have pointy ears on top of their head and dogs have droopy ears. So, start classifying images based on that, start to think and process the data real time as the data is fed into you. So, that's what it is and that's what it's trying to do to imitate the human brain.

Now there's another concept that the article talks about, which is called *Deep-learning* and the subtitle of this section is *Taking Neural Networks Further!*

So you can see how all of these things are building on one another. First, we had a computer: specific set of rules, programed. It does a task; it does it exactly the same way every time. Now it's rules, it's algorithms, together with data. Now it's not just one algorithm or one set of data, it's starting to do neural networks; it's starting to integrate several of these things together.

> Deep-learning is a subset of machine-learning that takes neural networks to the next level. While a traditional neural network might have just a few hidden layers. Deep-learning networks can have hundreds or even thousands of layers. This allows Deep-learning models to process more complex data and learn more intricate patterns.

So, it's basically taking this to a whole new level by bringing things together; it's not just one computer processing one thing.

> Deep-learning has power. Many recent advancements in AI including voice recognition, facial recognition and natural language processing. Popular examples of Deep-learning applications include Siri...

Which everybody who has an Apple phone has that!

...Google Translate and self-driving cars.

So, these things are examples of deep-learning applications. It's not just learning one thing it's not just learning a word for example in another language, it's learning the context of that. You know what that word is, it's learning:

- the context
- the time
- the conjugation
- everything

So it's deep-learning, because there's a lot of learning that takes place in different places. It's interconnected and it's talking to each other.

Now, the author talks about two types of AI, which are:

1. the narrow AI
2. the general AI

That's how they can be classified. The *narrow AI* is what he says that we use today and it's called *narrow AI* or *weak AI*. He refers to this as:

> ...systems that are designed to perform a specific task or a narrow range of tasks. These systems are optimized to solve one problem and cannot perform beyond the specialized area.

> Most of the Artificial Intelligence technologies we encounter in daily life fall into these categories, for example the virtual assistants like:

- Siri

- Alexa
- Google Assistant

are all assigned to respond to voice commands but they cannot perform tasks outside of their programmed abilities.

Recommendation systems like Netflix, Amazon, YouTube...

If you watch a video on YouTube it's tracking that data: what does this person like to listen to; oh he likes to listen to CBCG messages, so, I'm going to provide more messages from CBCG or other sites related to CBCG that speak about the same things.

That's with the recommendation systems they're using AI they're using within the application they just don't tell us that they're using them.

Then another example is autonomous vehicles, the self-driving cars that are full of sensors all around and is using data:

- data from the sensors
- data from maps
- data from satellites
- data from traffic laws
- what's a speed limit in a certain place

So, this is the *narrow AI,* which is being used broadly now. But what they are working on, too, and developing some models of this is *general AI,* and this is:

...the *hypothetical form of AI* that can perform any intellectual task that a human can do. Unlike *narrow AI, general AI* would have the ability to understand, learn and apply knowledge across a wide range of domains.

Achieving *general AI* would mean creating machines that could think reason and solve problems at the level of human intelligence.

that's the key

This remains an area of active research and we're still far from creating true General AI. However, the it's an exciting prospect that many researchers are working toward the difference between narrow AI and general AI is the difference between a calculator that can add numbers and a person who can learn a new language write a novel or compose a symphony.

Narrow AI is highly specialized while general AI would be more adaptable and versatile.

We've seen many applications of this like for example in healthcare. It's not just AI and computer systems. They are developing what people like to call 'physical AI.' Why? Because they don't like to use the word *robots,* but that's what they are, they're robots.

As we've heard many times from Fred, 'If God wanted robots He would have created them Himself. But that's not what He created, that's not what He wanted. There are robots now that are being developed to embed this Artificial Intelligence, because once you start developing something that it's like imitating the mind of a human being. Then the sky is the limit as far as what a robot can and cannot do, not only in a factory but in any kind of enterprise. So, there are many uses of AI that are taking place already, like for example:

- autonomous vehicles
- in medicine
- in customer service

There's a lot of robots that now are solving easy problems when you call a place. This is being used in all kinds of applications because it's giving competitive advantages to the enterprises that use it.

I'm going to read you one paragraph of the conclusion from the author about AI where he says:

Artificial Intelligence is a powerful and rapidly evolving technology that is transforming industries and shaping the future. By understanding how AI works through

- machine-learning
- neural networks
- Deep-learning
- its real world applications

you can appreciate the impact AI is already having in our daily lives. As AI continues to evolve it will become even more integral part of our world providing innovative solutions to some of humanity's biggest challenges whether we're

- solving climate change
- improving healthcare
- enhancing creativity

the possibilities are limitless!

The journey of AI has just begun and its potential is truly exciting!

That's what the author says!

- What does the Bible say about this?
- What does God say about this?

*That's really what matters; **the only Source of Truth is the Bible and what it says!*** That what has been and what it is has already been is also true.

Gen. 11—we see that there was a point in time when they got to a point that God didn't want humanity to reach. Yet, at that time in Gen. 11—this is post-Flood. This is what happened at the Tower of Babel.

