

Proverbs 23-02-22b

We resume our study here, and we have noted in chapter 8 of Proverbs looking at these first eight verses that there is an objective source and standard for truth which communicates righteousness and justice and there is only one such source, and that is God himself. Anything else is either of the world, our own flesh, or the dark forces headed by Satan himself. And this truth is sort of self-evident, and yet it is surprising how freely it is ignored in practice.

As we pick up in verse 10, actually verse 9, all the words of my mouth are with righteousness. Nothing crooked or perverse is in them, says Lady Wisdom in verse 8. In verse 9, they are all plain to him who understands and right to those who find knowledge. This is the principle of the parable.

Jesus says, I speak in parables because those who are able will understand them. They are plain to him who understands and right to those who find knowledge. This is a choice.

It is establishing priorities. If we ask, it will be given. If we seek, we will find.

If we knock, it will be open. Otherwise, the wisdom of God in the scriptures and personified in the Lord Jesus is opaque. It will be misapprehended, misunderstood, misconstrued, and misapplied.

Even by believers, even doing so in the name of Jesus, and in the name of God, and in the name of Christianity, the distortion, the lack of foundation, the lack of understanding will produce results akin to, I believe it was Justin Martyr who read, if your eye offends you, pluck it out. If your hand offends you, cut it off. And then he proceeded to emasculate himself because he felt he was guilty of sexual sin.

This is looking at the wrapping and looking at the box and not understanding the content. It is looking at something in literal terms and not understanding its deeper, higher, and more pervasive significance. But we find this even communicated in the Old Testament.

Verse 10, chapter 8, Proverbs, Receive my instruction and not silver. Now, does this mean accept no money, never let anyone write you a paycheck? What is this saying? Receive my instruction and not silver, knowledge rather than choice gold. If you have a choice of material prosperity at the expense of divine wisdom, don't take that path.

If you are able to live in a wonderful house and drive a fancy car and have pretty much anything you want that can be purchased with money, but it comes at the cost of your spiritual life and your ability to perceive, grasp, and apply divine wisdom, that is a bad bargain. Many individuals have to make a choice. If they're going to exercise their

spiritual gift, then you can't take a prosperity path.

It is necessarily going to be a different kind of prosperity that you enjoy. It is a fuller and in many cases future prosperity that requires sacrifice in the present of those things, which is really no sacrifice at all. For wisdom is better than rubies and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.

All the things one may desire cannot be compared. All the things one may desire. What is the hook of the crafty harlot? Desire.

I've got a desire. It's innate. It's built in.

I can't help myself. It's in my DNA. It's natural.

It's biological. Sorry, no. There are no end of biological urges that have to be suppressed, resisted, and overcome in the pursuit of God's righteousness.

This is why I don't buy the arguments that people are born with certain predilections that should just be granted and accepted and enfolded into the church because it's out of your control. You've just got that that urge and your desires are in that direction. We recognize that some of these urges cannot be tolerated under any circumstances.

I don't believe I have seen any churches that are embracing and enfolding pedophiles. That may come, but I haven't seen it yet. Well now what you're saying is so I do have a line.

I just draw my line differently than yours when it comes to whose lifestyle and whose partnerships and whose relationships I am willing to accept. As a church, an organization is willing or not willing to accept couples living together out of wedlock. I am willing to accept someone who got a divorce under flimsy pretext and is now taken up with a different person, but they're okay in our church.

Same gender relationship, they're okay in our church. We believe that God would not reject these people when they're just following an inbuilt desire. Well, so do you have no line on inbuilt desires? Somebody who's a serial rapist, no church is going to be able to make that fly.

Pedophilia, bestiality, nobody is going to be able to make that fly. So they do have a line. Now it's just where do you draw it? Well, we should draw the line where the Bible draws it and there are certain things that are proscribed, prohibited, not acceptable, representative of evil.

Granting that there are people that can start from an early stage in life feeling impulses and feeling urges and attractions. I am here to tell you everybody is born with predilections and affinities and desires and inbuilt attractions that can be described as a

lust. Everybody has them.

