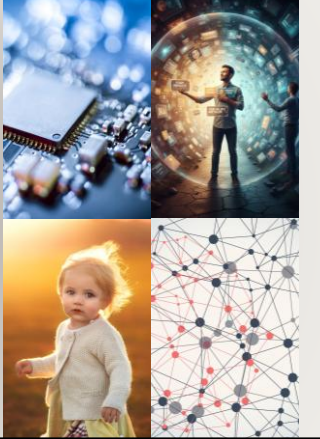


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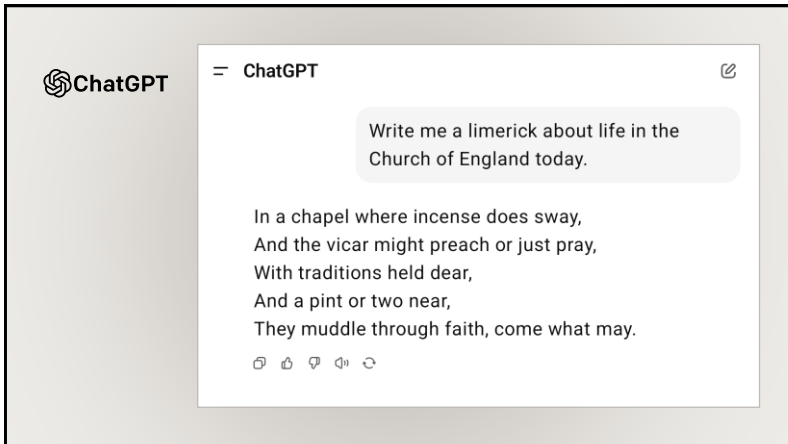
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Introduction

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ChatGPT = ChatGPT

Write me a limerick about life in the Church of England today.

In a chapel where incense does sway,
And the vicar might preach or just pray,
With traditions held dear,
And a pint or two near,
They muddle through faith, come what may.

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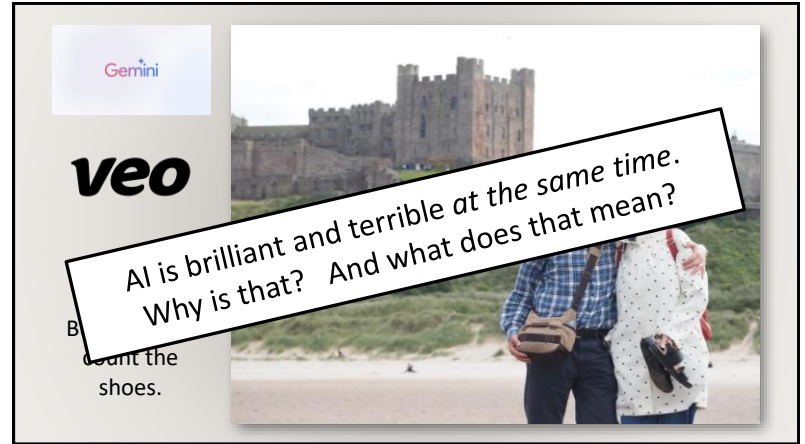
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Six bishops riding bicycles through London.

