

“You Will Be Like God”: The Rising False Gospel of Transhumanism

Transhumanism: “Philosophical and scientific movement that advocates the use of current and emerging technologies...to augment human capabilities and improve the human condition.”

—Encyclopedia Britannica

What Transhumanists Believe

1. Man has evolved from nothing
2. The world and humanity face many problems
3. Salvation from the problems of the world come through technology
4. Through human advancement, humans can reach a perfection for eternity

The Gospel According to the Word of God

1. Creation—God created a perfect world with perfect creatures to commune with Him :
Genesis 1-2, Jeremiah 32:17, Revelation 4:11
2. Fall—Man sinned and because of sin, man is under the judgment of God
 - a. Romans 3:23, 5:12, 6:23
 - b. Fourfold Death
 - i. Judicial Death—found guilty
 - ii. Spiritual Death—separated from God
 - iii. Physical Death—bodily decay and eventual demise
 - iv. Eternal Death—torment of an eternity away from God and His grace
3. Redemption—Jesus reconciled fallen man to the Holy God through His death on the cross :
John 3:16-17, Ephesians 1:7
4. Restoration—Jesus’ righteousness is imputed to those who believe restoring them to God for eternity : Romans 5:1, 10:9-13, 8:33-39

The Gospel (Salvation Message) According to Transhumanism

1. Creation—There is no creator; humans are self-creators
2. Fall—There is no sin, only bad things in the earth, and usually humans are the cause of the problems
3. Redemption—No redemption because there is no sin; humans can evolve to fix the problems they have caused
4. Restoration—The problem of death can be solved by technology

Humanity at the Center of Our Own Salvation

1. *Gene Editing*: “A method that lets scientists change the DNA of many organisms including plants, bacteria, and animals. Editing DNA can lead to changes in physical traits, like eye color, and disease risk.”—National Human Genome Research Institute
2. *Synthetic Biology*: “A field of science that involves redesigning organisms for useful purposes by engineering them to have new abilities.”—National Human Genome Research Institute
3. *Artificial Intelligence (AI)*: “Computer systems that can perform complex tasks normally done by human-reasoning, decision making, creating, etc.”—NASA
4. *Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCI)*: “System that determines functional intent—the desire to change, move, control, or interact with something in your environment from brain activity.” Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary.

Ethical Question: Where do we stop?

1. These technologies can be used for cures to disease and disorders
2. The debate of cure vs. enhancement

The Spread of Transhumanism

1. Julian Huxley—First Director of UNESCO and “Father of Transhumanism”
2. Nick Bostrom—Oxford Professor and Director of the Future of Humanity Institute
3. Elon Musk—Founder of Neuralink
4. Jeff Bezos—Financier of Altos Labs
6. Ray Kurzweil—Director of Engineering at Google
7. Dr. Yuval Noah Harari—Professor of History at Hebrew University of Jerusalem
“His books have sold 50 million copies in 65 languages, and he is considered one of the world’s most influential public intellectuals today.”—ynharari.com

The Message of Transhumanism

1. “You will be like God”—Genesis 3:4-5
2. “Let us make a name for ourselves”—Genesis 11:3-4
3. Through progress humans can be their own god

What Does This Message Mean for the Church Today?

1. A false gospel is spreading—Be on the alert
2. Be as a watcher on the wall—1 Peter 5:8
3. Faithfully wait for Jesus—Matthew 26:41
4. Be thoughtful about Technology—James 1:17
5. Boast in God alone—Psalm 20:7-9
6. Look in eagerness to the Lord’s Day, in faith alone—2 Peter 3:12-13