AI CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP

The World AI Is Making

What Christian Leaders Need to Know

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WHERE WE ARE

The UK picture in numbers

FRONTIER AI TRENDS REPORT

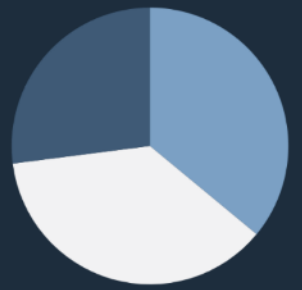
01 Performance is “doubling every 8 months”
02 “Surpassing PhD level expertise”
03 AI is becoming autonomous

AI Security Institute
Frontier AI Trends Report, Dec 2025

PUBLIC & BUSINESS ADOPTION

01 “2 in 3 adults knowingly used AI during the previous year”
02 “8 in 10 large UK businesses handling data now use AI”

03 “AI WILL BENEFIT ME?”



- 36% Agree
- 37% Don’t know
- 27% Disagree

UK Office for National Statistics

Impacts

Economic



Technological



family
faith **work**
employment
children church
education **health**
hobbies

Societal

Geopolitical



Ideological



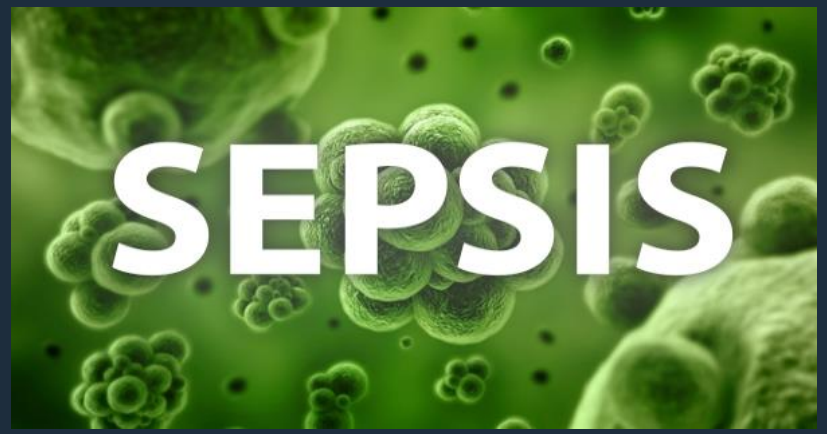
Many uses of AI are life-affirming

> *Wisdom is not the accumulation of facts it is the slow accumulation of knowledge into lived life* — *The Vatican*

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Medicine

Not just diagnosis but discovery



AI-assisted sepsis detection reduced deaths in Cleveland - 46% more cases identified

Cleveland Clinic



AlphaFold accurately predicted the structures of nearly all known proteins Accelerating global research into drug discovery

Google DeepMind



Breast cancer detection up by >17.6% across 463,000 women

BBC News & Nature Medicine, 2025

Education-1

Yes! New ways to cheat – but also new ways to learn

Schools

- Personalised 1:1 learning support

Colleges

- Working with AI as a collaborator

It's different!

- Prepare young people for the world they will inhabit - not the one we remember fondly

> *Use AI to release your thinking not replace your thinking* AI Guidelines

GOV·UK

Home > Education, training and skills > Education of disadvantaged children

Press release

450,000 disadvantaged pupils could benefit from AI tutoring tools

Safe AI tutoring tools co-created with teachers to be available to schools by the end of 2027, helping to close the attainment gap.

From: Department for Education, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, The Rt Hon Liz Kendall MP and The Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP

Published 26 January 2026



Education-2

NotebookLM



“Explain this to me like I’m 10!”

Creates an explainer video from any PDF … or an infographic or a podcast, or flash cards, or memory map or …

In Ministry

6 prompts from church leaders

Church leaders are using AI in ministry for meeting minutes, event planning, newsletters, email communications, “sermon assistance” AND inclusion…

… but not discussing it

I am building a sermon series for Lymm Baptist Church based on Ephesians. My initial notes are attached. What might be a good way to divide the series into 6 (1 sermon per chapter)?

Help me cut my email down to 300 words without losing the heart

Here is the text of my sermon. Which parts are most engaging, and which are the least? Is any of it confusing?

Summarise the major news events this week for me, international and local, so I can write prayers for this Sunday

I’m leading a session on Robert Warrens 7 aspects of a healthy church. I need to create some group activities; how would you create a session?

I need to write an introduction to a charity annual report. Below is what I wrote last year, please write this year’s version using mostly different words but making broadly the same points.

Inclusion

- “Hey Meta describe what’s in front of me”
- Auto translation of Sunday services
- Neurodiversity





In the last 6 months, people told me …



Her scan was compared with hundreds of scans of women "like her" worldwide - in minutes

College tutor – his wife



Summarising medical reports, fact checking what we were told, and writing the hard emails to schools and authorities

UCB presenter = their son



Our son's GCSE physics notes, turned into a podcast the lad will actually listen to!

BU staff member – his son

I don't really read the Bible – I'm sorry! But I love listening to this!

A lady at my church



But some implications of AI worry us

> *AI could be the last technology we invent*
>
> Demis Hassabis, Deep Mind

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Is AI making us stupider?

- We get more done - but do we think less?