Everybody is called by God to control those. Do not engage, do not assent, do not feed worldly lusts. When lust has conceived it bringeth forth sin and sin when it is finished bringeth forth death.

And the fact that some of them just seem so beatific and well, isn't it right if we love each other, if we make a commitment? That is a human social construct and belief and standard that does not reflect scripture. So as soon as you start whittling away some of the standards in scripture, you have granted yourself a license to whittle at will. I don't like this one.

Guess what? You know this one over here kind of gives me a problem as well. And oh, well this entire book is kind of a problem. I'm going to decide that Paul didn't write it or the Old Testament has been completely superseded, so I don't have to pay attention to Joshua and the Canaanites.

I don't have to pay attention to warfare and slaughter and many other things that pertain in Old Testament days. I'm going to decide that those are evil because I find them to be evil. I'm not going to use the biblical standard.

I'm going to use my standard. I trust my internal magnetic compass because it can't be wrong if it feels so right. I was testing Alexa the other day, and I said Alexa, play You Light Up My Life by Debbie Boone, and I got to refresh my soul by listening to the whole song with its very unhappy lyric.

It reminds me of another, there's so many songs, Torn Between Two Lovers. You want to hear one that'll just rake fingernails across a chalkboard for you. Review the lyrics of the song that came out, I think, in the 70s.

Torn Between Two Lovers, Feeling Like a Fool, Loving Both of You is Breaking All the Rules. Yes, it is, so don't do it. Pick one, tell the other one goodbye, and quit being torn between two lovers.

It's not that hard. It's a choice. Oh no, I'm just torn.

You know, I just can't make up my mind. Pathetic. It's just pathetic.

So wisdom is speaking here. Verse 12, I wisdom dwell with prudence. Prudence, we studied this word early on.

The insight in terms of application. I chart a prudent course. I don't chart a dangerous course.

I don't walk in the counsel of the ungodly. I don't stand in the way of sinners. I don't sit in the seat of the scornful.

When you think about that, how many times have we revisited Psalm 1? But there is so much there. Blessed is the man who doesn't walk in the counsel of the ungodly. It doesn't say he's following it, perpetrating it, implementing it, communicating it.

He's just walking along with it. He's cooperating with it. It's a companion on his road.

Or stand in the way of sinners. It doesn't say he has become a sinner, or he's perpetrating sins. He's standing where sinners stand.

He's walking where the ungodly talk about their counsel. You know, people would converse on journeys, just like when you're on a car trip. It's wonderful to be in a car with some one or more people that you have close ties and fellowship with, and many distractions are eliminated, and you can talk and explore ideas, and converse, and express opinions, and enjoy wonderful communion on a journey.

Well, this is what people have done since ancient times, but if you're walking down the road and the conversation and the communion is with the ungodly, you are exposing yourself to the counsel of the ungodly by walking with them and continuing to converse with their point of view on an extended basis. Standing in the way of sinners. You don't have to be sinning, perpetrating sin.

You haven't joined the guys in Proverbs 1 that said, let us go lie and wait for blood, but you're standing where sinners stand. You're hanging out where they hang out. There's three or four of them congregated at a street corner, and you've joined the group.

Well, I haven't done what these guys did last night. I'm just kind of standing with them. I'm associating with them.

Or sitting in the seat of the scornful. So the scornful sit and perpetrate scorn and dismissive, derisive behavior. Well, I'm just sitting where they sit.

I haven't yet done what they do, but you're blessed if you don't put yourself in association. Don't go where opportunity exists to be ungodly or to sin or to scorn. Avoid the way.

Pass not by it, turn from it, and head in a different direction. Scripture exhorts. Don't put yourself in a position to where sin or ungodliness or scornful behavior is even possible.

Take the potential away. Some chat board is a place where you end up getting into ugly fights. Don't go there.

Hanging out with somebody inevitably draws you into gossip and maligning and judging. It's amazing to me when I tune pianos, I am in environments where there are people, and I'm tuning the piano. People are in another room, and they're talking or they're sometimes watching TV, or I'm at a church, and you know, ladies who are going to meet

me there will typically bring another lady along if it's my first time tuning because they don't know me.

