

Using Google AI to generate translation of ancient Greek words

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I'll admit discussions of AI can raise my hackles.

I've been thinking about this (actually it's been festering in my brain - along with Eikadistes' plea to not use AI generated “art”). Really, it sometimes more than “raises my hackles.”

To call AI-generated “art” art is, to my mind, a lie. It's not the notations on paper (or a screen) that makes Beethoven's Ninth Symphony art: it's the human genius that produced it. The poetry of, say, William Butler Yeats, is only art because of the complex human mind that produced it. The most perfect AI-generated painting in the style of a Picasso is still just - a forgery.

Although I think that online friendships between real people *can be* real friendships, the notion of being “friends” with a Siri or an Alexa or such is a delusion. A philosophical Garden “populated” by AI bots is a “brave new world” I wouldn't want to be part of. A basketball game whose moves and outcome are AI generated, with CGI “players” - instead of the to and fro of real players - is not a game I would want to watch.

I'm not a total Luddite with regard to AI, as I noted. But I think we need to recognize that there are certain dehumanizing potential uses.

(I also would consult a real, live research librarian before relying on AI. 😊)

Maybe that's all crudely put, but I wanted to get it off my chest ...