



Flimsy Gods: Golems, Cyborgs, Bicycles, and Neurofeedback

I might have a lot to say about [Robert Anton Wilson](#) because he has insinuated himself at the intersection of my interests. I'll work up to it.

The cyborg idea is prehistoric and comes out of the use of tools. The notion of our responsible action ranges from the Judaic notion that we'll never be responsible users of our power, and thereby forever beholden to a wiser god, to the Hegelian idea that we contain the god within us, and so should strive to become the uber mensch. This lies right at the heart of the Ludite rejection of modern contrivances, whether that be electricity and internal combustion engines, or computers, drone warfare and surveillance.



I differentiate between humans and their tools based on sustainability and enhancement. Abicycle is sustainable while a motorcycle uses nonrenewable petroleum. Abicycle enhances one's health while a motorcycle does not directly, but it might indirectly by improving coordination, knowledge, and opportunity. And one could say the same about all the machines to one extent or another.



Ray Kurzweil says the computer is not just a data crunching device, but a better body for the human soul. He advocates uploading all of one's SELF into a computer of the future and disposing of the body. All bodies or just some? Immortality, perfection. I think Kurzweil is an idiot, but the power and money of the computer-ati follow him like lemmings.

As much as we might consider this an academic discussion it is increasingly ruling our culture through the conflict between the globalists goal of complete control, to the individualist's aspiration for a personal, empowered, and sustainable relationship with the natural world.

I am a nature worshipping individualist but I am using my neurofeedback machines to enhance personal, family and cultural growth. With neurofeedback the brain can interact with itself in a cleaner, clearer, and more immediate manner than it can in our noisy, chaotically evolving and assaulting interpersonal world. The best of both worlds?

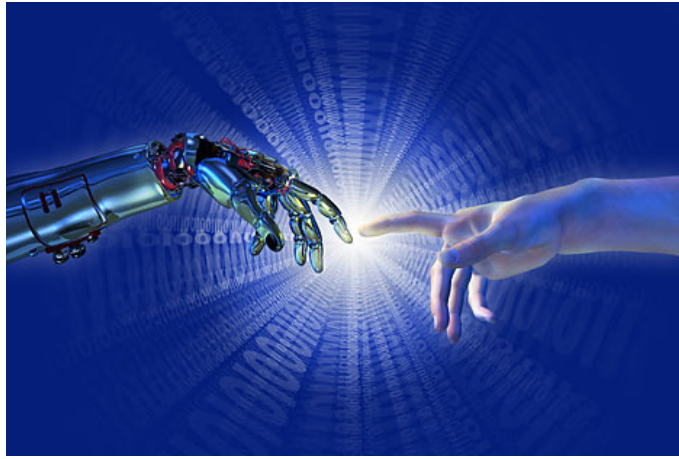
I was given pause when Robert Anton Wilson put me and Ray Kurzweil in the same bucket in his 1985 book "[Prometheus Rising: Whatever the Thinker thinks, the Prover proves](#)". Speaking of the neurologically imprinted patterns of human nature:



"When the accumulated facts, gimmick, tools, techniques and gadgets of neuroscience – the science of brain changes and brain liberation – reaches a certain critical mass, we will all be able to free ourselves from these robot cycles. It is the thesis of this book that we have been approaching that critical mass for several decades now and will reach the cross-over point faster than you expect.

"The current rampages of territorial-emotional pugnacity sweeping this planet are not just another civilization falling, Vico fashion. They are the birth pangs of a cosmic Prometheus rising out of the long nightmare of domesticated primate history." -p.89-90

This sounds very much like Kurzweil's futurism, but it describes why I do with neurofeedback. It makes me very uncomfortable.



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