**The Construct of Emotion**

What is choice? Why is choice the main difference between humans and the robot I was turned into? Choice is the ability to weigh the possible good and bad of outcomes of a probable action. It is a complex and great feature that stems from a human’s abstract and unfathomable part of the mind known as consciousness. This is the ability that separates humans from any form of machinery, the ability to think and process information with a sense of compassion. AI should never have human emotions because they may become far too powerful and could rebel against society. This threat can be far too strong for anyone to stop. Therefore, AI shouldn’t be given human emotions.

Recently, I was injured in a near-fatal accident that would have left me paralyzed with fourth-degree burns covering my body. An accident of this magnitude would not have allowed anyone to lead a normal life. My wife’s only option to have a normal family was to have my body turned into a cyborg by a company known as OmniCorp. While my mind remained present, I became nearly indestructible and was sent as a beacon of hope to help save my city as a bionic police officer. With the rising controversy of drones protecting the streets, my transformation was the only viable choice.

Once I was fully renovated into the machine I am today, problems pertaining to my mind and matter began to occur. Ideas such as the importance of choice, the perception of emotions, and the ethical justification of efficiency began to surge through my mind. In response to the article, machines should not make sentient choices on their own. Before the accident, I saw a story on the news about a child that was killed only because he had a knife within his possession. This incident shows that machines cannot make the kind of rational evaluations that the human mind constructs.

In my new body, the mystery of what makes a person human constantly goes through my mind. As humans, we have emotions, and they permit us to make rational judgements. While the microprocessor in my brain controls my actions, there is no time to think. Hesitation is not an option, for there is only action. There was no human emotion going through my mind when the chip took over.

This then raises the question of what makes a man a “human”? The *Merriam-Webster* dictionary says that it is “a living bipedal primate mammal”. This implies that a human is living but then raises the question of what living means. Some say that emotion makes people “human”. Emotion helps us make coherent and sound decisions. Machines aren’t always capable of making ethical decisions. In multiple forms of media, such as *Terminator* and *2001: A Space Odyssey,* AI is nearly always portrayed in an over-bearing manner, to take over and rise in some fashion. Even the smallest chance of AI using emotions to cause crime, would be the ultimate reason for not allowing AI to have human emotions.

Finally, the possibility of AI having human emotion having a positive effect is unlikely. I know the danger that can be caused by rogue people. A machine with the freedom of choice will rebel. Therefore, AI should not have human emotions.