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**The Unknown**

Humanity had a tremendous fear of the unknown. Humans like to be able to anticipate the consequences of events. If they don’t know what’s going to happen as a result, a huge fear begins to form. One example of this was Christopher Columbus attempting to sail around the world. Him and his crew had no idea what to expect and they thought they might fall off the planet. Another example involves more recent events and that includes the advancements in developing Artificial Intelligence (AI). Elon Musk, founder of Tesla and Space X, has been one of most notable Tech Leaders in recent years and according to Musk “I think we should be very careful about artificial intelligence. If I had to guess at what our biggest existential threat is, it’s probably that. So, we need to be very careful.” Musk has been an investor in the advancements of AI; however, he makes a point that even though we can keep advancing in this field in technology, is it morally right to do so. We can create these things so well, they could eventually turn on us. This is a fear not only by Musk but by countless people around the world; however, the people developing these robots only care about making money. Deciding what is and what isn’t morally right is the last thing on their mind.

Another fear that many people have today is that of extraterrestrial life. Extraterrestrial’s have been reported, dating all the way back to the time of the Egyptians. There are countless theories and stories having to do with extraterrestrial life; however, proof of other life other than humanity has never been officially proven, which is why many people fear extraterrestrials. We don’t know if they are friendly or if they are out to hurt is. There are theories on both sides, but nobody knows. The movie *“The Day the Earth Stood Still”* gives a very good depiction of humanity’s fear of extraterrestrials and the fear of artificial intelligence. The movie starts off with an unknown flying object landing in Washington DC. Due to this event, countless soldiers arrived on the scene, preparing for the worst because they had no idea what to expect. There were countless guns, tanks, and artillery weapons pointed at the UFO. When the alien humanoid, Klaatu, finally emerges, he explains that he is coming in peace; however, he is still shot by one of the nervous solders because he appeared to pull out a weapon. After he was shot, the humanoid’s robot, Gort, tried protecting him by melting all of the solders weapons and tanks. As the plot continued, Klaatu proved to not be a menace to society at all; however, people continued to fear him and attempted to hunt him because they were unsure of what he can do. Klaatu tried reasoning with the people of earth, however, none of them would listen to him. He said if he can’t get through to these people he is going to have to resort to violence because it’s all they seem to know.

Everyone fears the unknown because they do not know what to expect from it. With technology, we are developing machines to learn on their own. This is terrifying a lot of people because they think that if machines get advanced enough they could take over. Then there’s extraterrestrials. There have been countless reports of ET’s visiting earth, but nobody knows if they are true. If they are true, nobody knows what their purpose would be for visiting. The fear of not knowing what’s going to happen is what people are constantly scared of.