Ethical Narrative Expectations

**Overview**

The purpose of this assignment is to explore why you think AI is valuable using fictional narrative (i.e. sci-fi). Using your imagination, write a 1000-word short story that involves an AI-driven technology (real or imagined) that you think would make the world a better place. In other words, what would the world look like if AI were used in the way that you hope it will be? Write a story that shows what it would be like to live in this world. Bear in mind that the purpose of this assignment is not to demonstrate your skill in fiction-writing, but to practice exercising your moral imagination; there should be clear themes of moral and ethical importance in your writing.

**Grading Criteria**

1. Is the author’s idea of what makes for a “better world” clearly identifiable?
2. Does the author present a clear idea of the “good life” for humans?
3. Is there an AI technology that clearly contributes to this “better world” and “good life”?
4. Are there identifiable ethical or moral values that this AI exhibits or promotes?
5. Is it clear how the author views the relationship between humans and machines – i.e. what role and/or rights machines have in this world?
6. Is it clear that class discussions/course readings have shaped the ideas in the narrative?