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A message from Rajiv Malhotra on the future of Infinity Foundation



Rajiv Malhotra Official is now Infinity Foundation Official. With this change, Infinity Foundation hopes to continue its 27 years-long journey as an institution working towards a brighter future. Rajiv Malhotra outlines the mission for the next quarter century. With fresh new faces and many more path breaking works to come, Infinity Foundation continues as the preeminent voice of civilizational studies. Video.

Conversation with Matthew James Bailey



In this exciting discussion between Matthew James Bailey, Global leader in Al & Ethics, and Rajiv Malhotra, a wide range of cutting-edge issues and burning questions are discussed.

Rajiv reflects on how the US and China have exploited AI on a massive scale and how their investments have led to the development of various applications. He also explains how India, despite its potential, lost leadership in this race.

Rajiv Malhotra also elaborates on the origins of <u>Western Universalism</u> and the West's digesting culture. He explains how the Vedic worldview, as opposed to that of the history-centric western traditions, is able to raise people to higher states of consciousness.

They touch upon the ethical aspects of Al development and the prospects of abuse of the power that Al generates. Rajiv contrasts how ownership of property is viewed in Indian and Western contexts and points out how Western expansionism enters Al through the development of sophisticated algorithms. Important questions are discussed:

- Will the tech giants and their Al products break the desired democratic model in favor of profit via virtue signaling?
- Does the dharmic worldview have solutions to these problems?
- With the downward trend in conventional warfare, where do the future battle grounds lie?

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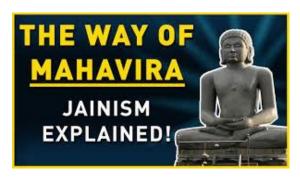


Discussion with Peter J Scott



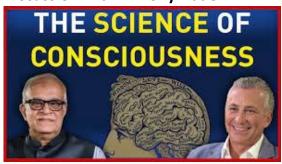
In this interesting podcast, noted futurist Peter J. Scott, interviews Rajiv Malhotra on important issues of the AI debate. Malhotra discusses his book, Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Power, particularly the socio-economic inequity due to AI advances in markets, and makes a strong case for increased representation of voices from the non-west, from consumers and from different impacted groups in the AI debate. Rajiv Malhotra discusses the contrasting approaches of biological materialism on the one hand and consciousness movements on the other, in light of advances in AI. The Battle for Self, as Malhotra calls it, highlights how newer and more ubiquitous AI and allied technology products are advancing the argument for the reductionist, mechanistic model of man and how the exponents of the consciousness model of man have not yet woken up to this new challenge. Video.

Mahavir Jayanti: Jainism Explained, the secrets of detachment & liberation



On the pious occasion of Mahavir Janma Kalyanak/Mahavir Jayanti 2022, Dr. Mrittyunjoy Guha Majumdar and Jain Samani Dr. Chaitanya Pragya explain the ideas of detachment and liberation. Jainism's deep relations with other dharmic practices are discussed along with its perspective on reality, the atma and other metaphysical concepts. Video.

Discussion with Dr Tony Nader



In this three-part series, <u>author and</u> <u>consciousness expert</u>, Dr. Tony Nader, and Rajiv Malhotra discuss a wide-ranging issues, spanning the nature of self and reality, free will and consciousness and meta-humans. They talk about different approaches to consciousness, and delve into the Vedic view of ultimate reality that consciousness is the basis of everything that interacts with its own dynamics and appears as matter (Maya/illusion).

Then they reflect on issues like whether consciousness can emerge from artificial intelligence, can artificial being be sentient attain self-awareness even and consciousness. This discussion reveals many more dimensions to the questions fundamental of human existence. They also touch upon what algorithms can do with user data. They discuss the possibilities of it creating an intelligent and sentient digital being. Both



Rajiv Malhotra and Dr Tony Nader see this as disrupting the basic structure of life that impinges on the inner reality. The conclude the discussion by talking about the responsible way of adopting the dominating force by raising the level of consciousness.

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Podcasts on Kurukshetra Channel

- Putting Humans Above Profit: Al & You Podcast Part 2 w Peter J Scott
- What is the Root of Free Will & Consciousness? With Dr. Tony Nader Part
- Elon musk, Deepak Chopra's Metahuman vs Human | With Dr Tony Nader Part 3

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