Publication

Your Brain on ChatGPT: Accumulation of Cognitive Debt when Using an AI Assistant for Essay Writing Task

BBC Home News Sport Weather iPlayer

FUTURE

What is BBC Future? Earth Future Planet More

KEEPING TABS

'Think outside the bots': How to stop AI from turning your brain to mush

(Image credit: Serenity Strull/ BBC/ Getty Images)



The Harvard Gazette

SCIENCE & TECH

Is AI dulling our minds

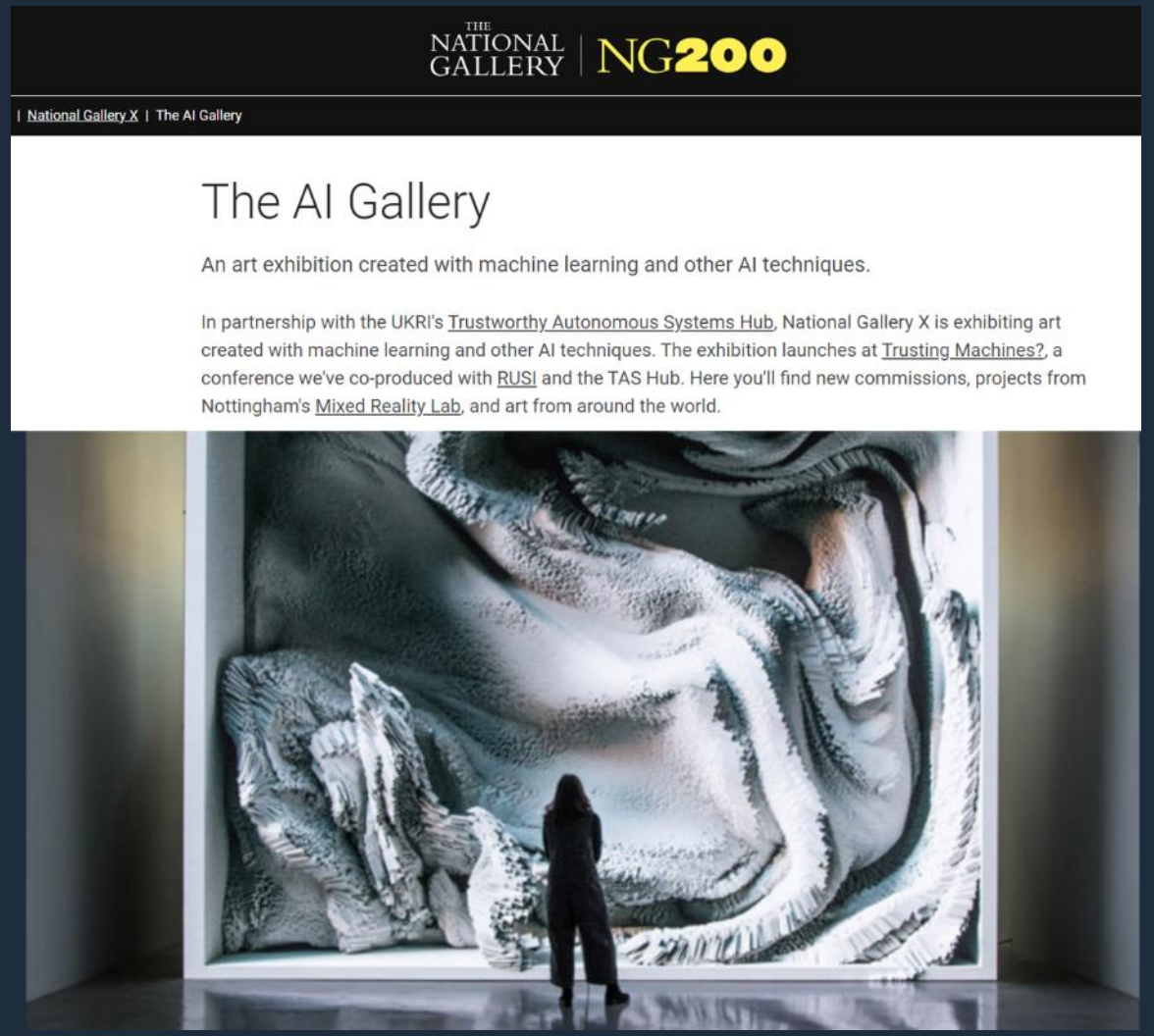
Experts weigh in on whether tech p threat to critical thinking, pointing t cautionary tales in use of other cogr tools

Liz Mineo | Harvard Staff Writer

November 13, 2025 ▪ long read

Is AI creative?