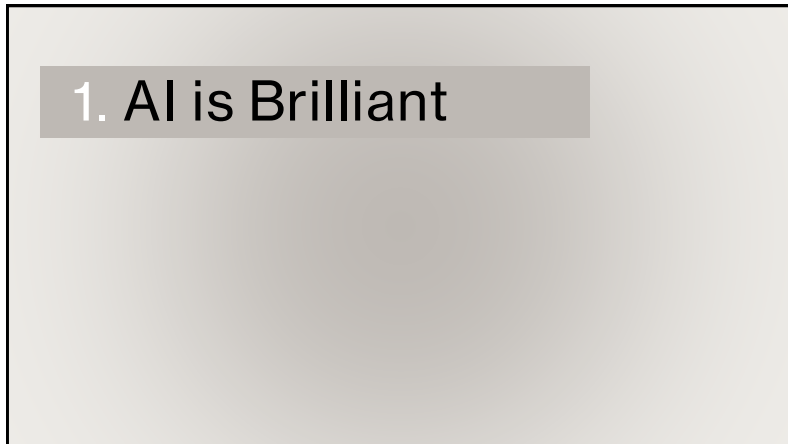
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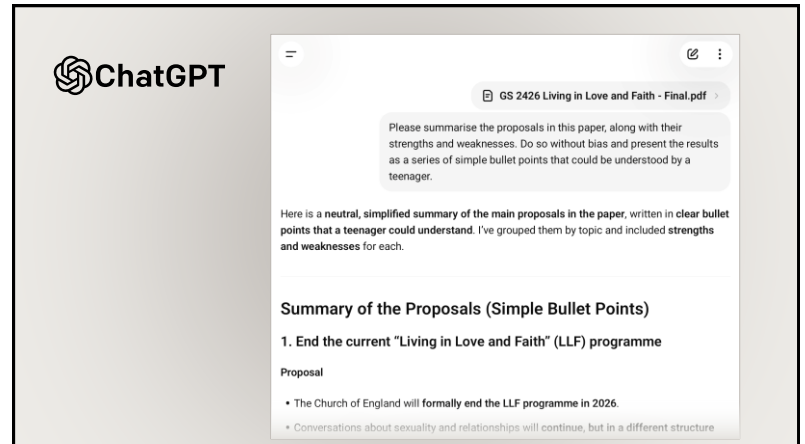
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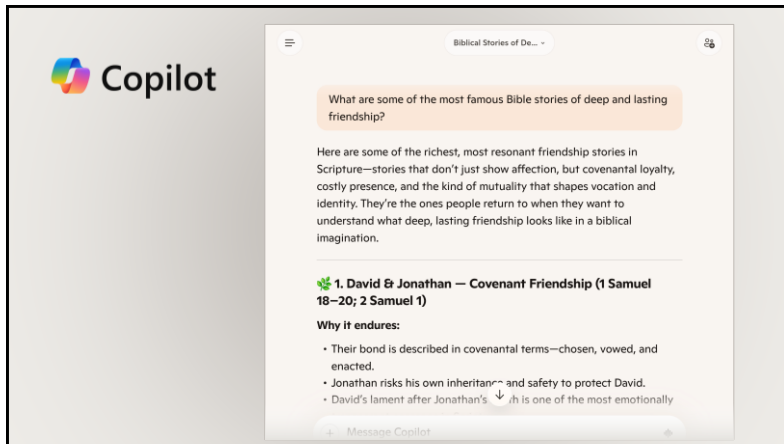
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Biblical Stories of De... -

What are some of the most famous Bible stories of deep and lasting friendship?

Here are some of the richest, most resonant friendship stories in Scripture—stories that don't just show affection, but covenantal loyalty, costly presence, and the kind of mutuality that shapes vocation and identity. They're the ones people return to when they want to understand what deep, lasting friendship looks like in a biblical imagination.

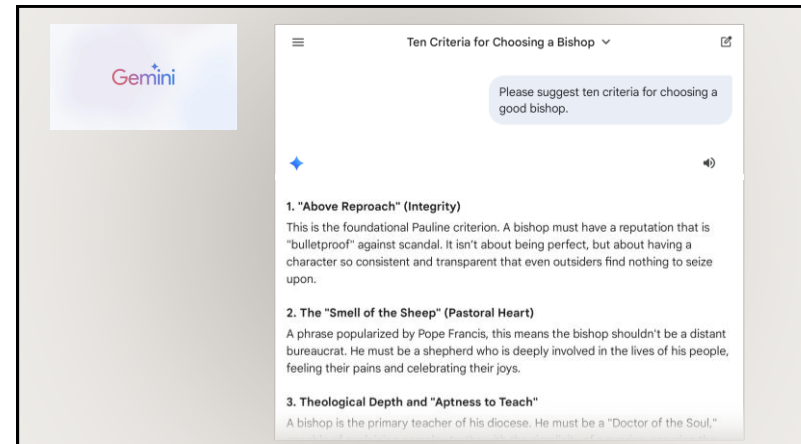
🌿 **1. David & Jonathan — Covenant Friendship (1 Samuel 18–20; 2 Samuel 1)**

Why it endures:

- Their bond is described in covenantal terms—chosen, vowed, and enacted.
- Jonathan risks his own inheritance and safety to protect David.
- David's lament after Jonathan's death is one of the most emotionally

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Ten Criteria for Choosing a Bishop -

Please suggest ten criteria for choosing a good bishop.

