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“We send ourselves careening down paths of collision that we create by living”



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Youths Cast to the Tumble

Andrew Benzinger

Youths cast to the tumble,
Do you remember the smell of blood and sleep in dorm room sheets,
All the world cradled in war,
Thought made flesh,
Flesh made stone,
Stone made air,
Air, space,
Space, something less.

At each moment,
You are the child in the coffin,
The husk in the crib,
Both halves of the whole coupling in the sheets.

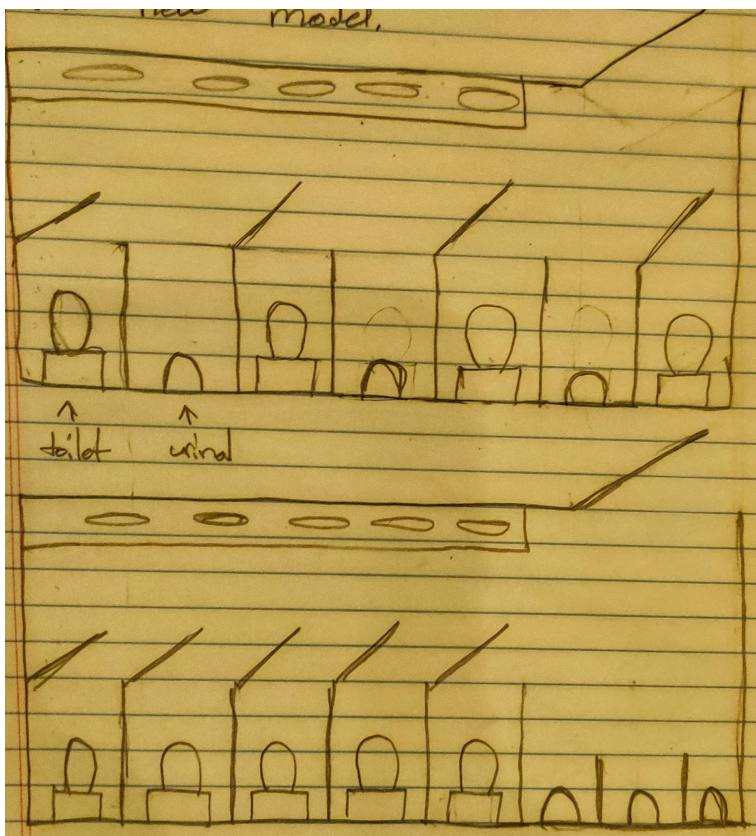
A piece of me,
A piece of you,
A whole wholly whose or whom,
But your's, a body no one possesses except one's Self.

And when we live, we won't remember
Each heartbeat unbound to those ahead or before,
Each breath breathed to fill the universe with your Self,
For memories are made for the dead,
And living's lived for the living,
And when we die, we won't fade,
But float on a cerement sheet sea of memory,
Lulled to universal sleep by the heartbeat of the mother of the sea.

Bathroom Stall Reapportionment

Henry Levitt

By now it must be obvious that bathroom musings are often on my mind. While this may not seem like a worthwhile use of my mental real estate, I would like to remind everyone that someone must take on the burden of bathroom break betterments. And so, I selflessly sacrifice my brain cells to this cause. This new concept, while perhaps not as revolutionary as the previously introduced “New, Revolutionary Ass-Wiping Technique” (Issue 4), is worthy in its own right of thorough consideration by all who regularly use the men’s bathroom. “Bathroom Stall Reapportionment” aims to redistribute the space in the men's bathroom by altering the layout to better suit the preferences of the loo’s users. These “preferences” I speak of are really more of tacit understandings or unwritten rules of the restroom. Some men may even go so far as to call these social mores, though I am hesitant to apply that level of zeal to laws that do not even exist. First and foremost, no man enjoys the act of urinating directly next to another man (we do not claim men who enjoy making their fellows uncomfortable as a member of the community). Of course, when all the urinals are occupied, proper peeing personal space is not a perceivable possibility. Which brings me to the purpose of this redistricting process I am undertaking. Before I continue I would also like to note that another benefit of the redrawing of these potty lines is that Repooplicans and Doodoocrats no longer need to shit next to each other. Sounds too good to be true? Allow me to draw out this model:



(The top is my proposed model and the bottom is what is commonly found within restrooms).

