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Can AI replace free will?



In this video, Larry Sanger, co-founder of Wikipedia, and Rajiv Malhotra have a vibrant discussion on various issues highlighted in the latter's best-selling book *Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Power*. The conversation revolves around various topics mainly to do with the gamification of knowledge, the loss of agency, the deification of algorithms and the dehumanization of netizens in what is a world that is increasingly dependent on artificial intelligence. [Video](#).

Can AI become conscious?



This is an important discussion between Rajiv Malhotra and Deepak Chopra, both of whom believe in the primacy of consciousness. Deepak Chopra is himself involved with many modern technologies,

such as AI, AR and VR. They discuss the way these technologies are evolving in the hands of those with a materialistic outlook. An important matter discussed is the way neuroscientists are collaborating with Big Tech giants to figure out sophisticated brain machine interface that may eventually lead to surrender of free will. The discussion ends on a collaborative note to explore how the positive applications of the technology can be protected from its takeover by the super-egos. [Video](#).

Discussion with Abhijit Iyer Mitra



In this interaction, hosted by Dr. Mrittunjoy Guha Majumdar, Mr. Abhijit Iyer-Mitra, outspoken commentator on contemporary socio-political and strategic realities of Hindus, in a modern Purvapaksha that addresses Dharma, realities of Hindus, modern 'ecosystems', tendency of Indians to undertake isomorphic mimicry, the true essence of Independence of a people beyond political liberation, partition, nature of democracy, role of intelligentsia and indigenization of defense procurements.



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Both discuss how Dharma has been the cornerstone of the Indic civilization over millennia, infusing us with a certain resilience and cosmopolitanism, and yet today we see our way of life and our people facing various existential threats, arguably more so around our collective consciousness and ethos as a people. The need for decolonization is pertinent, as is assessing and understanding the intricacies and nuances of problems we face as a people. [Video](#).

Republic Day 2022



The world is in the midst of a massive digital revolution. As India celebrates its 73rd Republic Day, the question looms large is whether the constitution of India can still guarantee its people sovereignty in the digital age. Or are Indian citizens losing their constitutional rights to the new and ever evolving frontier of the internet, manipulative algorithms and ever watching AI? AI and the future of power is a critically acclaimed book that sheds some light on this. [Video](#).

Crypto-Currency & AI

Prof. R. Vaidyanathan and Dr. Mrittunjoy Guha Majumdar discuss the importance and role of technology in modern economics and finance. They touch upon how the concept of tradeable digital assets

or cryptocurrency has revolutionized the way we think of money, before touching upon how mobile phones and telecommunication technology can drive a retail credit revolution.



Even as rapid advancements in technology have shifted customer attitudes and behavior in recent years, the deployment of technology in behavioral economics is pertinent. Moreover, digitizing the 'experience economy' (in everything from e-commerce, retail, food delivery or even healthcare) has involved a spurt in data and its control, with personalization in the customer experience being key. In this context, AI and real-time behavioral data becomes significant, with the need for multichannel access for customers and the usage of these channels over time by the customers. [Video](#).

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