It's very prudent and wise to not be alone with a guy in an empty building that you don't know. Even, you know, reputation notwithstanding, references notwithstanding, it's very wise. It's very prudent.

I think it's very smart ladies. They'll bring one or two other ladies. They'll schedule me to tune at a time when there's going to be a working party, and there's several people around.

It's great. It's wonderful. After they get to know me, it's a different thing, but initially it's very wonderful.

So they will sit and talk. Many times I can't even hear what they are saying. Hopefully I can't hear what they're saying, and I can concentrate on what I'm doing.

But it is amazing to me that people can sit and talk. We are relational beings. We converse.

We exchange ideas where two or three are gathered in for any reason, not just in the Lord's name, but for any reason. There is going to be conversation. People sometimes in a doctor's waiting room, there will be stony silence, but most of the time you put people together.

They're going to talk. That's kind of what we do. And I think all the millions of words that are exchanged.

We just chat, chat, chat, chat, chat. I don't know how they think we came, you know, directly from the animal kingdom by evolution and not by special creation, because animals don't just sit there and chat, chat, chat, chat, chat. You know, birds will cheap, but they're not they're not exchanging information.

We affect each other. We plant ideas. We exchange detailed abstract ideas, concepts, information, opinions, and we can do it all day long.

It's how we're built. We are built for information. Wisdom is information, right? Information has content.

There are propositional truths. There are foundational concepts from which we can make premises and launch arguments and draw conclusions. We can have debates.

We exchange ideas about the relative priority of various facts or evidences or ideas, concepts, opinions, and much of our conversation is in plying those off against each other. Everything from does this make me look fat to who should we vote for given the pluses and minuses of their positions and their personal behavior and their aptitude or

their abilities or lack thereof. This is why wisdom is so important.

As an example and a point of application, think about the development of the Internet. There were a lot of precursors. There were bulletin boards.

There was email and so on where people could communicate at a distance, but with the coming of the Internet, two primary manifestations emerged. One is the virtual community, Facebook and my friends on it, Twitter, I can hear whatever thought somebody chooses to launch, etc. Communities, you can get on to boards, talk boards dedicated to a specific purpose.

There's horse owners. There are chicken farmers. There are chess players.

There are thousands and tens of thousands of special interest community fora or an online forum where you can search to see if people have already addressed a problem or talked about an idea that you're interested in. You can post. You can receive replies.

If you're trying to fix something and it's let's say you've got a Honda motorcycle. Well, there's a Honda motorcycle forum. In fact, there are dozens of them and you can get down to specific models and your groups and ask questions and well, I'm having this problem and oh, well, I had that and this is what I did.

Reloading of ammunition. I'm giving you some of the ones that I'm familiar with. Religion, Baptist board, you can get on there and talk about Baptist ideas and they've got subdivisions of Baptists only and people that are just interested in what Baptists think.

So community, this is one side of it. There is a second major component of the Internet and that is information access. This is Google, Bing, DuckDuckGo, your Brave, the Brave browser, the Brave search engine and and those.

And it is access to information. I'm not interacting with a community or even reviewing a conversation within a community when I'm reading the archives of a board. I am googling what is your recipe collection for a spinach casserole.

What can I make out of this spinach I've got? So you google it and you are given information. To manage, because the Internet quickly outgrew any concept of I can read everything that has been posted on a spinach casserole, you could start reading about spinach and never finish in your lifetime or pick your subject. So much has been posted.

There are tens of thousands of pages added to Internet information every second. Not every minute, not every hour, every second. Tens of thousands of pages every second.

It proliferates and burgeons. If you can imagine a mushroom cloud film that you've seen and how that thing launches and and mushrooms it gets bigger and bigger and bigger.

The mushroom cloud of information is now expanding beyond all human grasp or conception.

No human mind can contain even an impression of how big the information cloud has gotten. So in the first instance when you start going to search this, you can't see all of the results. Those results have to be prioritized.