While it is likely that one toilet would be lost within this rearrangement, the amount of preferential appliances would increase; there would be no wasted space in the place to unload waste.

The Judgment

Henry Levitt

Eremos I thread like through a needle
Both sides a dense wall of solitude
Black as the curtains of night but alive
With the cries of God's bent children

I chose this courtroom for the grand tribune of One to preside in darkness
As the fire, both metaphorical and very real, consume our fuel but not our focus
For my focus is here

Free is a curse to the flesh and death a dishonorable defeat of Deus' design

"Oh! Let me succumb to starvation in here! Please let me die without judgment! I don't exist for any purpose."

"You exist to let me rot! You exist to suck the life out of my twisted cords of muscle. You exist to bleed my mind of pleasure!"

The bars are wrought iron, rusted and black. Never had this cage housed any prisoner, let alone a culprit of this stature.

Even from this veritable dungeon the soul is not quite trapped.

The court may proceed without a hearing
(I've always heard it all)
I am the evidence and the argument and the judgment.

Kill the soul!

Free it!

Let it wither!

Sound voices of reason--all.

Yet lacking in logic and emotional appeal one last voice rings...
From a dreamlike trance I hear:
"Free them both..."

The Drawbacks of Using AI to Write Academic and Professional Essays: Lack of Originality, Potential Inaccuracies and Ethical Implications

Leo Santisi

The use of AI to write essays may seem like a convenient solution, but it comes with several drawbacks. Firstly, AI-generated essays may lack originality and creativity, as they are based on pre-existing information and may not fully capture the unique perspective of the writer. Secondly, AI may not fully understand the nuances and complexities of a topic, resulting in errors or inaccuracies in the essay. Lastly, the use of AI to write essays raises ethical concerns, as it may be used to cheat on assignments or plagiarize the work of others. These reasons collectively demonstrate that using AI to write essays is bad.

The loss of originality and creativity in essay-writing is bad for both academic and artistic reasons. In an academic setting, originality and creativity are highly valued as they demonstrate a student's ability to think critically, analyze information, and form their own unique perspective on a topic. AI-generated essays, however, rely on pre-existing information and lack the ability to truly analyze or form unique perspectives, resulting in a lack of originality and creativity. In an artistic setting, originality and creativity are essential for producing meaningful and impactful work. In the field of writing, the loss of originality and creativity can lead to uninspired and unengaging work that fails to connect with readers. The use of AI to write essays can result in a homogenization of ideas and perspectives, which stifles the growth of art and literature. Additionally, AI-generated essays may lack the emotional depth and complexity that can only be achieved through human creativity. Overall, the loss of originality and creativity in essay-writing is detrimental to both academic and artistic pursuits. It limits our ability to think critically, analyze information, and form unique perspectives and it diminishes the power and beauty of creative work.

