

# **Artificial Intelligence & The Bible**

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It seems that leftists have found their newest weapon in attacking organized religion. Indeed, it's already shown to have numerous threats to other aspects of life as well.

Artificial intelligence has been a hotly debated topic recently, generating fears of it becoming too powerful too quickly. Many notable figures, from Elon Musk to Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak signed a letter in March of 2023 urging the development of AI to halt for at least six months for proper risk assessment.

Even with all of this concern, artificial intelligence has continued to push forward and now has its eyes set on taking down established religions. Two major figures in the World Economic Forum (WEF), senior advisor Yuval Noah Harari and chairman Klaus Schwab discussed how AI could be used to “write a new Bible.”

*A Slay News article covered the discussion between the two top WEF members saying how old technologies such as the printing press and television could only “spread ideas created by the*

*human brain.” In contrast, “AI can create new ideas.”*

*The two men discussed how when the Bible was first printed in mass, “it did not create a single new page.” Of course, it would make sense that someone simply spreading the word of God would not need to add their own opinions and beliefs to the work, but the men saw an issue with such a concept.*

*They claimed there was a problem that the printing press “had no ideas of its own about the Bible,” and that was a problem. The men also claimed, “Throughout history, religions dreamt about having a book written by a superhuman intelligence, by a non-human entity.”*

*“In a few years, there might be religions that are actually correct... just think about a religion whose holy book is written by AI.”*

It seems that AI doesn't just plan to overthrow established religion either, but also intends to infiltrate it as well. AP News covered a recent church gathering in Fuerth, Germany that used a

ChatGPT chatbot with an avatar instead of a proper pastor.

The service was designed by Jonas Simmerlein, who is a theologian and philosopher at the University of Vienna. Nonetheless, even with some human touch on the project, it's best described as eerie.

"I conceived this service — but actually, I rather accompanied it, because I would say about 98% comes from the machine," Simmerlein said about the AI service.

The service itself was done at the convention Deutscher Evangelischer Kirchentag, which takes place every two years across different parts of Germany. The convention discussed the Protestant faith and current world topics, this year discussing the war in Ukraine, global warming, and artificial intelligence.

One service attendant said, "There was no heart and no soul. The avatars showed no emotions at all, had no body language, and were talking so fast

and monotonously that it was very hard for me to concentrate on what they said.”

Another attendant who researches technology ethics noted that “AI is very human-like and that it’s easy to be deceived by it.”

AI shows an immense threat to organized religion. From the people who want to use it as a way to overthrow what has been established to those who are already prepared to be complacent in its arrival, religion seems to have never faced a threat like this one. This certainly looks concerning, but no man-made machine will ever become deified, regardless of how hard it tries.