

Notes: April 10 2021

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

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6. Announcements

7. Praise and Worship Songs
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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Beware of The New Tech Religion

What I am about to share with you could fall under the umbrella of the War Against Adonai, our Tuesday evening themed Bible Study were we look at a battle that transpires both from within the body of Messiah and outside the body of Messiah.

The battle within occurs primarily from those who identify as believers, yet their intent is to deceive and lead astray, for Kefa warns of just such dangers...

2Pe 2:1 But among the people there were also false prophets, just as there will be false teachers among you. Under false pretenses they will introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, and thus bring on themselves swift destruction.

2Pe 2:2 Many will follow their debaucheries; and because of them, the true Way will be maligned.

2Pe 2:3 In their greed they will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their punishment, decreed long ago, is not idle; their destruction is not asleep!

Then you have the obvious battle from the outside. Those who are actively intent on attacking all aspects of the body of Messiah and one's faith, demeaning character, under-minding credibility and denouncing the God we knowingly, lovingly, follow and serve.

I doubt many of you have heard the term “transhumanism or transhumanist” If you have, you may think it means something different than it actually does.

*The **prefix trans-** and its variant **tra-**, which **mean** “across,” appear in many English vocabulary **words**, for example: **transmit**, **transform**, and **trans-cultural**. Consider the **word translation**, which is the carrying “across” from one language into another. We in the congregation use the word transliteration whereby you are taking one language and phonetically presenting it in another language. We take Hebrew and present it in an English form for purposes of pronunciation.*

***Transhumanism** is a philosophical movement, the proponents of which advocate and predict the enhancement of the human condition by developing and making widely available sophisticated technologies able to greatly enhance longevity, mood and cognitive abilities.*

I share this with you because of an article I read this week entitled “[Transhumanists Aim To Replace God With Machines Through Digital Immortality](#)”

The article begins in this manner...

*Transhumanists have hyped the new religion of high technology for decades now. The basic idea, fairly prevalent in Silicon Valley, is that rapid advances in scientific knowledge and tech innovation will culminate in our *de facto* omniscience and omnipotence. Even though humanity is lost in a godless cosmos, digital devices will allow us to transcend our ape-like forms.*

As Google's Ray Kurzweil famously quipped, “Does God exist? I would say, ‘Not yet.’”

Who is Ray Kurzweil you might ask?

Kurzweil, 69, leads a team of about 35 people at Google whose code helps you write emails.

His group powers Smart Reply, the feature on the Gmail mobile app that offers three suggested email replies for you to select with a tap.

<https://www.wired.com/story/what-is-ray-kurzweil-up-to-at-google-writing-your-emails/>

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-immortal-ambitions-of-ray-kurzweil/>

The author of the article, Joe Allen continues...

One day soon, they promise, we'll use artificial intelligence to overcome the limits of our meat-based cognition. According to Yuval Noah Harari's 2015 best-seller “Homo Deus,” computer programmers will realize the age-old fantasies of shamans and prophets by creating a virtual version of the spiritual realm. These Davos darlings are certain “God is dead,” but Google still wants to patent His best ideas.

We have seen a lot of strange things occur in the name of science and yet I make you aware of this little known movement of transhumanism because you are seeing pieces of it today. It is more prominent than you realize and impacts your everyday life.

For a moment, lets go back in time, over 50 years to a much simpler time and consider the original Star Trek series...

***Star Trek: The Original Series**, debuted on NBC. The show tells the tale of the crew of the USS Enterprise and its five-year mission "to boldly go where no man has gone before" aired from September 1966 to May 1969. Its airing did not last as long as its five year mission, yet in its brief first encounter it became a futurist's muse in captivating the minds of scientists.*

A futurist is a person who studies the future and makes predictions about it based on current trends

Consider what was introduced by the series years before their actual invention and introduction to the world...

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This was only a sampling of things we have today whereby the concept first appeared on a regular basis in Star Trek episodes.

I could have gone on and included Siri, Alexa and Cortana, voice assistants and IBM's Watson...in other words, talking computers.

Why am I sharing this with you?

What seemed implausible at the time has become a reality and thus part of our everyday life. We did not have to go hundreds of years into the future but merely a generation or two.

The development of artificial intelligence (a wide-ranging branch of computer science concerned with building smart machines capable of performing tasks that typically require human **intelligence**) is the pursuit of nations with the intent of gaining control of people. Yet, the romanticized aspect of transhumanism is extending one's life. Consider this excerpt from the article...