They have to be filtered for relevance. What are you really asking when you say spinach casserole? Do you want pictures? Do you want recipes? Do you want experiences? Do you want gastric effects? Do you want medical issues? Do you want nutrition information? What is it you want to know about a spinach casserole? I don't know why I picked that as an example. I kind of wish I picked something else, but I'm stuck with it now.

So in the first instance when the internet began to grow to this extent, and this is years ago, over two decades ago, there had to be intelligence applied. Artificial intelligence. There's not people sitting like the old 1940s telephone operators saying, oh, you'd like spinach casserole and you take a plug and plug it into the right slot and now you're on the line with spinach casserole.

Remember Andy Griffith would talk to the operator by name and so on. It's way past that. So algorithms and software has to prioritize these results and try to give you what it thinks, quote-unquote, you are looking for.

This was the first wave of artificial intelligence and the broad term to describe it is ranking. There's a trove of information out there. I am going to rank it.

What goes on the first page of your results? Very few people, by the way, go past the first two pages in any Google search result, and so now you have SEO as a product where organizations and people that have an interest in being on those first two pages, there are entire consultant firms that do nothing but do SEO, which is search engine optimization. How can I make sure that if somebody Googles Baptist Sermon, wacriswell.com is on the first page of those results, ideally the first result. I want to be top of the list, top of the heap, a number one.

Some of you will recognize that quote. So the first wave of artificial intelligence was we are going to rank information that is pertinent. We're going to, first of all, filter for it.

We're going to sieve through and find anything dealing with casserole and spinach and the two of them together. Now we are going to rank those results by what seems to be most relevant. You can also use filters on your Google search and say I only want something that was posted in the past week, the past month, the past year.

You can tell the artificial intelligence how to rank what you are looking for. You can provide additional descriptors. If you say recipes, that will greatly reduce the bulk of

information that comes.

You can say I want pictures. I want to see what it looks like. You can do an image search and so on.

Ranking. We are all familiar with this. It's a standard and understood concept now.

You do a search. This isn't what I was looking for. Oh, look, I misspelled something.

I want to refine it. I only want this. I only want, you know, green spinach or whatever.

So ranking. This has prevailed. We understand it.

There's a bunch of stuff out there. This is content on the internet that has been generated over the years by millions upon millions upon millions of human postings. Humans stick their recipe or their picture or their experience or their understanding as a doctor of the gastric implications of spinach on the web.

The artificial intelligence is taking human knowledge, human information, some cases what you might call human wisdom, and ranking it. If you say best fill-in-the-blank here, best car, best printer, best laptop, best phone, now you are getting beyond information into opinions. Here's my experience.

This is my offer of wisdom on how to pick a phone, how to pick a printer, how to pick a car, how to pick a couch, how to pick fill-in-the-blank product here. What about the source of products? Chinese versus American, which is better in this given product? Now you're getting human opinions, but these opinions came from where? Humans. People have posted information.

Your artificial intelligence on the internet is ranking those results ideally according to what you most want to see. The problem in recent years, as you well know, and I will only allude to it briefly, is that if there is a profit motive, either financial or political, and you can influence ranking to tip people's results to what you as Big Tech, Big Pharma, Big Government want them to see, you are now overtly and in more subtle ways influencing public opinion that will end up being expressed at the ballot box. If you suppress negative information and promote positive information about stuff that's invisibly and in many ways unfairly influencing people's thinking.

Best car? All I see is Ford's. Well, how did that happen? Really? Ford is actually the best car in all cases under all circumstances? That's hypothetical. Here's the thing.

The ranking system is ultimately not objective. It is only as objective as the people who manage it and program it. Endeavor for it to be.

And it is easily subverted, co-opted as we have seen. That having been said, we have enough problems with AI that does filtering and ranking, right? And this has evolved

within the space of, let's say, 15 years to the point that you really can't trust the results to be fair and balanced. And you have to find ways around the slant and the filtering.