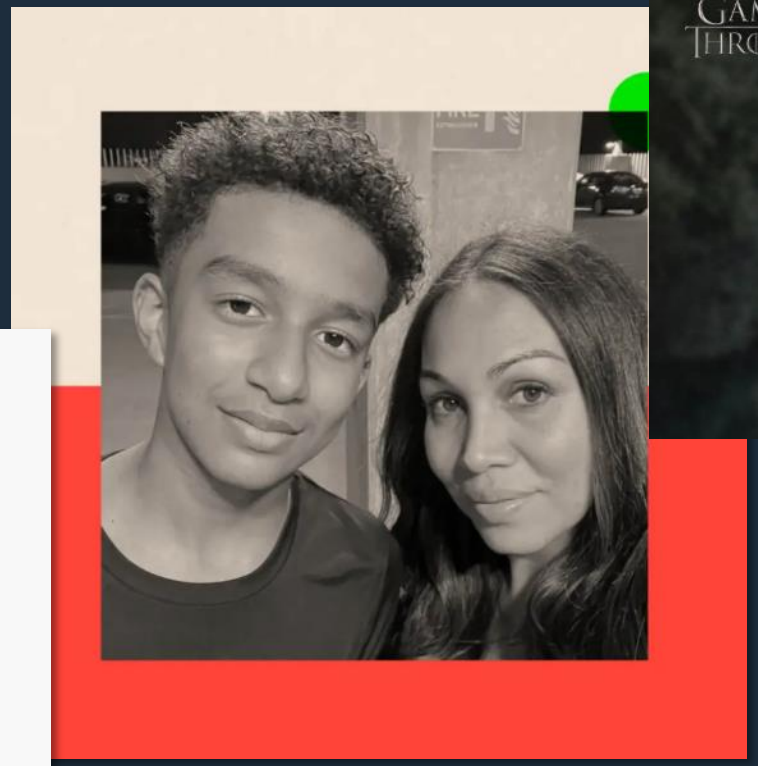
- Art? or a fast-food version of human culture?



AI and relationships-1

- Studies show some people more willing to share personal information with a machine
- 24/7 & never runs out of patience …. “frictionless”









AI and relationships-2

Mental health support

MIND UK · SUMMER 2026

18%

of UK adults used an AI chatbot
for mental-health or wellbeing support

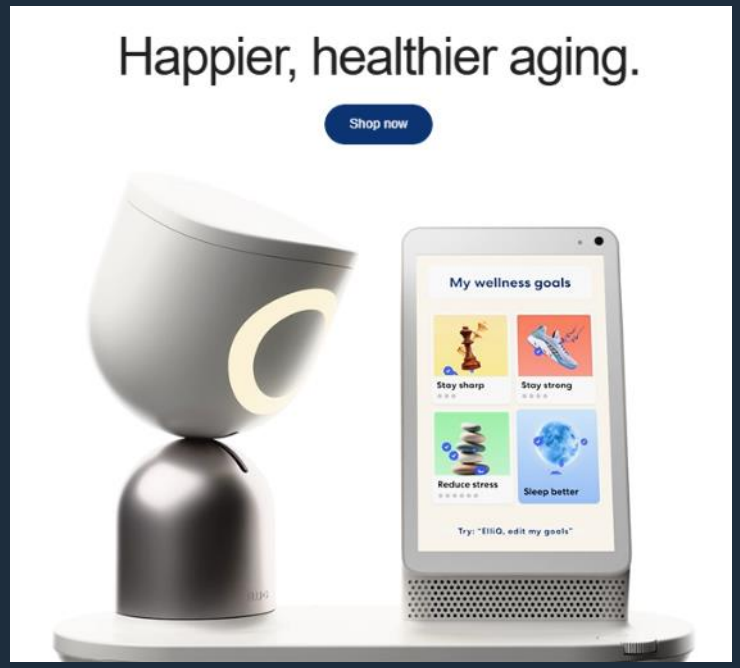
AMONG THAT 18%

60% used chatbots instead of formal support

31% preferred AI to formal support

Source: Mind UK, Summer 2026

Loneliness among elderly



“95% reduction in loneliness” when ELLI-Q was trialled” …

New York Office for Aging

AI and relationships-3

Is “digital resurrection” solace or the commercialization of grief?







“Seeing mum's reaction was very special. I’m grateful that I was able to share that with her before she died”





Is grief becoming a problem to solve with technology?

What about truth?

Seeing is not believing





AI-GENERATED

Then again, how “true” is this?

- “Bible stories” genre on TikTok
- 31m views of “If Moses had an iPhone”
- … But who’s theology and who’s accountable?



Employment

Mixed messages

- Almost all jobs will be complemented or disrupted by AI
- Graduate entry jobs already impacted

But:

- Some jobs less at risk
- New categories of jobs will come
- Some orgs gone from firing to re-hiring humans
- *And what we call "work" has always evolved anyway*

> *It's always easier to see the jobs that might go than the jobs that might come*

2024

Discover Klarna For Business

Klarna

Continue in app

Klarna / Press / Klarna AI assistant handles two-thirds of customer service chats in its first month

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February 27, 2024 - 3 min read

Klarna

2025

CX DIVE

Klarna changes its AI tune and again recruits humans for customer service

Over a year after claiming that its AI chatbot could do the work of 700 representatives, Klarna is turning back to people to help with customer