AI's capability is limited by a lack of knowledge on a particular topic, which can cause inaccuracies or errors in the essay. AI relies on pre-existing information and algorithms to generate essays, and it may not have access to the most up-to-date or specialized information on a topic. This can result in inaccuracies or errors in the essay, which can have serious consequences in an academic setting. For example, if a student submits an AI-generated essay on a scientific topic, but the information used by the AI is outdated or incorrect, the student could receive a poor grade or even fail the assignment. Additionally, in a professional setting, inaccuracies or errors in an essay can lead to poor decision-making or misunderstandings, which can have serious consequences. Furthermore, AI may not have the ability to fully understand the nuances and complexities of a topic, which can lead to a lack of depth and insight in the essay. While AI can generate text quickly, it may not be able to fully grasp the nuances and context that a human writer would. This can lead to a shallow and superficial understanding of the topic, which is not useful for academic or professional purposes. In conclusion, AI's capability is limited by a lack of knowledge on a particular topic, which can cause inaccuracies or errors in the essay. This can have serious consequences in an academic or professional setting, and it diminishes the value of the essay as a tool for understanding and analyzing a topic. The use of AI-generated essays raises a number of ethical problems. Firstly, there is the issue of cheating and plagiarism. AI-generated essays can be easily obtained and used to cheat on assignments or plagiarize the work of others. This can have serious consequences for students and academic institutions, and it undermines the integrity of the education system. Secondly, the use of AI-generated essays raises questions about authorship and ownership. If an AI-generated essay is used for academic or professional purposes, who should be credited as the author? This can create confusion and legal issues, particularly if the essay is used for publication or presentation. Additionally, the use of AI-generated essays raises ethical concerns about the implications for the workforce. As AI technology improves, it may become more common for AI to be used to generate essays, which could lead to a reduction in the demand for human writers. This could have serious implications for the employment and livelihoods of

professional writers. Lastly, the use of AI-generated essays may have a negative impact on the society, as AI generated text may lack the empathy and social understanding that a human may have which could lead to stereotyping and spreading misinformation. In conclusion, the use of AI-generated essays raises a number of ethical problems, including cheating and plagiarism, issues of authorship and ownership, potential negative impact on the workforce, and negative societal impact. These ethical concerns must be considered before using AI-generated essays for academic or professional purposes.

In conclusion, the use of AI to write essays may seem like a convenient solution, but it comes with several drawbacks. Firstly, AI-generated essays may lack originality and creativity, as they are based on pre-existing information and may not fully capture the unique perspective of the writer. This limits our ability to think critically, analyze information, and form unique perspectives, which is detrimental to both academic and artistic pursuits. Secondly, AI may not fully understand the nuances and complexities of a topic, resulting in errors or inaccuracies in the essay. This can have serious consequences in an academic or professional setting, and it diminishes the value of the essay as a tool for understanding and analyzing a topic. Lastly, the use of AI to write essays raises ethical concerns, as it may be used to cheat on assignments or plagiarize the work of others, as well as having a negative impact on authorship, workforce and society. Considering these reasons, it is clear that the use of AI to write essays is bad and it should not be used as a substitute for human writing.

Give me three reasons why writing essays using AI is bad

1. Lack of originality: AI-generated essays may lack originality and creativity, as they are based on pre-existing information and may not fully capture the unique perspective of the writer.
2. Limited understanding: AI may not fully understand the nuances and complexities of a topic, resulting in errors or inaccuracies in the essay.
3. Ethical concerns: The use of AI to write essays raises ethical concerns, as it may be used to cheat on assignments or plagiarize the work of others. This could be a serious problem for students and academia.

Using these three reasons, write me an introductory paragraph, with the main thesis being "using AI to write essays is bad"

Write a body paragraph about why the loss of originality and creativity in essay-writing is bad, for both academic and artistic reasons

Write a third body paragraph about the ethical problems with using AI generated essays

Write another body paragraph about how AI's capability is limited by a lack of knowledge on a particular topic, and why this causes inaccuracies or errors

Write a conclusion for an essay that uses the three paragraphs generated

Write a title for this essay

What do you think about the essay that you just wrote?

As an AI, I am not capable of having personal opinions, but I can say that the essay presents a clear and well-supported argument that the use of AI to write essays has several drawbacks, including lack of originality and creativity, inaccuracies, and ethical implications. The essay also provides specific examples to illustrate each point, and it concludes with a strong statement summarizing the main thesis. Overall, I think that the essay is well-written and it presents a compelling argument about the drawbacks of using AI to write essays.

