



Christian Citizenship

“You are the salt of the earth . . . You are the light of the world” (Mt. 5:13-16). One way to be salty and let our light shine is by being good citizens on earth. Our vocation as citizens of both the secular kingdom and God’s kingdom gives us the responsibility to proclaim God’s Word and care for our neighbors. We are called to engage the “public square” with our message of Christ’s mercy for all. Please pray for God’s will to be done... in Jesus’ name.

Billions for AI, but No Clue About Ourselves

Kay Rubacek is an award-winning filmmaker, and author. After being detained in a Chinese prison for advocating for human rights, she has dedicated her work to facing communist and socialist regimes in their modern, global forms. She writes: “We’re in the middle of a new kind of arms race—not for weapons, but for thinking machines. Tech giants are pouring billions of dollars into artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure, turning open land into power-hungry fortresses of computation.” For example, “Amazon is turning 1,200 acres of Indian cornfields into 30 stadium-sized AI data centers. Meta is rolling out new data centers: Prometheus in Ohio and Hyperion—a \$10 billion data center the size of Manhattan—in Louisiana. Meanwhile, Oracle and OpenAI have pledged \$500 billion for AI infrastructure in the United States over the next four years.”

This is “no longer a tech race. It’s a global escalation—a sprint to create machines that can outthink, outlearn, and outlast us. I’m not downplaying the benefits of AI technologies or saying AI is inherently bad, but the scale of this investment isn’t just seeking benevolent progress. A greater goal of intellectual dominance is at play, and to maintain it, these companies are quietly laying claim to future power, literally.”

Rubacek explains. “Federal energy officials have warned that U.S. data centers could soon account for up to 20 percent of national electricity consumption by 2030. That’s up from just 2.5 percent today—not because of new labor demands, but because of the enormous power demands of the machines we’re building to simulate ourselves. Yet amid this frenzy to build smarter machines, we’re overlooking a staggering fact: The machines we’re building still can’t perform the everyday feats our brains carry out

automatically every second, such as forming original thoughts, adapting to new situations, regulating emotion, or creating meaning. And no one seems to even consider the fact that a human brain does all that using less power than that of a dim light bulb.”

Think about it. “Inside your skull is a living supercomputer with a staggering 86 billion neurons, forming more than 100 trillion synaptic connections. To put that in perspective, one human brain contains more circuits than all the technology on the planet combined, yet it runs on about 20 watts of energy—less power than your laptop charger. The human brain simultaneously regulates emotion, memory, movement, morality, language, and attention. It dreams, improvises, adapts—even when damaged. It doesn’t just compute, it creates.”

Rubacek continues. “Neuroscience has mapped broad functions and observed firing patterns in the brain, yet we still don’t know how thoughts form. We still can’t see them. We don’t know how consciousness arises. We don’t know why trauma rewires some brains and not others. We don’t know how genius, compassions, or insight emerge in a physical sense. So if the smartest engineers on the planet still don’t understand the device inside their own heads, what exactly are we trying to replicate?”

Here’s the reality. “AI doesn’t feel wonder. It doesn’t experience joy. It doesn’t understand the meaning of the words it generates. It simply finds the next most likely sequence and mimics the patterns of human intelligence without possessing it. And yet, increasingly, we teach children and adults that computers are smarter than they are.” (Excerpted from “Billions of Dollars for AI, but No Clue About Ourselves” by Kay Rubacek in *The Epoch Times*, Aug 13-19, 2025.)

