

AI Company's Feature Allowing Users to Commune with the Dead: 'Antihuman and Demonic'

The Babylon Bee often laments that the real world has gotten so zany, it's getting harder to satirize.

"Black Mirror," the Netflix anthology series that explores what happens in the near-dystopian-future where reliance on technology runs amok, must be thinking the same thing.

Tech company 2wai gave the "Black Mirror" writers a run for their money when company co-founder Calum Worthy shared a video of the company's newest application.

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Before that, however, we should unpack what 2wai does: Its app effectively creates a digital avatar to function as an AI assistant. It's Amazon's Alexa feature, if Alexa were a digitized person on a screen.

On Tuesday, Worthy took to X to share 2wai's latest functionality – and it did not go over well with the masses.

In short, 2wai's new functionality includes the ability to record a loved one to create a digital recreation of them within the app that you can interact with forever.

Worthy's video showed a family where a grandmother was able to speak to multiple generations of her family through 2wai, despite having passed away.

John Daniel Davidson, senior editor at The Federalist, tore into the video and the dangers of AI at large.

“It’s impossible to overstate how antihuman and demonic this is,” he posted to X Thursday. “People think the problem with AI is that it will take our jobs. The real danger is that it will rob us of the fullness of our humanity, of real lives and loves, and create instead a dead world of digital shades.”

The Daily Wire’s Michael Knowles, meanwhile, simply shared how he felt after watching Worthy’s video: “Perhaps the most horrifying thing I’ve ever seen.”

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“We cannot even predict the kind of damage this will do to people’s brains,” another conservative poster wrote. “Digital necromancy.”

On a biblical level, this “digital necromancy” is so very wrong. The Bible warns repeatedly about trying to commune with the dead. This is obviously a different form of it than what people were doing in ancient times, but the principle still stands. It still represents humans attempting to exercise undue power over something that is in God’s dominion – life and death.

Look, I get it. It’s easy to see how this sort of technology would be appealing, especially for those in mourning. And I’m in no position to tell people how to mourn.

But the blurred line between AI and reality is not good for anyone, especially mentally.

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Anyone who is having an ongoing conversation with an AI

version of a deceased loved one, as depicted in this commercial, is not in a healthy place. The widespread adoption of this sort of tech would be disastrous.

Thankfully, it's clear most people agree.

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