

Natural Intelligence

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There is apparently a new subject of indignant distress, a danger thought to be so acute that it is feared to be likely to destroy life as we know it: the so-called "*Artificial Intelligence*".

Notwithstanding that no clear definition of the word "*intelligence*" was ever devised, let alone "*artificial*", it seems that those commentators who would most profit from artificial intelligence, since they seem to be lacking in natural intelligence, are profusely demonstrating again ignorance, intellectual laziness, fear of the unknown, and also hysteria.

I suggest they apply whatever natural intelligence they still command to try to understand the meaning of "*Artificial Intelligence*".

Since "*artificial intelligence*" puts clearly at a disadvantage those who thrive on delusion, lies, manipulation of the crowds, gas-lighting, hypocrisy, fake indignation, fruitcake news, propaganda, or self-serving vilification, there is little wonder that politicians, first and foremost, should feel threatened in their very existence by the new monster. Some governments, such as the Italian, have even started to ban "*artificial intelligence*" outlets, although only for the wellbeing of their constituents, of course.

There was a time in the 1980s when accountants all over the planet were adamantly battling the introduction of accounting computer software, which they perceived as an existential threat.

Speaking about intelligence, why is it that although no one will really nurture severe murder impulses against you if you accused him of being dishonest, a cheat, or a thief, your life is in peril if you tell someone he is an idiot, probably because he is well aware of it and won't be able to disprove the accusation?