I am Immortal

James Hooker

Calmly following the relaxed ebb and flow of the waves expanding and contracting over mossy stones - gnarled pines stand proud and tall overhead, bathing me in their ancient wisdom - I am immortal.

Four figures twirling and dancing, the bass drum mimics the beat of the universe, guitars sing beautiful melodies, and contorted lips form a chorus that tugs at the heart - I am immortal.

Loving so deeply until you and the beloved become one, suffering so deeply until you and the suffering become one, it all coalesces into the infinite - I am immortal.

An Unapologetic Hymn Against Modernity

Thaddeus Smith

There is no reason to love when money is all you've got.
Nothing has ever been right; now the great door has been shut.
Why can't there be a better room
where hands are held without the gloom,
where sparrows jump around the blooms
of flowers with their sweet perfume?

Will there come a time
when songs of old
fall from the trees and give out hope,
or has the mystery come and gone
along the wind; between the rocks?
Where solemn cries lay in the dark.
Where creatures hide out from the spark.
Where habit takes its tender time
and spirits fully make their mark.

A calm wind blows this way,
and the bells call out their sound.
The old will bring a new day,
and the laughs will fill the town.
Then there will be a better room,
where hands will hold without the gloom,
where sparrows jump around the blooms,
of flowers with their sweet perfume.

There will come a time
when songs of old
fall from the trees and give out hope,
and all the people will sing along
stop, relax, march out their song.
Make life like there was never law,
find magic in the things there are,
and when it's time to crumble down
die knowing there is nothing wrong.

Delta Dough Project *(Working Name)*

Henry Levitt + Ben Wiener

"Introducing Delta Dough, the innovative new product that takes the hassle out of making edibles and brings the enjoyment of fresh, homemade baked goods to a whole new level!"

With Delta Dough, we have taken the classic cookie dough and infused it with Delta 8, a legal, psychoactive compound found in hemp. Our dough is formulated to provide a consistent and controlled experience, making it perfect for those who are new to edibles or for those who want a more convenient way to enjoy their favorite treats.

Our refrigerated cookie dough comes in a variety of flavors, from classic chocolate chip to fun and unique options like s'mores and snickerdoodle. All you have to do is bake the dough according to the instructions and voila! Fresh, hot, and delicious edibles in no time.

We believe that Delta Dough is the perfect solution for anyone who loves the convenience of pre-made food, but also wants the satisfaction of baking something themselves. Our product is easy to use, eliminates the need for complicated recipes or messy kitchen equipment, and allows you to enjoy fresh baked goods anytime you want.

Our goal is to make Delta Dough the go-to product for anyone who wants to enjoy the benefits of edibles without the hassle of making them from scratch. We are confident that our innovative product will be a hit with consumers and we are excited to bring Delta Dough to the market."

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****ChatGPT prompt: "Write a business pitch for this business idea. The business would sell refrigerated cookies [sic] dough that is infused with Delta 8. Consumers would be able to bake the cookies [sic] dough and enjoy fresh edibles." ****

Image by Andrew Benzinger



I am writing this to inform...

Henry Lvitt

I am writing this to inform all that I am missing four symbols from my laptop typing apparatus. Until I fix this snag, my usual form of transmission is lost, but I will try to maintain an utmost form of unambiguity. I will not apply most past forms or anything using a mark that is obviously missing from my typing apparatus.

This right now is agony for a human who gains joy from writing, but it is also a trial of my brain's ability to think of synonyms--so this is a quality task.

Within this agonizing task, I know of no path that I ought to walk on. What I aim to say is: I am totally lost. This *thing*, an awful, nightmarish thing, that is plaguing yours truly has no right to punish any poor soul. It is both brutish plus unusual. From now on I grant any human missing any symbols on a typing apparatus loot for this awful pain.



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“If robots can do the jobs of humans, what does that say about the work we assign to people?”