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1. "Above Reproach" (Integrity)
This is the foundational Pauline criterion. A bishop must have a reputation that is "bulletproof" against scandal. It isn't about being perfect, but about having a character so consistent and transparent that even outsiders find nothing to seize upon.


2. The "Smell of the Sheep" (Pastoral Heart)
A phrase popularized by Pope Francis, this means the bishop shouldn't be a distant bureaucrat. He must be a shepherd who is deeply involved in the lives of his people, feeling their pains and celebrating their joys.

3. Theological Depth and "Aptness to Teach"
A bishop is the primary teacher of his diocese. He must be a "Doctor of the Soul,"

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Designing Good Prompts

- **"Summarise this article in five bullet points which could be understood by an eleven-year-old child."**
- **"I want to achieve Please suggest three different ways of doing this, giving the strengths and weakness of each approach."**
- **"I believe What is the strongest counter-argument? Where might I have made a mistake?"**



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2. AI is Terrible

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AI and Plagiarism



AI output can look original.
 AI can infringe copyright.
 Identifying plagiarism can be hard.
 Creators need payment and recognition.
 Education in this area is essential.

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Success.

Bias



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An image illustrating the train service disruption between St Albans and London, showing the replacement buses.

Hallucinations

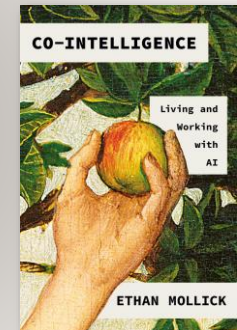


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This story is itself an AI-generated hallucination!

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A wine glass is filled to the brim with wine and milk.



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Deep Fakes



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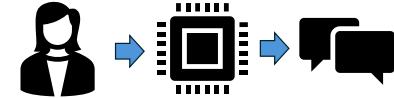
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Training a Large Language Model

An LLM must be trained ...



... before it can be used.



