Less Like Terminator More Like Wall-E

After my attempted murder, my wife was given two choices. The first being to let her husband and father of her child die. The second was to save my life by giving consent for me to undergo a procedure to turn me into a "cyborg" of sorts. Of course she chose the second option. Now that I've gone through with the procedure and I am now half man, half machine, this puts me in a unique position to give my opinion on artificial intelligence.

I do believe that I feel genuine emotion. I also believe that I can totally understand and comprehend human emotion. This is why I see no problem with the idea of artificial intelligence being able to experience human emotion. The ability for us to do this allows us to create a closer and stronger bond with humans. Humans can relate themselves to us better if they know that we feel what they feel and understand it as well. They may also be able to make themselves more comfortable around us and feel safer in our presence. We as machines can better fit in society with this ability and I see it as a beneficial quality for us to have.

Machines being able to feel and comprehend human emotion opens up more opportunities for us as well. With human emotion, my job as a part of law enforcement is made easier. I can better help people when in a dangerous situation. I can also care for people in shock after witnessing a devastating crime, such as a shooting. Artificial intelligence working as a doctor can also use emotion to help comfort someone losing a loved one in the operating room. The possibilities for robots with human emotions are truly endless.

Since I am a machine, I am seen as more efficient than a human being. I do not see myself in this way though. I would much rather sacrifice efficiency for human emotion.

Emotions are what drive me to solve the crimes that I do. The passion and determination I feel are what fuel me to catch a criminal. This proves my argument that emotions are more beneficial to robots and their work than the actual efficiency itself. The human emotions we could have should be what make us so efficient. That is what is needed for humans and machines to coexist from my own experience.

In order for machines to not be seen as aliens in human society, we must have human emotion. This is what can change our relationship with humans and the dynamic in which we exist with them. Without emotions, artificial intelligence will remain seen as superior to human beings rather than a means to help them. This is why I feel, without a doubt, that machines should and need to be able to feel and understand emotions just like humans. This concept could be what advances or impedes the progress of artificial intelligence.