The concept behind digital resurrection goes back to the “Ship of Theseus” paradox, articulated by the ancient Greeks. Imagine you have a huge wooden ship. You gradually replace the rotten boards with new wood, plank by plank. Eventually, every old part has been replaced by something new. Is it not the same ship as before, only better?

Transhumanists seek to do the same with the human personality. Every neuron will be replaced by networked processors — and then some. For example, to preserve himself for future immortality, Alexey Turchin [submits](#) the details of his life to “ubiquitous surveillance.” In addition to keeping a trivia-packed diary, he records every conversation, videotapes his behaviors, and wears an EEG headset while making art or listening to music. He has faith that one day some godlike AI will use this tedious information to “resurrect” him.

You might say, this really doesn't affect me...I don't believe in an Artificial Intelligence based resurrection. Well, then consider this...

In the blink of an eye, we saw the rapid migration of personal interaction to social media. It's now normal to document a child's life for public consumption by total strangers. For many, the privacy barriers have already been broken down. We've made ourselves vulnerable. The craziest part is that most have enjoyed it.

Doing so, without actual thought. Consider that nothing is free, yet has anyone paid even a penny for Facebook's access? You may not have paid tangibly but you have paid and been paying. What you don't see is revealed in the fine print of the user's agreement whereby you have given Facebook permission to use your personal data in exchange for the use of their platform.

Consider this observation from the article...

In all of this, we see an increasing detachment from the real world of visceral struggle, heartbreak, and redemption. Without these challenges, people don't develop character or deep social bonds. Anime-obsessed man-babies are a symptom of this tendency. The insane desire for “digital immortality” is another.

Technocracy is being normalized at an alarming pace. If a population can be convinced that kids need state-supplied hormone blockers to become self-realized, it's only a matter of time before they're ready to upload their souls to corporate data banks. In fact, just hack into their smartphone and you'll see they're already doing it.

One of the darker tenets of the techno-cult is that their innovations are necessary for survival. Anyone who chooses to reject body modification, cognitive enhancement, or mind-uploading will be like job applicants who come to an interview with no smartphone or social media account. They'll get left in the dust.

What is transpiring is really no different than our ancestor's pursuit as influenced by the Adversary...

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any wild animal which Adonai, God, had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You are not to eat from any tree in the garden?'"

Gen 6:5 Adonai saw that the people on earth were very wicked, that all the imaginings of their hearts were always of evil only.

Gen 11:4 Then they said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city with a tower that has its top reaching up into heaven, so that we can make a name for ourselves and not be scattered all over the earth."

The very sin laden heart still exists today with the pursuit of the cult of technology. Only this time it isn't a tower that is being built but a means to capture one's immortality and thus create a technological resurrection.

Consider the words given to Daniel as a warning of the future...

Dan 12:1 "When that time comes, Mikha'el, the great prince who champions your people, will stand up; and there will be a time of distress unparalleled between the time they became a nation and that moment. At that time, your people will be delivered, everyone whose name is found written in the book.

Dan 12:2 Many of those sleeping in the dust of the earth will awaken, some to everlasting life and some to everlasting shame and abhorrence.

Dan 12:3 But those who can discern will shine like the brightness of heaven's dome, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

Dan 12:4 "But you, Dani'el, keep these words secret, and seal up the book until the time of the end. Many will rush here and there as knowledge increases."

Knowledge is increasing at an exponential rate. Just consider the phone, one of the examples I shared with you earlier...

In the 1870s, [Elisha Gray](#) and [Alexander Graham Bell](#) independently designed devices that could transmit speech electrically. Both men rushed their respective designs for these prototype telephones to the patent office within hours of each other. Bell patented his telephone first and later emerged the victor in a legal dispute with Gray.

Today, Bell's name is synonymous with the telephone, while Gray is largely forgotten. But the story of who invented the telephone goes beyond these two men.

<https://www.thoughtco.com/history-of-the-telephone-alexander-graham-bell-1991380>

It would not be until 1973 that the first cell phone was commercially introduced. Known as a brick, given its size it would be nothing like the phones you have in your possession.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mobile_phone

For those keeping track, we are talking roughly 100 years from the invention of the wired phone to the introduction of the wireless phone.