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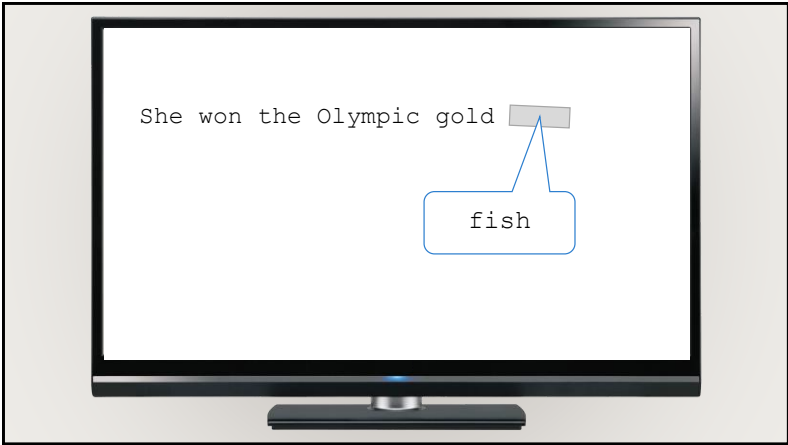
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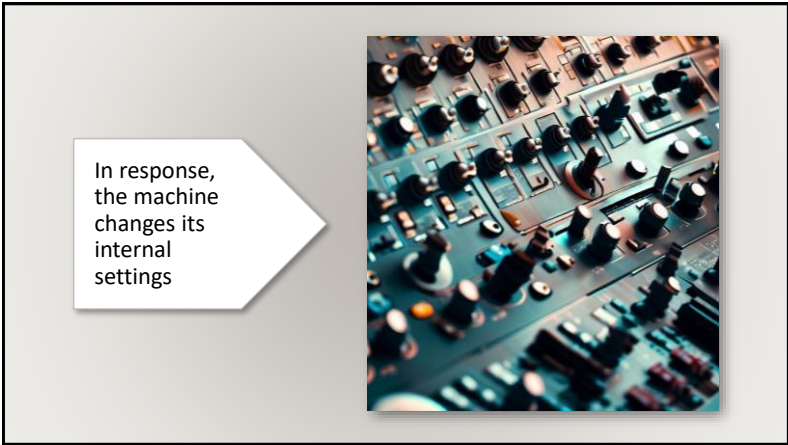
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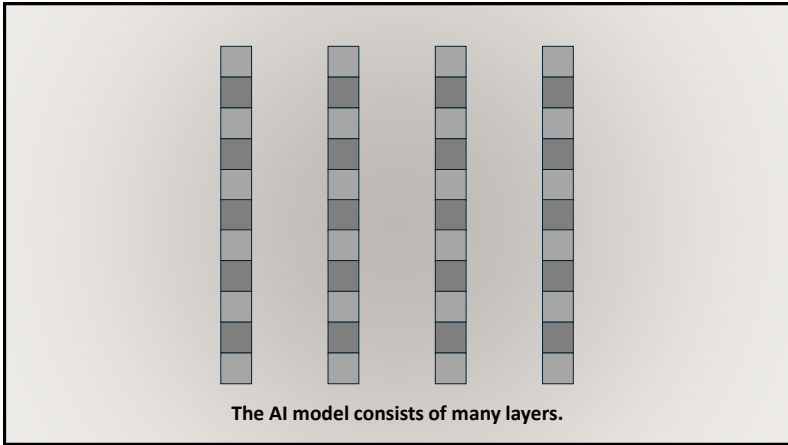
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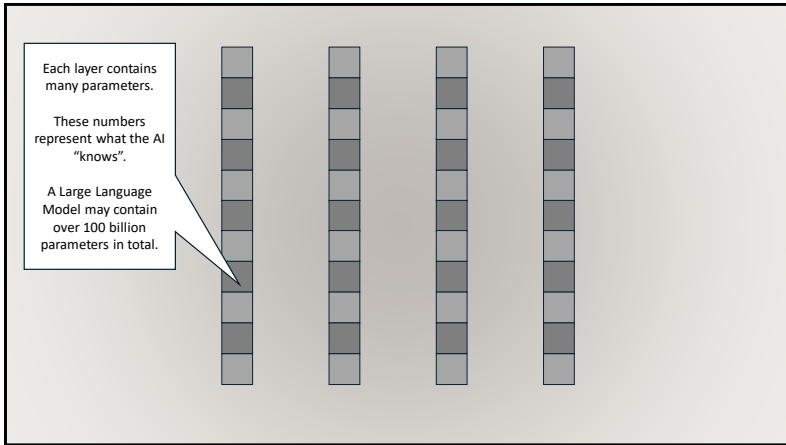
