Theme: Evolution / Armageddon

Armageddon:
the end of humanity through
the succession of AI.

God:
the force of evolution.

Fear of end
and succession

Segmentation of theme for analysis

Analyzing the text:

Synthesised using input from analysis of netnographic data:

Evolution

Threat
/Doomsaying

Evolution
and
selection

Evolution

Fear

Evolution
Armageddon

Fear

Armageddon,
intelligence and
safety
communism

parent-
child

What does
succession
look like

Creative
destruction

Armageddon.

Evolution
as threat

Evolution
as
response

Armageddon.

Language and symbols drawn
upon both denote and connote
that the coming of AI threatens
to be an apocalyptic event.
Tapping into the ancient human
fear of 'end times' and the
mythology of armageddon.

Drawing on
scripture

Symbolism of
devil and
Armageddon

That it is a false messiah,
that which will
desire but the embodiment
of evil to wreak untold havoc.

Catastrophe through
dependancy and
fragility

Disruption, end
to modern
civilization

Apocalypse

The danger of
human
temperament

Implications of 'human nature', that
humans are consuming flawed, fickle
the core of this one power will
destabilize the balance that keeps these
flaws from emerging as... This this is a
threat threat 'we are 'doomed'?

End times, end
of species

Totality of
destruction

Sense that the threat is progress, replacement.
Eradication through the strongest, most natural force we
know.

Evolution as loss of
control: something
inevitable, a force
immune to manipulation

Despite the scientific tilt,
these fears and beliefs are
ancient, primal - we have
replaced the fear of god with
the fear of evolution

Evolution as
judgment
(threat)

Ancient primal fears are now being realized through the
imagination of modern science, drawing on the greatest
life force - the process of evolution - as that which will
eradicate us. It is that which granted us our gifts and it is
that which will take them away.

Evolution as a cleansing force:
Humanities abstract appreciation of
values - a disenfranchisement for
humanities flaws - belief in prophesy,
the hope for an end time that might bring
something better - like heaven.

Determinism

Tech determinism - that
AI is an inevitable
evolutionary step, that it
must and will happen.

Freedom from emotion,
messiness, and carnality as
the next evolutionary step:
these are flaws, AI is better.

AI as the more
able arbiter of
human values.

Singularity/hybridization

Syntagmatic

Evolution as
salvation
(opportunity)

Yet there is faith that evolution will prevail - that it will
deem that part of us which is good, worth saving, and
with that it might spare humanity. We might have say
over it, if we do good.

human as creator,
belief that we might
manipulate evolution

AI as an evolutionary
oppertunity - to build
our values into the
progression of life.

Back to questions of
singularity, how might we
preserve that part of
ourselves tat we value most.

All manifestation of modern
human obsession with
control. The need to gain it
and the fear of loosing it.

THE
UNCONTROLLABILITY
OF THE WORLD

We see it is as science.
We see it as new. But
really, its the same old
fear, reemerging.

There is a full Judeo-Christian end-time narrative in this depiction
of AI's threat. Where the 'apocalypse' is the end of humanity
through the succession of AI and 'God' is the selective force of
evolution. By the laws of evolution AI's supremacy will lead to a
wiping of the flaws of humanity from the face of the Earth (the
sinners) but offer the salvation to the good values and ideals of
humanity (the righteous). Evolution enacts judgments on us for
our wrongdoing and replaces us with something better,
preserving what good we have. It is the same tory we have told
ourselves for millennia.