

Apocalypse on the Rise: Godfather of AI Warns Technology Has Become 'Immortal'

The “godfather of AI,” Geoffrey Hinton, has issued a chilling warning about the rapidly accelerating world of artificial intelligence. In a discussion on “The Diary of a CEO” with Steven Bartlett, Hinton emphasized the staggering speed at which AI is advancing and the profound implications this has for society, jobs and even human survival.

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When asked whether AI could be slowed, Hinton was blunt: “I don’t believe we’re going to slow it down.” Global competition between countries and corporations is driving AI faster than ever, and others would likely offset any attempt by a single nation to slow the technology. Even more alarming is that super-intelligent AI systems vastly smarter than humans in nearly every domain could arrive within 20 years, possibly sooner.

Hinton noted that while companies promised to dedicate a large portion of their computing power to AI safety, those commitments were later scaled back—a decision that could have lasting consequences.

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One of the most immediate challenges Hinton highlighted is job displacement. Unlike previous technological shifts, AI

threatens to replace mundane intellectual labor entirely. For instance, routine office tasks that once took 25 minutes to complete can now be completed in five minutes with AI assistance—effectively allowing one worker to do the job of five. Hinton warns that this could lead to fewer jobs available across many sectors, from legal assistants to administrative roles, and that the usual expectation that technology will create new jobs may not hold.



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The implications extend beyond the workplace. AI's ability to rapidly clone, learn and sync knowledge across digital platforms gives it a form of digital immortality. "We've actually solved the problem of immortality, but it's only for digital things," Hinton explains.

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Ultimately, Hinton's message is urgent and sobering: AI is no longer just a tool—it is a transformative force with the potential to reshape civilization. In a time where people now engage with AI as a substitute for romantic relationships with others, and are even attempting to have AI children, it is clear that we are on the brink of something lethal. Some have even taken the advice of AI to the extreme, unto the point of death. For Christians, this is the time to use wisdom and discernment, praying and holding fast to the Lord in all circumstances. It is people, not artificial intelligence, that Jesus came to save and redeem.

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