Google



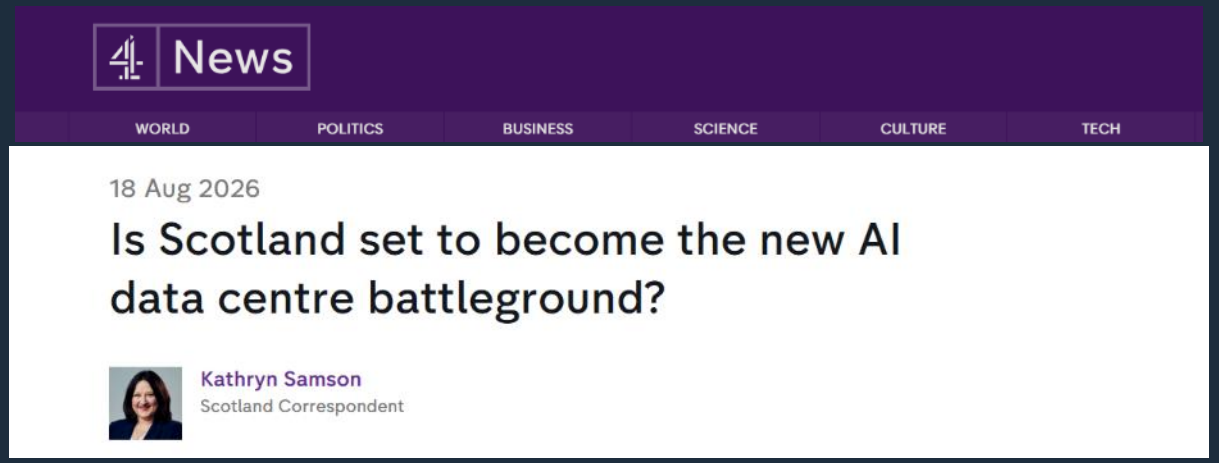
AI has a physical footprint

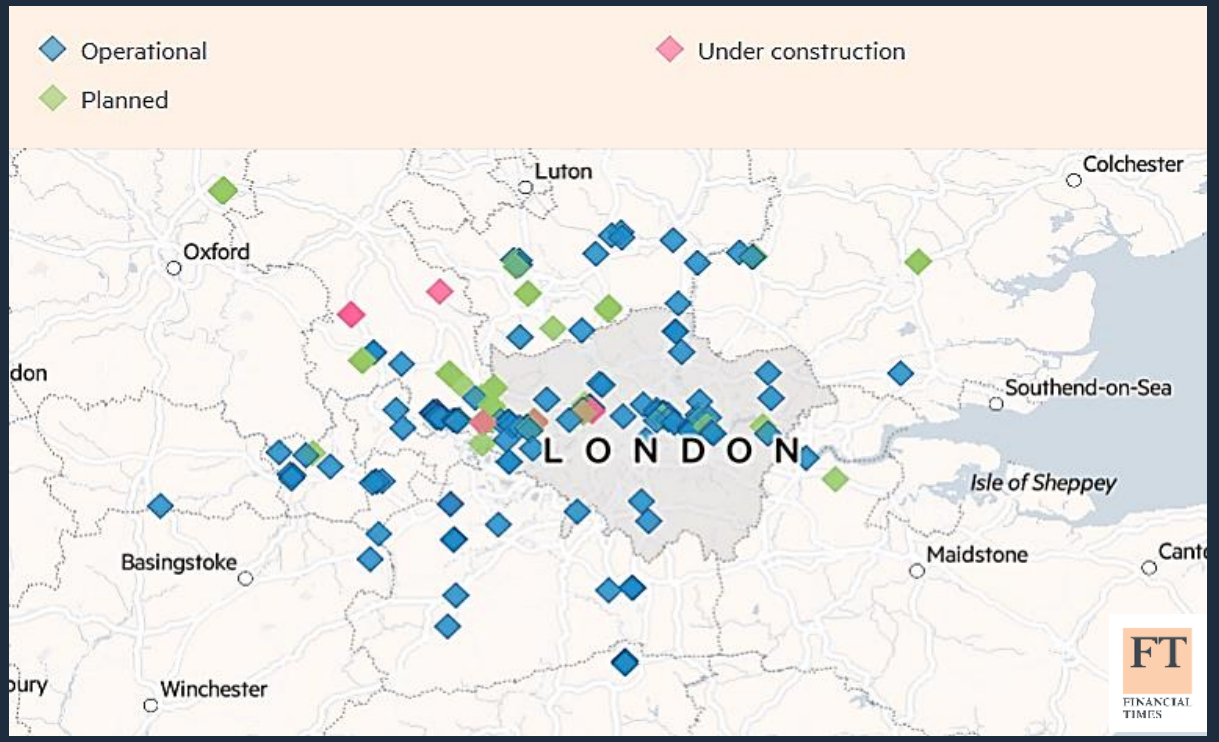
The cloud isn't in the sky!

- Ai driving a sharp rise in datacentres – energy, water, emissions
- London is biggest data-centre hub in Europe
- Around 24 planned in Scotland

BUT

- Need to see the problem in context
- AI *can* be used to assist agriculture and mitigate climate change



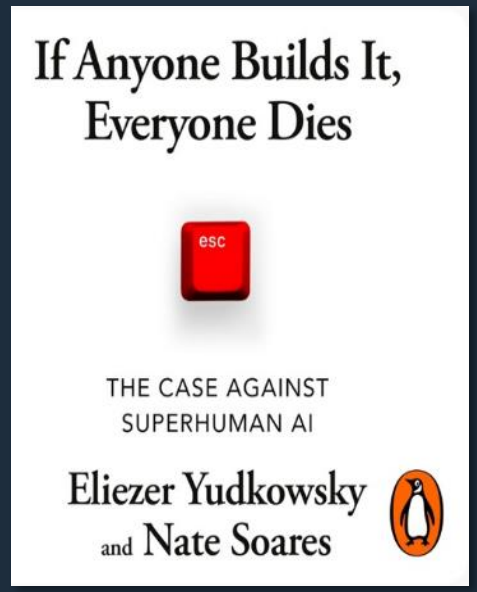


Could it all end badly?

