Reading Questions: Article 3 Kalin Johnson

Summarize the Article:

When artificial intelligence is guided by ethics, it can improve our ability to provide diagnostics and interventions in medical applications, but it cannot eradicate the effects of the Fall such as death or disease.

Summarize the Verses:

Both the righteous and the evil will go through trials on earth, but only those who believe in Jesus Christ will have victory over death and eternal life. While on this earth, we should love and help each other through life's challenges. We are called to carry each other's burdens and look out for the interests of others. We can do this by using medical technologies to improve people's quality of life and prevent early deaths. Medicine is a powerful tool that has dramatically changed how people live, and artificial intelligence is one avenue by which we can continue to improve medical practices.

What are your general thoughts?

There are a wide variety of uses for artificial intelligence in the medical field that are improving the lives of people every day. It is also a challenging field because of the focus on the human body and changing the course of nature. There are many changes such as preventing or curing illness that align with God's calling for us. On the other hand, there are many ways artificial intelligence and technology in general can be used to go against God's will for our lives. It is vital to address these issues before or while they are happening instead of after, which is what the article is doing.

Do you agree with everything?

I agree with most things in the article. When artificial intelligence is used ethically, it can help us fulfill our calling to love other humans and help them carry their burdens. Additionally, it should not be used in a manner that undermines human dignity. It cannot replace Jesus in our lives by eliminating the effects of the Fall.

Do you have any additions or changes to this article?

The word that brings up the most questions in the article for me is the use of improving in the last sentence. The author might have used a more extreme definition of the word than I usually associate with the term. I don't think all improvements to humans are bad, which the article suggests. I think extending someone's life by curing an illness or giving an amputee a new arm or leg are examples of improving human beings. Therefore, I think the author should have more clearly defined their terms or used another word in its place.

Do you have any additional questions?

How should Christians approach conversations about these topics with people who have different values? What should Christians do to prevent these lines from being crossed?