From 1973 and the introduction of the wireless phone, advancements would continue with the rapid buildout of communications towers, thus creating independent cells whereby transmission of a signal would occur. By 2000 cell phone carriers Verizon and AT&T were promoting nationwide coverage. The duration – 27 years

Cell phones were not intelligent at first. They were basically a phone and nothing else. Then from the brick

to the flip phone you would be introduced in 1996...23 years.

From the flip phone to the smart phone, first being the Blackberry in 1999 where you could send and receive email from your phone. Then the iPhone and Androde phones with touch screen capabilities and the ability to connect to the internet were introduced in 2008 – 12 years from the flip phone to iPhone.

Notice the shrinking duration of time between innovations. Knowledge is increasing.

Consider further that on June 3 1969 Star Trek was cancelled and on July 21, 1969 Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon. The computers used to direct that mission were not nearly as powerful as the phone you have in your hand.

The introduction of the first microprocessor, the Intel 4004 contained 2300 transistor circuits on a single integrated circuit for processing, while the iPhone 12 and iPhone 12 Mini use **Apple's** six-core **A14 Bionic** processor contains 11.8 billion transistors.

The increase in knowledge is real as are the trappings that come with it. We don't think twice about the technology around us as it has been introduced into our lives. Yet the subtle means by which we have come to embrace that which we can't imagine ever having lived without should cause us to pause for a moment.

The concern is in where these advancements are heading. The Adversary is known for his subtle influence and use of other's words intended to accomplish his mission.

Mat 4:5 Then the Adversary took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the Temple.

Mat 4:6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "jump! For the Tanakh says, 'He will order his angels to be responsible for you. . . . They will support you with their hands, so that you will not hurt your feet on the stones.' "

Mat 4:7 Yeshua replied to him, "But it also says, 'Do not put Adonai your God to the test.' "

Quoting Psalm 91, the Adversary would use the very Words of Adonai to tempt Yeshua in the second of three attempts.

Thus I believe he will and does utilize that of others for his own purpose, to deceive the body of Messiah.

Am I saying that all technology is evil, no. Am I saying to toss your smart phones and let's leave the grid...no.

Today was to share with you things that you are not likely aware of happening as we speak and at warp speed.

Consider the words of Yoseph to his brothers when he revealed himself to them.

Gen 50:19 But Yosef said to them, "Don't be afraid! Am I in the place of God?"

Gen 50:20 You meant to do me harm, but God meant it for good—so that it would come about as it is today, with many people's lives being saved.

Gen 50:21 So don't be afraid—I will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he comforted them, speaking kindly to them.

Technology is not in the place of Adonai. Yet many are intending its use to circumvent Adonai, creating a virtual resurrection. Benjamin Franklin conveyed that the only certainties are death and taxes. Even with all the technological advancements, this observation still remains true today.

No matter how high we build the tower of technology, we will never reach the throne of Adonai. We can't go to Him, but He will come to us.

Eze 43:6 I heard someone speaking to me from the house, and a man was standing by me.

Eze 43:7 He said, "Human being, this is the place for my throne, the place for the soles of my feet, where I will live among the people of Isra'el forever. The house of Isra'el, both they and their kings, will never again defile my holy name by their prostitution, by [*burying*] the corpses of their kings [*on*] their high places,

And let close with the inspired words of Yochanan from his second letter...

1Jn 2:18 Children, this is the Last Hour. You have heard that an Anti-Messiah is coming; and in fact, many anti-Messiahs have arisen now—which is how we know that this is the Last Hour.

1Jn 2:19 They went out from us, but they weren't part of us; for had they been part of us, they would have remained with us.

1Jn 2:20 But you have received the Messiah's anointing from HaKadosh, and you know all this.

1Jn 2:21 It is not because you don't know the truth that I have written to you, but because you do know it, and because no lie has its origin in the truth.

1Jn 2:22 Who is a liar at all, if not the person who denies that Yeshua is the Messiah? Such a person is an anti-Messiah—he is denying the Father and the Son.

1Jn 2:23 Everyone who denies the Son is also without the Father, but the person who acknowledges the Son has the Father as well.

1Jn 2:24 Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, you will also remain in union with both the Son and the Father.

1Jn 2:25 And this is what he has promised us: eternal life.

1Jn 2:26 I have written you these things about the people who are trying to deceive you.

No technology can produce or even replicate that which the author of life has promised. For it is the author of life that offers the sole authority pertaining to a life that is resurrected. Therefore, know what is happening and do not be deceived.

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/04/06/transhumanists-aim-to-replace-god-with-machines-through-digital-immortality/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transhumanism>