

Revisiting Issues of The Use of AI in Epicurean Philosophy

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I deleted my LinkedIn account a few weeks ago.

(Quick side-note, AI killed my industry a few month ago, so I'm trying to get into technical writing).

The last activity I registered on LinkedIn was a comment thread about the ethics of using AI in self-published authors' works. The comment section was active, mostly with (per their profiles) employed professionals who made livings producing all kinds of literature. The author published the post as a question: "**What % of your book can ethically be written by AI?**"

My response of "0%" was met with unanimous hostility.

... *specifics aside*, they're all professionals, and none of them expressed commitment to functionally *writing* all of their own, well, *writings*. Each one of them was defending the position that an author's job boils down to, "One, solid thesis statement. THAT'S the real brilliance." Seriously, the thing they thought made them "skilled writers" was their capacity to write a solid thesis statement, not brainstorming, not research, not education, not outlining, not production, not editing, the editing, the editing, the editing, the editing, the endless editing that can fall to infinity.

Regardless of whether or not a ghost writer is made of silicon, **the ghost writer** is the **real** writer of a piece of literature, not the superficial name attached to the cover. That goes for everything.

They're not putting the same effort into their professional tasks that you two, [Cassius](#) and [Don](#) are here, as is also [Bryan](#) and [Joshua](#) and **many, many** others on this forum who dedicate **extensive** study to a pursuit (and doing so without a financial incentive).

It's frustrating, and I have a lot of criticism about it ... *but*, as of now, it's also *the case*. I think I have to let go of the hot ball of spite I've been clutching, because I can't stop this. We can't put the lid back on this box. We'll just have to deal with it, and, if recent experience is any indicator, we're going to go through a period where ... let's just say I'm really hoping that our species won't split, and everyone connected to AI will become Eloi and the rest of us will become Morlocks.

I've seen great uses of AI, and I've seen abominable uses for it. I think we're all still working all of this out. Every new tool throughout human society has always been disruptive. It always

allows new people make new fortunes while threatening the stability of those who have already prospered. It eliminates old lifestyles and presents new options. We'll each have to figure out what to do with it, and, eventually, we'll collectively form opinions about the desirability of it to continue.

In the meantime, I'm no longer using spellcheck. 😊