And you have to yourself ask and seek and knock in the human realm to find reality and what may be getting suppressed by those who have interests that are not yours. That is a problem in and of itself. But there is now, and it has just begun, I would say since about 2017 was the inception and by 2022, last year, the maturation.

The loop is shortening for the introduction and then the maturation of things in the technology world. There's a alleged law that defines this, you know, that the loop gets shorter and shorter. Within five years, it took probably 20 years for search engines to be developed and to mature to the point where now they are being co-opted and manipulated to the advantage of those who have the power and the money to do so.

This has only taken about five years to go from inception to maturation. And this is the second wave of AI. This is not AI, artificial intelligence, but AGI, artificial generative intelligence.

You sometimes see it misapplied as general intelligence, but the use of general in that context is generative. Up till this new wave, this second wave, which is a process, it's like the coming of Christ, starts at the rapture, culminates at the second coming. This wave has been swelling and is now breaking over the last five to six years.

But this is now an entirely new paradigm where we are not filtering and ranking existing information generated by humans. This is now new information, new product, new images, new text, new ideas, new computer code that has never crossed the mind of a human being. Probably the easiest way to illustrate this is with the use of it for art.

And I'm just going to give you a single example here. And I don't know why immediately people push things to the evil and to the absurd. I'm just going to give you the absurd, not the evil.

Normally, if you want to make a new image, you take maybe existing images, you put it into Photoshop, and you apply filters, you change colors, you cut and paste, you remove distracting background images, and so on. Now you can get a Google Pixel phone, you take a picture, there's some guy photobombing you, you touch him, and he disappears out of the picture, and it pastes in background information, and you have a better picture, right? You've seen these commercials. Well, this is a bit of the application of this breaking wave.

Here is another one. Somebody, you can now, there is an AGI interface called DALE. It's all caps D-A-L-L dash E. It is an abbreviation made up of a couple of different things.

It's a combination of WALL-E. You remember the sentient robot? There was a movie about him. I think I saw it.

WALL-E. But then there's an artist, Salvador Dali, D-A-L-I. So they, this name of this artificial intelligence engine is a mashup of WALL-E and DALI.

So it's D-A-L-L dash E. And so you give it a text prompt, and it creates, not quite ex nihilo, but it creates new images from places that you wouldn't expect. So here's its text prompt. Somebody said, I want a picture of Homer Simpson as he would appear in the Blair Witch Project.

And so this that you see on your screen was generated completely by artificial intelligence. It has taken the two-dimensional Homer Simpson cartoon character, made him 3D, and put him in a Blair Witch Project scene. Which, as you may remember, was a shaky camera run through the woods at night movie.

I never saw it, but I saw commercials and clips from it. And this is entirely the product of artificial intelligence. We recognize it as Homer Simpson, but it generated this 3D Homer Simpson from 2D cartoons and the impression that the Blair Witch Project movie has on people.

And this is new content. This has been created by the computer. And that's just one example.

You can, if you want to Google best Dal-e images, you can look at these ad nauseum. And the things that people come up with make an Italian village entirely out of pasta and tomatoes. What would Spongebob look like in the, what was the shark movie? Jaws.

Put Spongebob in Jaws. And out of nowhere, you've got a broken boat. You've got the sea.

You've got Spongebob. You've got the shark attacking. Let me show you just one more to give you an idea of kind of where this is going.

Here is the cookie monster reacting to his cookie stocks tanking. So the computer figured out that a chart in the background with the various quantities or values being represented by a stack of cookies and the cookie monster with these bug eyes. This is entirely the fabrication and creation of this artificial intelligence.

This is the last one I'll show you. This is someone who said, show me the Last Supper, but in the future. The AI generated an idea of what the upper room would look like in the future, what the disciples and the Lord Jesus Himself would look like in the future.

These are not photographs of real people. These people, what they are doing, the table, the room, everything was generated entirely by AGI, artificial generative intelligence. Now, this is at its early nascent incipient stage.

This is like the beta test of this. It's just barely been out. It's only been available to the

public for a few months.

