Reading Questions: Articles 9 and 11   Kalin Johnson

Summarize the Article:
The first article affirms that there are morally good applications of artificial intelligence by the government to ensure the security and safety of human life. The second article states that governments should not be responsible for setting norms around artificial intelligence, and AI should not replace the government and be the governing authority over humans.

Summarize the Verses:
The two articles had the same verses except for an additional verse listed under article 11. A central theme of this set of verses is to submit ourselves to authority because they have been placed here by God and they are God's servants. Rulers are put in place to keep order here on earth by punishing evil and rewarding good. These have always been challenging verses for me. I can imagine they were as hard to think about when they were written as today. There are many people in authority that are do not do what they are called to do as leaders in this passage. The authority discussed in these verses is humans in a position of power, and an AI in that same position would cause a very different dynamic.

What are your general thoughts?
 The articles make solid points about artificial intelligence's role in government in regard to security and positions of power. It is a tool that can be used to benefit the lives of the people by protecting and preserving human life. I liked the line in the public policy article about how the public should shape and craft policies instead of the government or those who develop the technology.

Do you agree with everything?
I didn't find anything in the articles that I disagreed with. They make statements that fit with my perspective on the role of artificial intelligence in government. My only thought is that people should not interpret the article in a way that justifies an AI that overreaches the role of the government and controls the lives of its citizens in order to give them security. I think this is very unlikely in the context of the rest of the articles.

Do you have any additions or changes to this article?
The first article primarily deals with security questions related to the government. Many non-government companies and individuals in the industry use artificial intelligence for security. The statements provided in the article should apply to them as well. I was not expecting the article on security to specifically discuss the government's role to build a flourishing society. I think it would make more sense to apply the standard more broadly. This would follow the same general form as the other articles around it.

Do you have any additional questions?
The responsibilities of the government described in the first article could be in conflict in different situations. How would someone choose between the different responsibilities?