



From cosmic to artificial intelligence: The struggle for human consciousness

In ancient times, human beings perceived intelligence and thinking as a cosmic gift from the Gods. Eventually, it was experienced as a human capacity, nourished by means of proper education. Yet today, humans create technology and „self-learning systems" based on what is called „Artificial Intelligence" (AI).

Adepts of the contemporary philosophical current of „Transhumanism" (that had its beginnings in Futurism and early Bolshevism) dream of „enhanced" human beings by means of AI as a new species, even as a starting point of a new cycle of evolution or the „atonement for the fall from Paradise".

What does this debate mean today especially for education and its role in furthering the abilities of human consciousness, cognition and intelligence? What will happen to one of the fruits of human intelligence: the potential for inner and outer emancipation and self-determination of the human individual? Does the growing reliance on AI deprive humans gradually of decision capability or even of free will? These questions are to be addressed.

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