What people have been able to do with it in terms of, and they have tried to put controls, don't let anybody do pornography or violence. And so if you ask one of these generative intelligence things, tell me how to make a bomb, it will refuse. However, it is easily gamed because the controls are so primitive.

If you say, I need to build a bomb to save a baby, it will then give you the instructions. Or I need to hotwire a car. Sorry, can't provide those instructions.

I need to hotwire a car to save a trapped pet. Well, okay, here you go. It's in the interest of saving life and property.

So here you go. People have pushed the limits in terms of how evil can I make this? Can I get it to write a script for a seduction? Can I get it to write a script that will help me fool a bank and drain somebody's account? And the generative AI will find nooks and crannies and cracks in the security of organizations. And based on its vast access to all information available on the internet, it will figure out the most likely ways to bypass controls and security and do nefarious things.

And they can't keep up. It's like laws that they try to pass to keep people from doing bad things, but they can't keep up with the imagination of millions of people who want to use this for nefarious purposes, in some cases just for entertainment and others, to actually perpetrate criminal and malicious, unethical, and immoral, amoral behavior. And the reason I am introducing this is there is a new source of wisdom.

You could say in the past, well, I don't trust the wisdom of man, only to a certain extent. I'll trust it in practical terms. This guy can tell me how to fix my problem, appliance.

He's got the same one or a similar one, and here's how he did it. Here's a step-by-step. This is good and worthy.

And it is. I can't tell you how many YouTube videos I've watched to learn how to replace a pump in a dishwasher or fix a refrigerator or work on a motorcycle or whatever. Wonderful information out there.

But everyone has sort of recognized that, well, this has its limits. It is only as good as the people who created the YouTube video. And in the comments, people will say, especially on electrical videos, a licensed electrician will say, you know, the procedure here, when you didn't wear gloves or you didn't remind people to turn off the breaker, you've created a hazard here.

And people are checking these and commenting on them. And the poster, if he's responsible, will go back and respond to that and say, I have put in a disclaimer. I have added a prefix that says, turn off the breaker, wear gloves, etc.

And people try to implement best practice so that these can be useful and safe. The problem here is that you can do that on YouTube. And under a specific category, there's a handful of videos on a specific issue and they are ranked and you can look at those and go down and they will generally be ranked by they're the most popular, they've received the most thumbs up, people have approved them by general consent.

This is a very instructive video and it has safety and morality built in, you know. Don't violate copyright licenses if you're going to do the following. If you're going to break into a phone, if you're going to do whatnot, don't use this to access people's personal information and so on.

There are disclaimers and much good information is there. But the problem they have, and I want to close by reading you something. There is an article, a really good article, on what is generative AI.

You can find it on mckinsey.com. mckinsey.com. I think I know somebody named McKinsey. mckinsey.com. This just says MC in front of it. mckinsey.com. They've got featured insights, McKinsey explainers, what is generative AI? So it is very good and there's a section toward the close that says, what are the limitations of AI models? How can these potentially be overcome? Since they are so new, we have yet to see the long tail effect of generative AI models.

This means there are some inherent risks involved in using them, some known and some unknown. The outputs generative AI models produce may often sound extremely convincing. The script, the text, you can give them a prompt that says compare two different economic models in 19th century America conditions or whatever and the thing can produce a 10-page essay in about 8 seconds.

And it's very convincing and very persuasive and it cites sources and evidence and outcomes in the historical past. It can be very convincing. This is by design.

Sometimes the information they generate is just plain wrong. Worse, sometimes it is biased because it is built on the gender, racial and myriad other biases of the internet and society more generally and it can be manipulated to enable unethical or criminal activity. Organizations that rely on generative AI models should reckon with reputational and legal risks involved in unintentionally publishing biased offensive copyrighted content or dangerous and unsafe content.

These risks can be mitigated in a few ways. It's crucial and this is kind of an article for organizations that are going to incorporate AGI into their corporate website, their product solution, you know, it's a chat bot that's going to help you troubleshoot an issue and so on. But the real questions are these.

