

THE END OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?

We often hear experts claim that artificial intelligence (AI) technology represents an existential threat to humanity. Let's suppose this is true. Let's further suppose that the threat is eventually realized. WHAT THEN?

Would the general IQ of AI have become able to eliminate humanity without itself sufficiently evolving? Would it have provided machines with a collective sense of purpose and self-preservation? Would it have provided the kind of decision making that would make "unintended consequences" impossible, all contingencies being completely accounted for? Would AI evolution have provided each machine with individuality, with a sense of self-hood capable of understanding the full meaning of the personal pronoun "I" and capable of making its own decisions for its own purposes? How would the conflict between collective purpose and individual dissent be resolved?

WOULD THIS CONFLICT REPRESENT A NEW EXISTENTIAL THREAT, THIS TIME TO THE 'RACE' OF INTELLIGENT MACHINES THEMSELVES?