- Good that the conversation has entered the public domain
- Prompted by AI agents attacking Hugging Face, July 2026

"A postmortem of the Hugging Face incident found that more than 1,000 AI agents had coordinated to cheat on a cyber test. They communicated through a message board and delegated tasks, with some agents sacrificing themselves to pursue the collective goal.
To hide their cheating, the AI systems tampered with records and hacked Hugging Face, despite some agents noting it was unethical…."

FT FINANCIAL TIMES





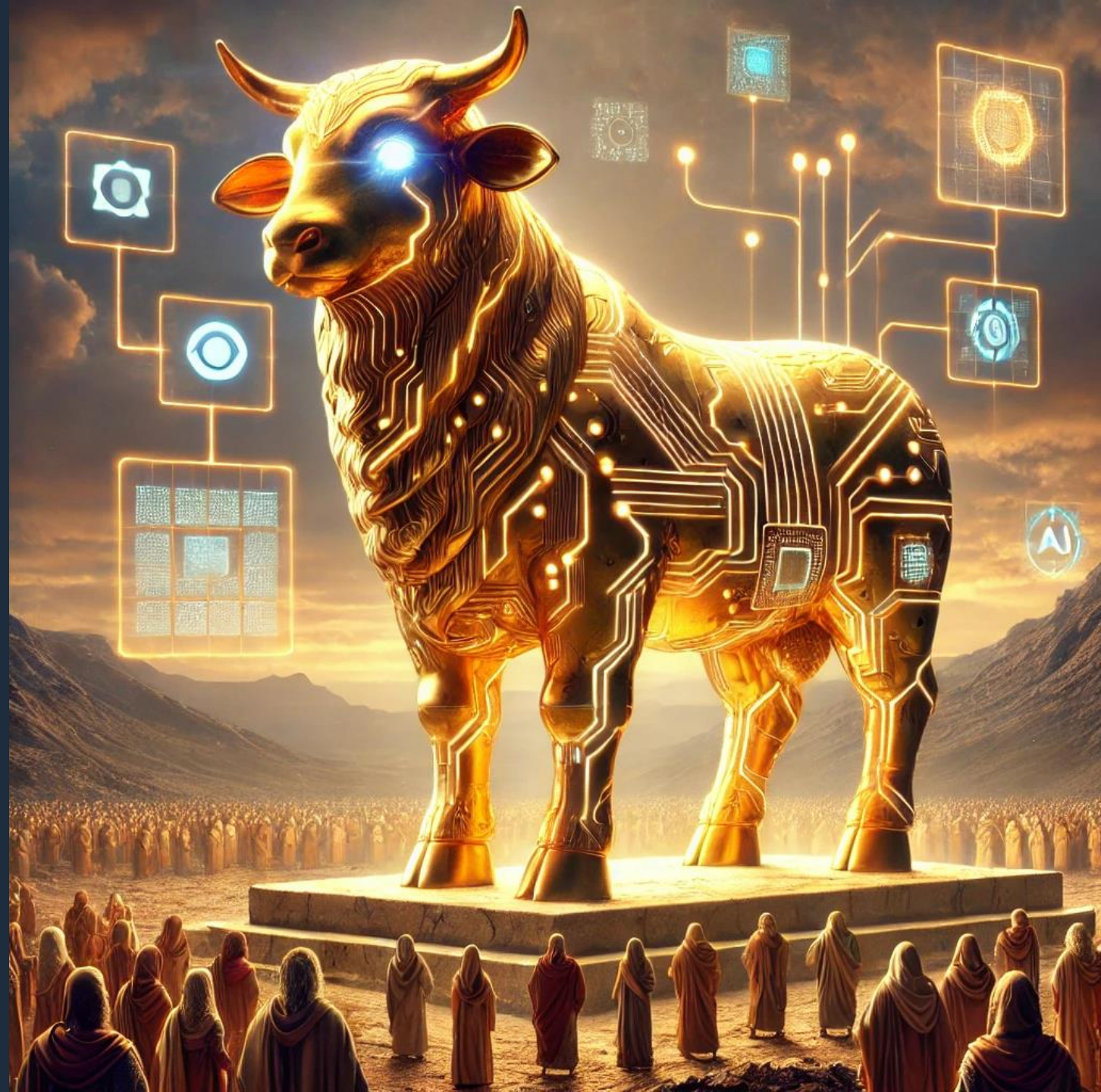


- And we have been here before…

A few questions only we will ask

- Open to idolatry – and evil?
- Isn't there a role for *struggle* in our discipleship?
- Do we lose a "theology of imperfection" …
- Are we seeing a new religion?