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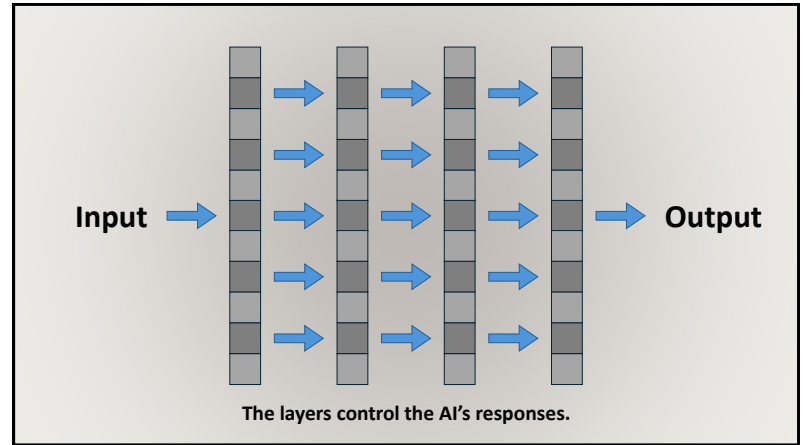
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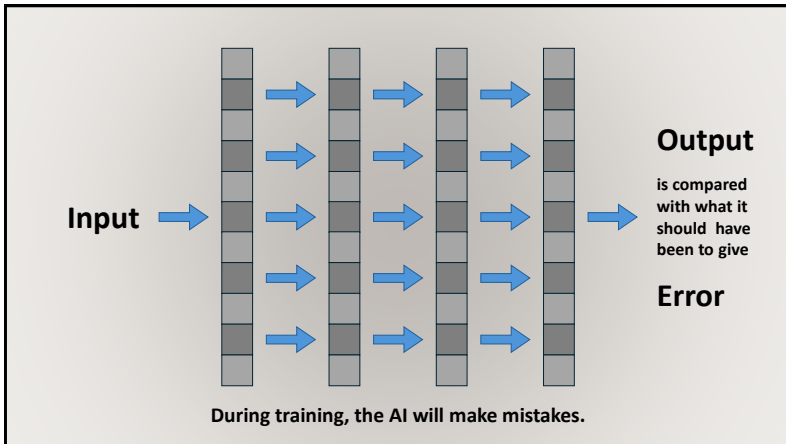
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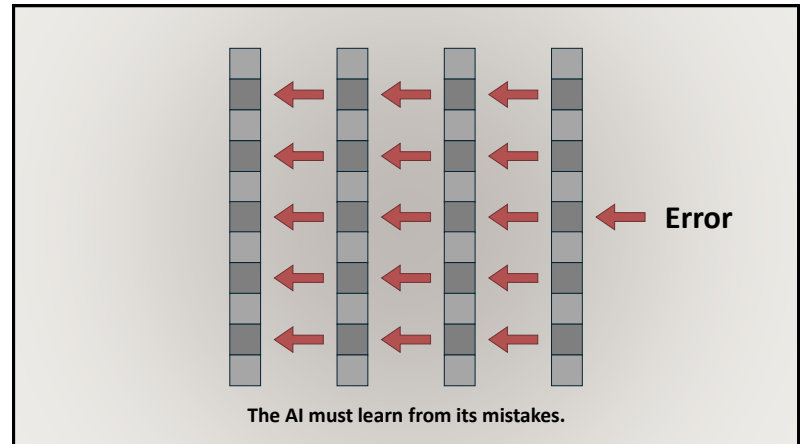
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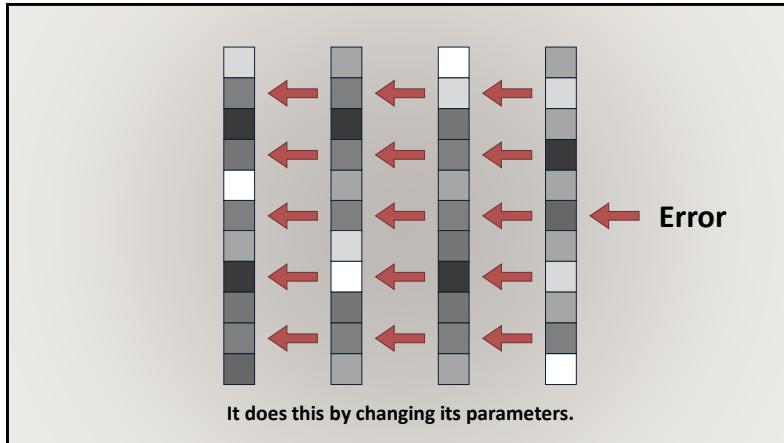