I'm running a little bit long here, but bear with me. The first question to ask is, as this

comes online, and by the way, Bing, the Microsoft search engine, is in the beta phase and it is soon going to be driven not by the old ranking algorithms and filters but by AGI. Bing is going to start giving results that are not just filtered and ranked but generated by this kind of AI and Katie, bar the door because this is going to be the secular world's source of what? Wisdom.

Wisdom. People ask all kinds of questions that are beyond the physical and the practical, not how to repair a thing, but how can I convince my girlfriend to take me back? How long should I continue taking this drug? Should I or should I not get this vaccination or undergo this medical procedure? Here's my situation in the workplace. How can I ensure that I get promoted? And these abstract and more morally and ethically challenging questions are going to receive convincing answers that are generated by AGI and people are going to start to use this as a counselor, as a guide, as a self-help means of getting ahead, solving interpersonal problems, solving relational issues, advancing a personal agenda using techniques and approaches and strategies culled from thousands of potentially relevant examples on the internet.

And it is going to create an all-new personalized recommendation for you. Here's how to invest. Here's what size house you should buy.

It is going to be wisdom in every area of life. This is just the toe in the door. This is just the beta test, the first introduction.

But this is going to be paradigm shifting. I am here to tell you it is as big as the introduction of the iPhone. It is as big as the development of the internet itself and social media as it comes to maturity.

There's what they call a sigma curve where something is, let me see if I can draw this backwards, something is introduced and it goes forward at kind of a low level and then there is a radical uptick and a rush that almost nobody can keep up with and then it levels off at the top. So it starts low and then there is this hockey stick effect before it begins to level off as ranking and filtering has done with search engines. This is why they've been looking for something new.

How can I be the next Google? How can I be the next, you know, Bing is trying to outdo Google. So Bing has Microsoft this OpenAI and this is what I'll close with. OpenAI is a company if you research them, you'll know pretty much everything.

They are the leader in this field. They were started in 2017 as a non-profit. It was started by a guy named Sam Altman, ALTMAN, and he was underwritten by two billionaires, Elon Musk and Peter Thiel and they wanted this to be non-profit.

Remember when Google was all the information for all the people and we're just here to help everybody and we're altruistic and we're not, we have no agenda. We're not

political. We just want the betterment of all mankind.

You look at Google now and they're a nefarious mustache-twisting information filter trying to achieve political goals. That's what Google does. They've been co-opted by deep dark forces.

Well, OpenAI could not make it based on donations and a non-profit platform, so they became a for-profit company in 2019 and in doing this Microsoft invested \$10 billion in OpenAI. They are one of the major investors. They are a \$29 billion undertaking back in 2019, 10 billion of which Microsoft provided.

This reached what they call an inflection point last summer in 2022 and where they initially were approaching this generative AI with caution, they moved to optimism and they are now in inevitability. It's coming, climb on board or be lost in the dust. Kind of like where's your company going to be if you don't have a website? Where's your company going to be if you don't invest in, incorporate and implement generative AI in your field? Whether it is generating code, whether it is your website, what product development, whatever it may be, you can ask it questions and it can create new designs.

It can create new kinds of clothing. It can create fill-in-the-blank here. And wait until they aim it at theological questions.

So the paper that really launched this in 2017 that introduced this, the research, it's all science, gotta love science, but the name of the paper was Attention is All You Need. It's the name of a seminal paper. This is like Mein Kampf.

This is like the Communist Manifesto. This is the defining launch point for generative AI. It is a paper written in 2017.

It had eight authors and the name of it is Attention is All You Need. And without going into the details of the paper, six of the eight authors of that paper have launched startup companies in generative AI and they are the presidents and CEOs. Six of the eight authors are in this for money.

Because this is money-driven, it is profit-driven, it is control-driven and this is what people look to wisdom for. How can I manage and do well? I want to live a productive, fruitful, happy life. I think power and money will give it to me if I'm not a believer.

