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Artificial Intelligence, The Tower of Babel and God's Word

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As you all are aware, we live in a broken world of sin wherein 'self is god', and the use of God's infallible word is deemed meaningless or relative, and up to the cultural 'whatever' interpretations that bring happiness, pleasure, and control for you and those around you. As a scientist prior to entering the seminary, I taught that science was always in service to the word of God. When scientific biotechnology reverses this approach and our gadgets become our gods then we enter what C.S. Lewis stated in his book: *The Abolition of Man*—"Each new power won by man is a power over man as well (p. 58) . . . For the power of Man to make himself what he pleases means, as we have seen, the power of some men to make other men what they please (p.59) . . . eventually, Lewis concludes, we reach the abolition of man.

Lewis taps into the Biblical story about the Tower of Babel in his third 'space trilogy' book titled: *That Hideous Strength*. Sir David Lindsay writes in his 1552 poem titled *Ane Dialog* commenting on the abuse of power and self-pride regarding the Tower of Babel: "That when the son [sun] is at the height, -- At noon when it does shine most bright,--The shadow of that **hideous strength** Six mile and more it is of length. Thus ye judge, into your thought, if Babylon be high, or not."

As Martin Luther writes on the Tower of Babel: "'Come, let us build *OURSELVES* a city and tower.'" These words are evidence of smug hearts, which put their trust in the things of this world without trusting God and despise the church because it lacks all power and pomp.' . . . "Was this not colossal pride and great contempt for God that without asking God for advice . . ." (pp. 211-12, vol. 2, Luther's Works).

And St. Paul adds: "All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. **24** Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. . . . **31** So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:24, 31).

When I saw the mayor of Miami, Mr. Francis Suarez (a republican presidential candidate) use ChatGpt to artificially generate his face for Q/A, we have entered not only the beginnings of a new-Tower of Babel, but also, where all things lawful/permissible shedding its never ending shadow on a Neo-Gnosticism wherein the body is plastic and malleable, meaning little to nothing, self is god.

To engage in this Neo-Gnostic lifestyle' of our sexuality is to flee Biblical creation as clarified in the '1981 CTCR document noted, "the person, understood to be essentially a spirit, soul, or consciousness, is imprisoned. . . . To attempt to escape the fact of our sexuality is to attempt exactly the "besets the contemporary world and contemporary Christendom," and which it reminds us, "...ought to be resisted in the name of the Redeemer who is also our Creator.'" (Dr. David Adams, Prof of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO).

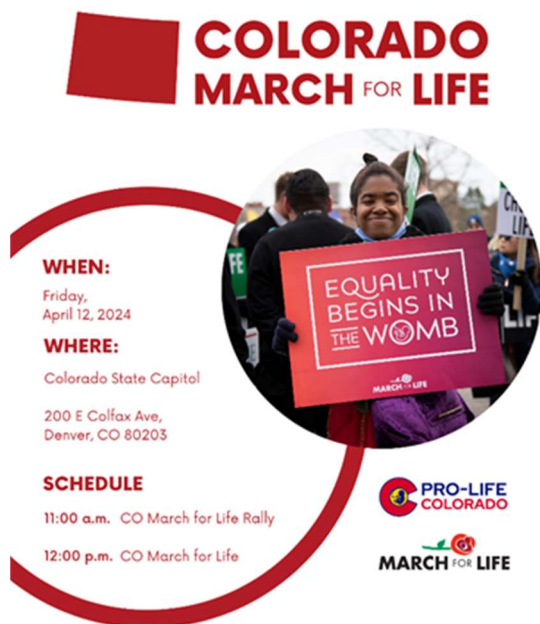
We have already seen what happens in certain abuses in the bio-reproductive field such the eugenics seeking the perfect child via egg and sperm donation, puberty blocker uses in teenagers, transmen and transwomen, same sex unions, and now the use of AI in various computer games, equipment, presidential advertisements, and other venues. With AI, we may be facing the ongoing reconstruction of mankind apart from "I believe that God has made me and ALL creatures. . . ."

How will Christians view our humanity in Christ? Regardless of the biotechnologies that we use and are faced with daily, we are to return to the basics of worship, catechetical instruction, parenting and know that our faith holds to the words and promises of our resurrected Jesus Christ.

AI is not fearfully and wonder fully made; but as for you and me: 'Yahweh's eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me . . . (Psalm 139:16).

Resources on this topic:

- Artificial Intelligence, SALVO magazine, Issue 64, Spring 2023 (conservative magazine published by The Fellowship of St. James, \$30 for 4 issues. This magazine is helpful in addressing current biotech concerns. They have published other AI articles).
- C. S. Lewis, The Hideous Strength, Scribner Paperback, 1996.
- C. S. Lewis, The Abolition of Man, Harper San Francisco, 1944.
- Gifford, A. Grobier, General Editor, From Taboo to Delight: Ethics of Sex, CPH, 2017.



COLORADO MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, April 12, 2024, Colorado State Capitol
Rally at 11:00 a.m., March at 12:00 p.m.

<https://marchforlife.org/colorado-march-for-life/>

RSVP with March for Life at this link: <https://p2a.co/dMdinj3>

Let's be sure we have a great LCMS presence at this event! We're planning an LCMS Prayer Service close by prior to the rally (probably around 9:00 or 9:30 am). More information to come!

Please also respond on our LCMS Life Ministry event page at this link:

https://www.lcms-life.org/need/detail/?need_id=819363

Click on the "Respond" button to register. Please share this and encourage those planning to participate to register on this page, also. It allows us to get a good count of LCMS participants.

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