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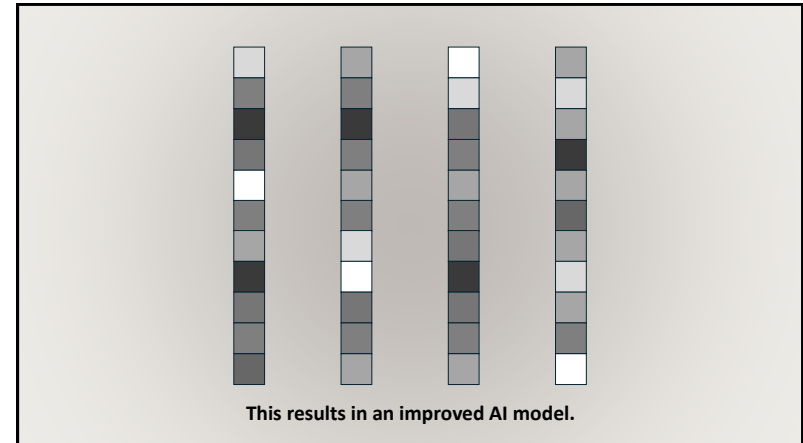
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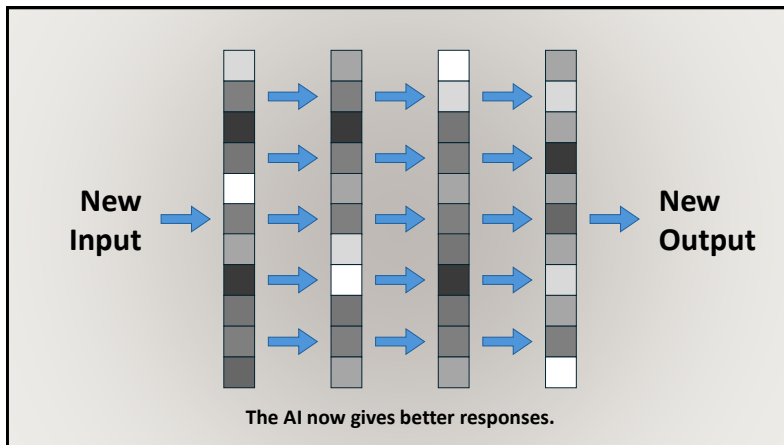
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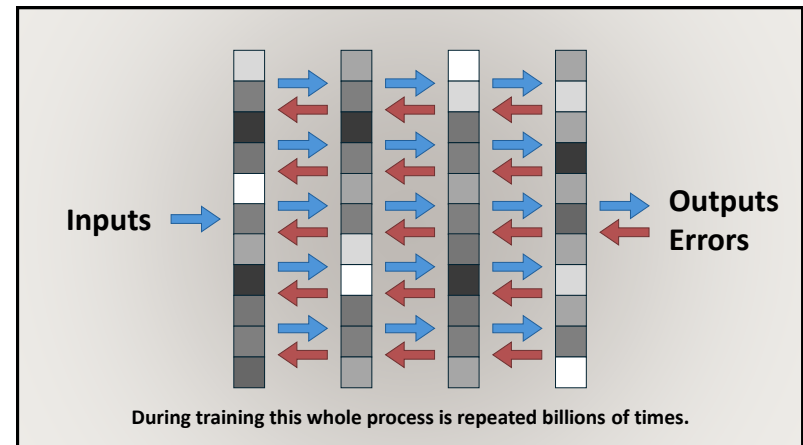
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4. AI and Theology