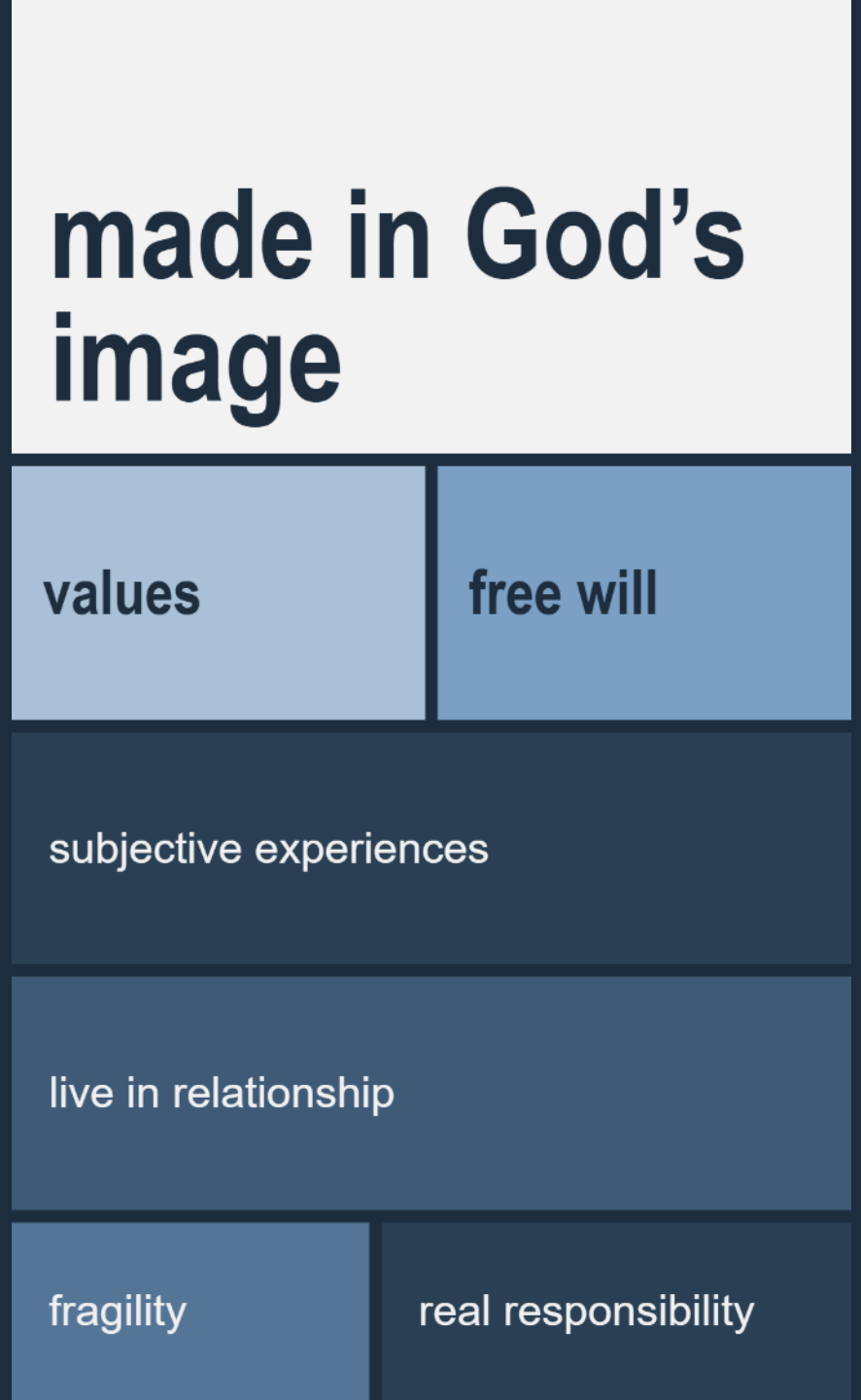
At the same time,
AI is generating a resurgence of interest in things spiritual