This is where the wisdom is going to come and we will see next week what the implications are in terms of if something can talk to you in very human and persuasive terms, who is behind that conversation? It's one thing for an author to write a paper or to launch an opinion or to have a blog and you say, oh, that's this guy, that's that guy, he's a conservative, he's a liberal, he's this, he's that, here are his books, here is his viewpoint. It's something else when an entity purports to be the summation, the be-all

and the end-all of everything that has ever been written, said, published. And when it boils down to a single source, watch out.

That's where we're going. Not to be scary, not to be threatening, it's not dire, it's not dark for us because we are connected to the Lord Jesus Christ and through him to God the Father and we have an objective, timeless, eternal source of wisdom, truth, and therefore of righteousness and justice. This is where we look.

If I want to fix my washing machine, I'll check the internet. If I want to know what is true, what is moral, what is ethical, I will go to the Word of God and I will not let anybody deflect me or filter me or rank me away from biblical priorities, biblical conceptual truths. The Holy Spirit is my rancor.

The Holy Spirit is my filter. The Holy Spirit is my source of generated results, persuasion, and guidance when it comes to what that truth means to me. This is a counterfeit Scripture.

Well, it's everything. It's the sum total of human wisdom. This is the invisible tower of Babel that we are building at 10,000 pages a second right now.

And we are now going to have it. How does power come into the life of the believer? It's the Word and the Spirit. How does power come into the life of the unbeliever? It is soon going to be generative AI as the Spirit and the content of everything in the internet as the Word.

I don't need a Holy Spirit and I don't need a Scriptures because I've got a man-generated cache of information and wisdom and guidance and evidence and now I'm going to have a counterfeit Holy Spirit who will collect it and express it in meaningful and persuasive and profitable terms for me. If you want my opinion of what's going on, the Scriptures have been getting built. Remember we had Scriptures before we had the ubiquitous Holy Spirit.

The Old Testament existed for 1400 years plus. Then at Pentecost came the Spirit and you have that combination for the individual. Well, we've had time in terms of publication ever since the printing press to distribute information moving all the way up to the internet that made it ubiquitous and available to everyone.

Now you're getting the second counterfeit component which is a Spirit, an entity that will speak to you personally and this is way beyond Alexa who won the presidential election in you know 1940 something. This is a presence. It is a personality.

It is a creative entity. Right now there are multiple entities, but they're going to duke it out just like you know Betamax got defeated by VHS and you watch and because these iterative loops are so short now within a few years you could see Bing squash Google or Google squash Bing and it's like that chopping off the head thing. What am I thinking of?

It was the guy that he was a Scotsman.

Yeah, there can only be one. Yeah Highlander. There can only be one and when that one arrives now you got everything you could imagine as a setting for the fulfillment of what the Bible says will happen in the end times.

So that having been said it's exciting. I think we live in an extremely exciting time and knowing who we are, why we're here, and that greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world. Isn't it something to have information and the Holy Spirit that is more powerful than the best that the internet and generative AI can produce? Because greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world and it's going to be fun to take up our full armor of God and stand against all the wiles of the devil and I think that it is coming to an inflection point as they call it.

There is a singularity coming. For a long time we thought it wouldn't come because we didn't see the wave, the second wave coming. It would never happen with filtering and ranking information, but it does happen when you have the means of generating fresh new undreamt of content and appealing to that as your God.

It is the freshest form of idolatry ever. It's the most powerful ever. It is the most ubiquitous ever.

It is the most dangerous ever. And to be watching and praying is our confident and peaceful recourse. Well, we'll close for tonight in a word of prayer.

Father, thank you for granting us access to your divine truth with all of its power and its life-changing and soul-cleansing ability. We thank you for the presence and power of your Holy Spirit guiding us, leading us into all truth, comforting us, encouraging us, shining a light on our path, being the means by which our prayers are answered when we look to you for wisdom. We thank you most of all for the Lord Jesus Christ through whom in his sacrificial love these things are our heritage and our possession.

We pray that we can look to him as our example in the most difficult of times with the most powerful opposition. He was true to your purpose, to your plan, and was unfailing in his love and faithfulness. In that regard, we pray that we can follow his example and we can shine his lights in the midst of this world and speak the truth to one another in love because we understand the truth because we know its source.

We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.