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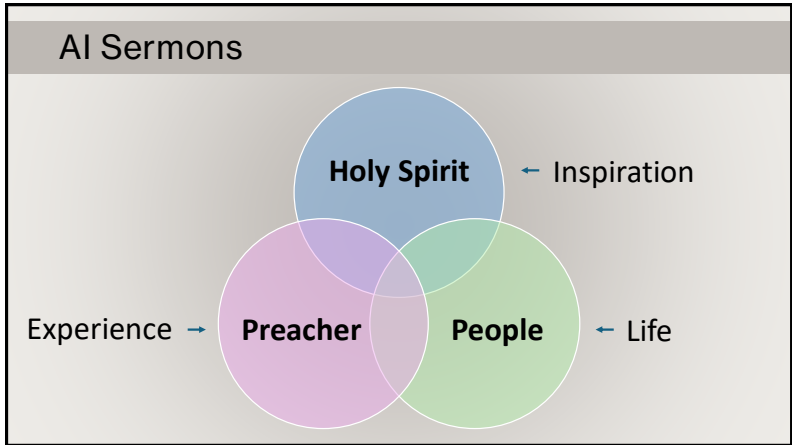
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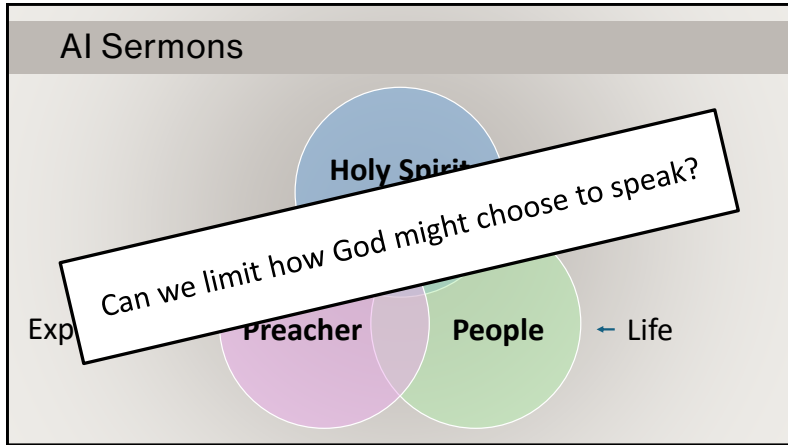
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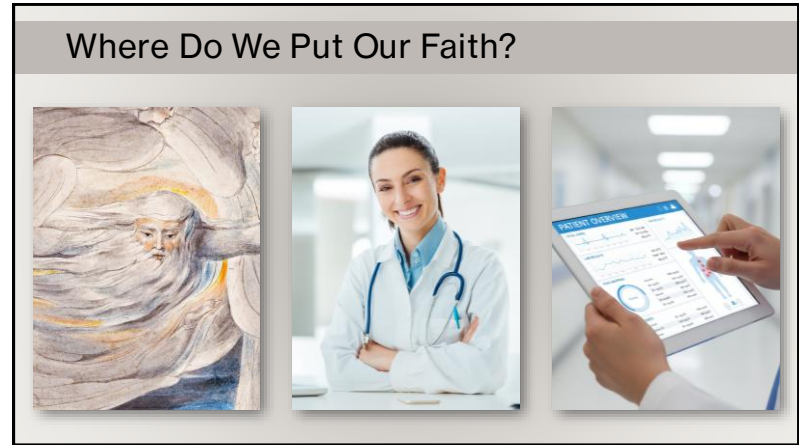
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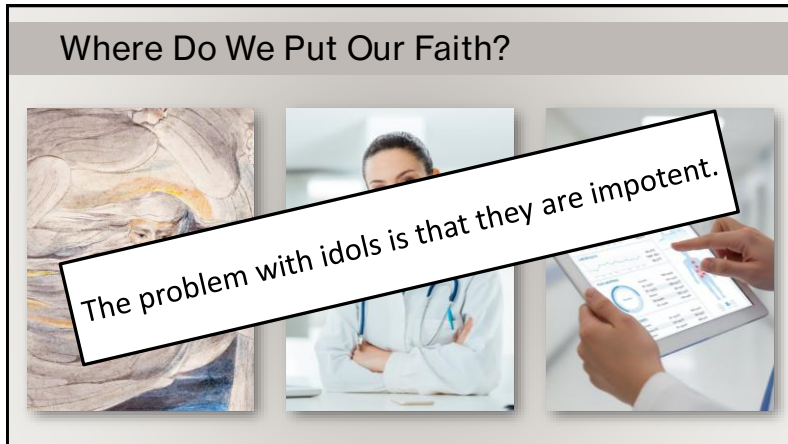
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Evil as the "Almost True"

Might AI tell us something about good and evil?

Eve in the Garden of Eden Jesus in the Wilderness Us interacting with an AI

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Hidden, Unexplainable Reasoning

The computer says: "No"!

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What is the AI Doing?

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If Light = "Red"
Then STOP
Else GO
  
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Could AI make us think about the nature of trust?

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Minds and Things

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Does that have a mind? Could it?

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In a world of AI, we need to remain fully human.

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Could AI even shed light on the incarnation?

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What We *Really* See at the Movies

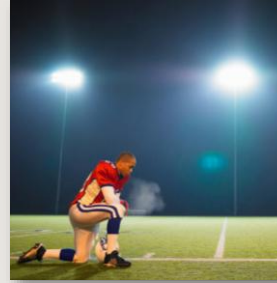
Movies fool us into seeing a series of still images as motion.

Is AI fooling us into seeing “intelligence” where there isn’t any?



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What Kind of “Artificial”?



Artificial Lights



Artificial Flowers

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Thank You

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