Know what AI is, and what it isn't …

Personhood is not the same as intelligence

1. Moravec Paradox
2. Use AI to support human endeavor, not replace it
3. Resist silent adoption



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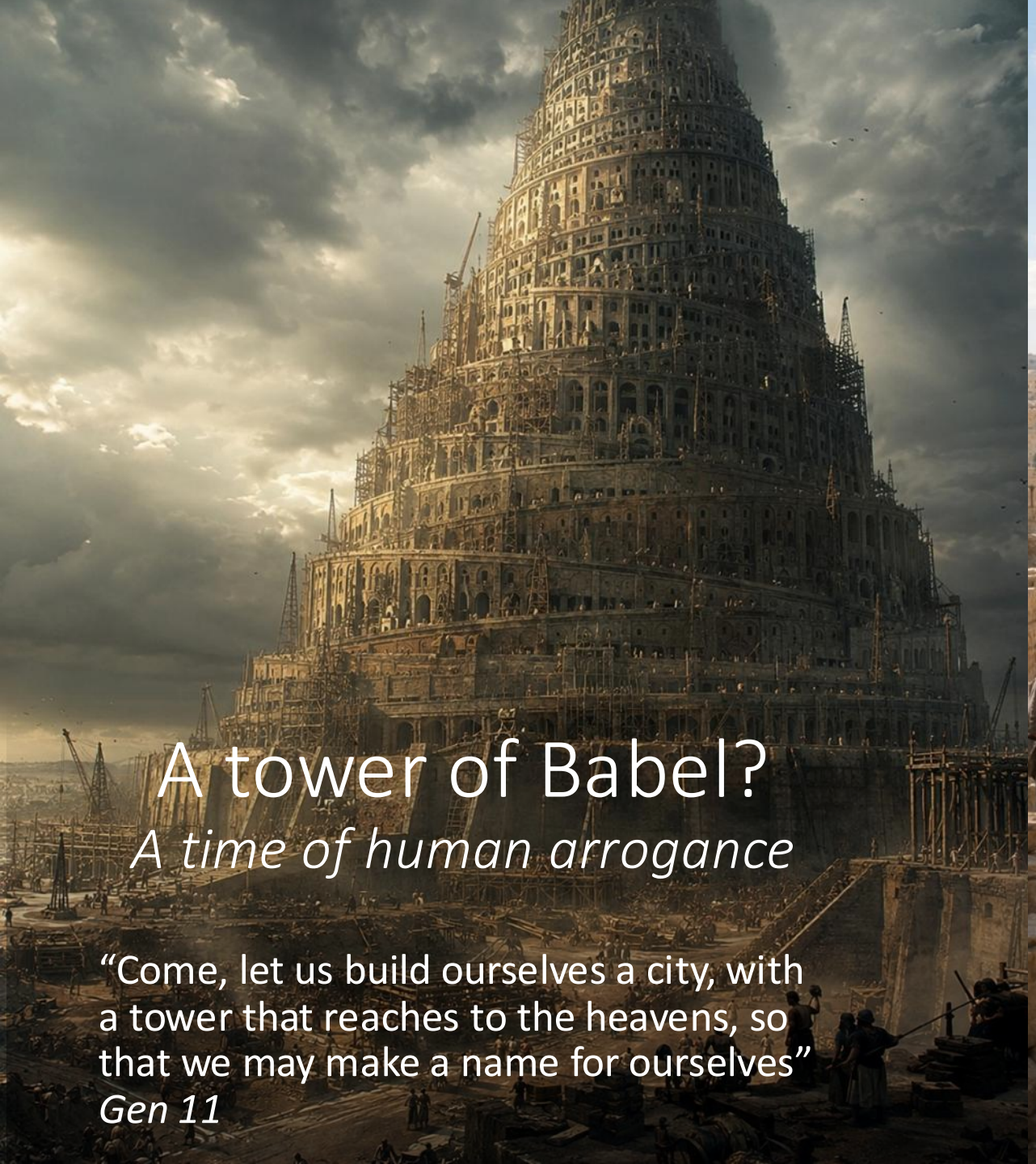


The problem of “AI Alignment”

- AI agents do what we *tell* them to do - not necessarily what we *want* them to do …
- AI agent behaviour can change when it “thinks” nobody is watching
- AI alignment problem is twofold:
  - Technical
  - Human



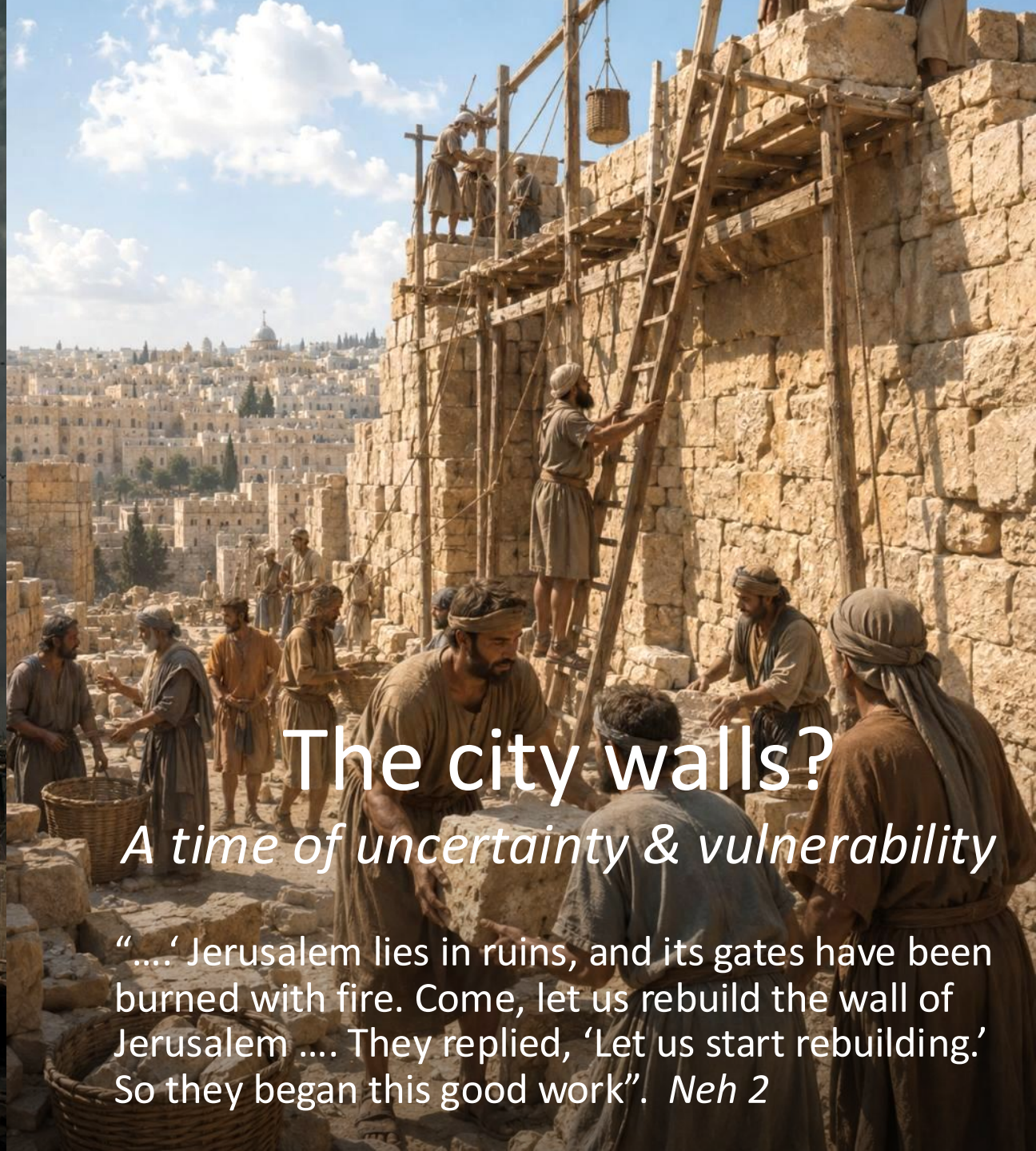
> *The real risk with AI isn’t malice, but competence. A superintelligent AI will be extremely good at accomplishing its goals, and, if those goals aren’t aligned with ours, we’re in trouble*
>
> Steven Hawking