What can we do? Talk to your children and grandchildren about God’s creation of the human body and mind. Rubacek notes that “despite overwhelming evidence from scientific discovery across all fields over recent decades, the full power and adaptability of the human mind are still not widely taught. So few people know that the body replaces 330 billion cells per day, that emotional states change gene expression, and

that belief alone can shift biology. Schools don't hesitate to emphasize the limits of human attention, yet they don't teach the unlimited capacity for focused mental flow. And in the media, headlines promote fear of AI surpassing us, yet rarely celebrate the phenomenal thing that is creating it." Recognize that "powerful players benefit from us believing that we are second to our machines." Now is a good time to visit www.answersingenesis.org. Search: The human brain. (This is just one place to begin.) Remember, as Rubacek says, "Despite the hundreds of billions of dollars in funding being thrown into silicon, quantum chips, and neural nets, the greatest frontier in intelligence may still be the 3-pound mystery sitting inside your skull. The same mystery that built every machine we've ever made. The same one that doesn't know its limits." Read Psalm 139:13-14. Talk with your children about the place of human beings in the created order and, more importantly, our significance to God.

Please pray in gratitude to God who created us in His likeness (not that of animals), and... in Jesus' name.

Is Humanity Being Rewritten: Ethics, Health, and Carrying Our Cross

When Dr. Aaron Kheriaty pressed against something unethical and harmful, it cost him. During an interview with Rebecca Lamb Weiss, he addresses the reasons we should not be driven by fear, the importance of ethics, our physical and spiritual health, and why Jesus calls us to "carry your cross." Everyone loves Christ the Teacher and Healer. But, before He was resurrected and ascended to the right hand of God, Jesus endured the Passion. He was persecuted, crucified, and put to death on the Cross. We should look for Him in the beauty of life, but also in the suffering.

What can we do? Watch the video "Is Humanity Being Rewritten? AI., Genetics & the Rise of Transhumanism ft. Dr. Aaron Kheriaty" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9F-rvSPz65Q> With family and friends, dialogue what it means to "carry your cross." Ask: Why do we love Jesus the Teacher and Healer, but slink away from His Passion and Cross? At approximately minute 49, Dr. Kheriaty turns our attention to artificial intelligence (AI). Discuss what it means to recognize the difference between AI as a tool, and AI as an "idol, or oracle of truth."

Please pray for strength in carrying our cross and discernment in these days... in Jesus' name.

The Minds of Our Children

"Once again," observes Daniel G. Amen, "we've flung open the barn doors—unleashing the beast into our schools, homes, and workplaces before we've even stopped to ask: Is this a gift... or a Trojan Horse packed with danger? We've seen this before. With video games. With smartphones. With social media. . . . We embraced convenience before understanding the consequences. Now we're doing it again—with a tool that doesn't just entertain or numb but replaces the very act of thinking. And the cost may be nothing short of a crisis in brain development. A recent MIT study used EEG (electroencephalography) to examine what happens in the brain when people use AI tools like CHatGPT. The results were chilling. Brain activity dropped—especially in the prefrontal and temporal lobes, the areas responsible for problem-solving, planning, memory, and language. Even after removing the AI, participants who had used it showed persistently lower brain engagement.

Silicon Valley parents are already worried, observes Amen. "Many top tech executives have strict 'no tech' nanny contracts. Zero screen time. No phones, tablets, or even TVs in view of the child. . . . Why? Because they know the truth. They know attention is currency. They know convenience dulls cognition. And they don't want their kids seduced by the same tools they helped unleash. . . . They're guarding their kids like royalty. And maybe we should ask why." The use of unchecked AI "could erode mental strength, motivation and drive, deep learning and memory, curiosity, and creativity." (Excerpted from "Is AI a Tool or a Trojan Horse? Why I'm Deeply Concerned for the Minds of Our Children" by Daniel G. Amen in The Epoch Times, Aug 13-19, 2025.)

What can we do? Let AI serve your mind and the minds of your children. Amen offers suggestions: 1) Use AI to amplify thinking, not avoid it; 2) Alternate between AI-assisted and brain-only tasks; 3) Teach kids to write with pencils first, bots later; 4) Track your own cognitive habits—how much are you really thinking?; and 5) Ask one daily question: "Is this good for my brain or bad for it?" Trust the God of creation: Male, female, family, body, mind, soul, and behavior.

Please pray for the wisdom and help of the Holy Spirit... in Jesus' name.

