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Critical Studies - Week 3

Future Library

Word Background:

From the 20th century to the 21st century, humans have experienced The Age of Steam, The Age of Electricity, and Information Age. The development of the Information Age has pushed the development of biology, especially neuroscience. After five centuries of research, humans have conquered the structure of the human brain and created a whole new world of organic tissues such as neurons.

How is the world?

In the world 500 years later, a brand-new man-made organic organization (a product of biological development) has replaced cement and steel bars and has become a brand-new building material. This material can be changed according to the needs of different buildings. For example, the building of the fitness centre will autonomously perform photosynthesis and respiration, so that the oxygen content inside the building is always maintained at the most suitable ratio for exercise. Through this symbiosis with nature, the climate problem has also been greatly alleviated

About Library

The library is also composed of organic organizations. Books, or knowledge and information, are converted into neurotransmitters by humans through technology and stored in organic tissues. Humans no longer use vision to read to acquire knowledge, but to "read" through neuron connections: people use an artificial organic thread, one end is attached to the back of the head, and the other is connected to the interface provided in the library. Information (knowledge) is transmitted from the library to the human brain through organic lines in the form of neurotransmitters. The efficiency of information acquisition has also doubled.

The library is open to all humans. At first, it was a project for the government to explore how to apply neuroscience research results. As a result, the powerful information acquisition efficiency

was favored by humans, and it quickly spread to every city. Because neurotransmitters are easy to transport, libraries in every city can have the same amount of information storage. This enables the residents of each city to have equal access to knowledge.

In this mode, people who lack the ability to accept or decode these neurotransmitters become a new type of disabilities. In response to this problem, the library provides "physical information" printed on organic organizations. At the same time, the library also provides other forms of information acquisition, such as smell, touch, taste, and hearing.

Some Personal Thinking:

I think human beings' nostalgia for physical carriers will be consistently maintained. Whether it's the ancient Egyptians recording history through mural paintings, or ancient China recording events through oracle bone inscriptions (carving words on tortoise shells), this seems to have become The feelings of human beings. In modern times, humans let Voyager 1 carry a golden record with music is also a good example. I think future books will also be recorded on a new materialized carrier. This is the behavior that people are trying to prove that they have existed.