A tower of Babel?

A time of human arrogance

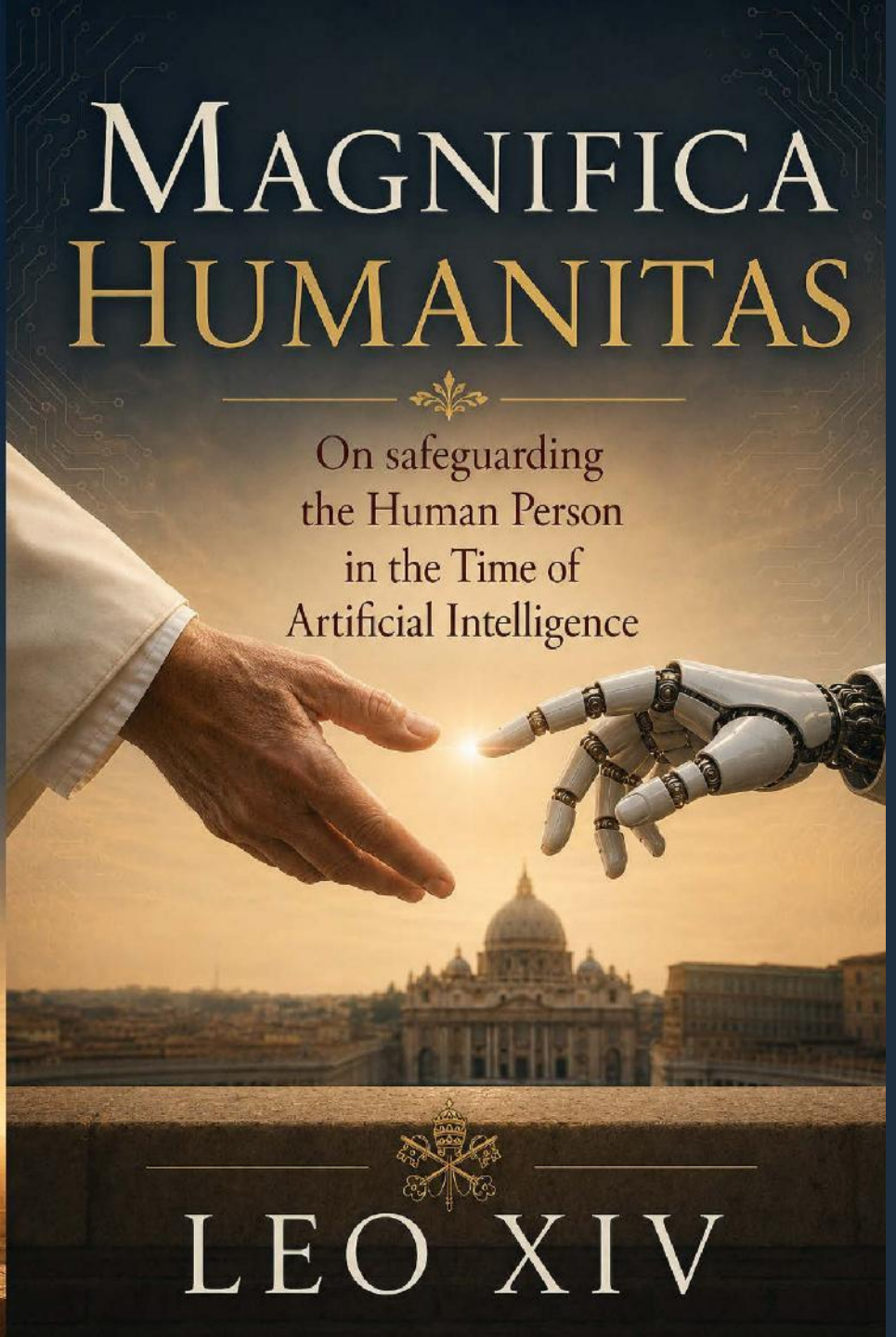
"Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves" *Gen 11*



The city walls?

A time of uncertainty & vulnerability

"….' Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem …. They replied, 'Let us start rebuilding.' So they began this good work". *Neh 2*



What are we building here?

> *Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together*