We're going to read this account, and I want now—with the backdrop of what we just read in this article—is to start thinking about the things that scientists are thinking about and what they are developing and building: and:

- why
- the purposes
- where this is all going

because we're going to see a lot of similarities to what we read here in:

Genesis 11:1: "**And the whole earth was of one language and one speech**."

This is actually what we have today; most of the world now communicates in English as far as most nations. We know probably most number of people: probably Chinese and Hindi and other languages where there's a lot more people, but the universal language the language of business the language of commerce is English.

But there's another language that all these scientists are speaking and it's *computer language,* and we are reaching this point.

Verse 2: "And it came to pass, as they traveled from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar. And they settled there. And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, 'Come, let us build us a city and a tower, *with* its top reaching into the heavens. And let us establish a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered upon the face of the whole earth'" (vs 2-4)

I would like for us to stop and understand what happened before; they said: "...'Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.'....'"

Obviously from other raw materials that God has created; ***men cannot create anything from nothing*** that's absolutely true, and the same thing is happening with AI!

Instead of bricks ***it's the Internet!*** That's one thing that the whole AI is based on. It's all the knowledge that is available 24/7 on the web.

- that's what is building
- that's what is training

It's not just the knowledge on the Internet—the reason why the applications instead of being packages in your computer, saved locally on hard drives and in your computer—that's the reason why they went online. That's the whole reason why *the cloud* was created.

They saw the potential that if we put everything on *the cloud* and everybody is going to be working and loading everything into the cloud, we have access to all of that data. ***Instead of selling you the software they're selling you the license the license so that they actually can have your data and use it for whatever purposes they can do in the background*****:** whether it's training other machines or continuing these things.

So, we see that the same thing of creating your own raw materials, it's happening and it's been happening for years now, where they're gathering this data on *the cloud* where they're using all this data on *the cloud,* where they're putting all of these AI tools and productivity enhancements within your software and your tools. That is basically following every step you take and understanding the steps you take.

Why? Because that's *machine-learning*; that's training the machine and becoming more efficient. But that's what it is, and instead of asphalt for mortar, again, creating the raw materials. That's what they're doing, they're getting information from everybody. We provide information:

- through our cell-phones
- through our searches
- through the things that we do every day

That's what they're doing! It's no different, it's just a modern version of the same thing!

Then when they say, "...'Come, let us build us a city and a tower, *with* its top reaching into the heavens. And let us establish a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered upon the face of the whole earth'" (v 4)

Basically what they're saying, 'Let us establish a name **for ourselves** **let's just be like God** let's try to reach the heaven, **let's try to be like God**,' *and that's exactly what the scientists are trying to do right now!* ***They're trying to create, to imitate!***

They probably argue the pinnacle of the creation is mankind—arguably the pinnacle of all of that is the brain and our ability to think—that's what they're going after. They're going after ***synthetic versions of human intelligence that God created! They're creating copies of that they're trying to emulate human behavior!***

As Fred has mentioned, it's true, ***it's all a compilation of all the knowledge of man!***

- it's not the Knowledge of God
- it's not the Truth of God
- it's not the Plan of God
- it's not understanding the Great Purpose

It's actually blinding us!

Instead of connecting up to God, we're connecting down to man. We're creating creations: robots, humanoids, ***things after our own image!***

So, it's important to understand that what is really happening, because that's what it says that's what they that's what they wanted to do.

Verse 5: "And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men had built. And the LORD said, 'Behold, **the people *are* one** and they all have one language....'" (vs 5-6).

We have that same thing today! "...**and this is only the beginning of what they will do**..." (v 6).

Listen to the next sentence, because ***IF*** it doesn't remind you what we just read in the article ***I don't know what will!***

"...**now nothing, which they have imagined to do, will be restrained from them**" (v 6).

We're seeing it in commerce where people are using robots, humanoids and Artificial Intelligence to do things that they have never been done before. Why? *Because there were certain things that were inherently risky and they would never risk a human life for the sake of discovery or research!* ***But:***

- now they can send a humanoid
- now they can send a robot
- now they can put sensors
- now they can put cameras

*All the technology is advancing in such a rapid pace that **we are there!***

"...**now nothing, which they have imagined to do, will be restrained from them**" (v 6). *That's exactly what is happening today!*

Verse 7: "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language so that they cannot understand one another's speech."

Again, we see the plurality of God. We see God the Father and Jesus Christ!

Verse 7: "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language [speech]..." *and that's what They did!* ***They intervened and we're getting to that point!*** There's a lot of other things that have to happen in history, there are a lot of other things that are coming down the pike.

But let's make no mistake this technology is creating beings and trying to create this utopia, ***beings in our likeness!*** There are a lot more Scriptures, and we're going to continue this topic next time! A lot more Scriptures of what the Bible says about Artificial Intelligence and how God views these attempts by man of recreating itself, and creating a 'better' society and:

- whether we should do that
- whether we should we use this technology
  - ✓ how should we use it
  - ✓ how should we view it

There are a lot of questions still to be answered, but They intervened here; that's what we see, ***and we know that They're going to intervene again:***

- when Christ will come again
- when the whole world is about to completely destroy itself because of the evil of mankind

But for right now we're going to leave this message here and we'll retake this topic this our message of ***In Our Image*** next time I hope everybody continues to have a wonderful Sabbath Day!

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1) Genesis 1:26-27
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