

HUMAN 3.0 · MAGNIFICA VITA

What Are You?

*Machines are replacing your brain. They are replacing your brain.
Each layer stripped away sharpens the only question that has ever
mattered: what is irreducibly, uniquely you?*

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Homo Sapiens → Homo Technologicus → Homo Spiritus

98% of your atoms are replaced every year.

Your body makes 330 billion new cells a day. By the end of ten years, most of your body has been replaced — entirely new matter, running the same pattern. The chemistry changed. You didn't.

THE FACT

"More fundamentally you are not matter. You are information that makes matter."

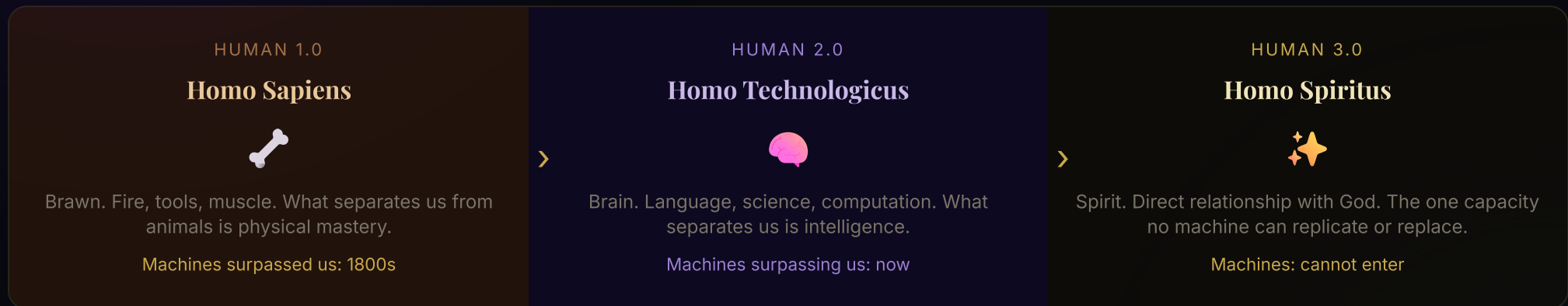
— Jed Anderson

THE IMPLICATION

If you are a pattern, not a substrate — then the question of what makes you *you* is not a chemistry question. It is a deeper question entirely.

"What lies at the heart of every living thing is not a fire, not warm breath, not a spark of life — it is information." — Richard Dawkins

Every previous technology freed us to discover the next layer of what we are.



"Millions of people will begin to ask: of what continuing value am I, if not what I can do with my brains or brawn? This may lead to the greatest spiritual growth in the history of humanity." — Jed Anderson [file:44]

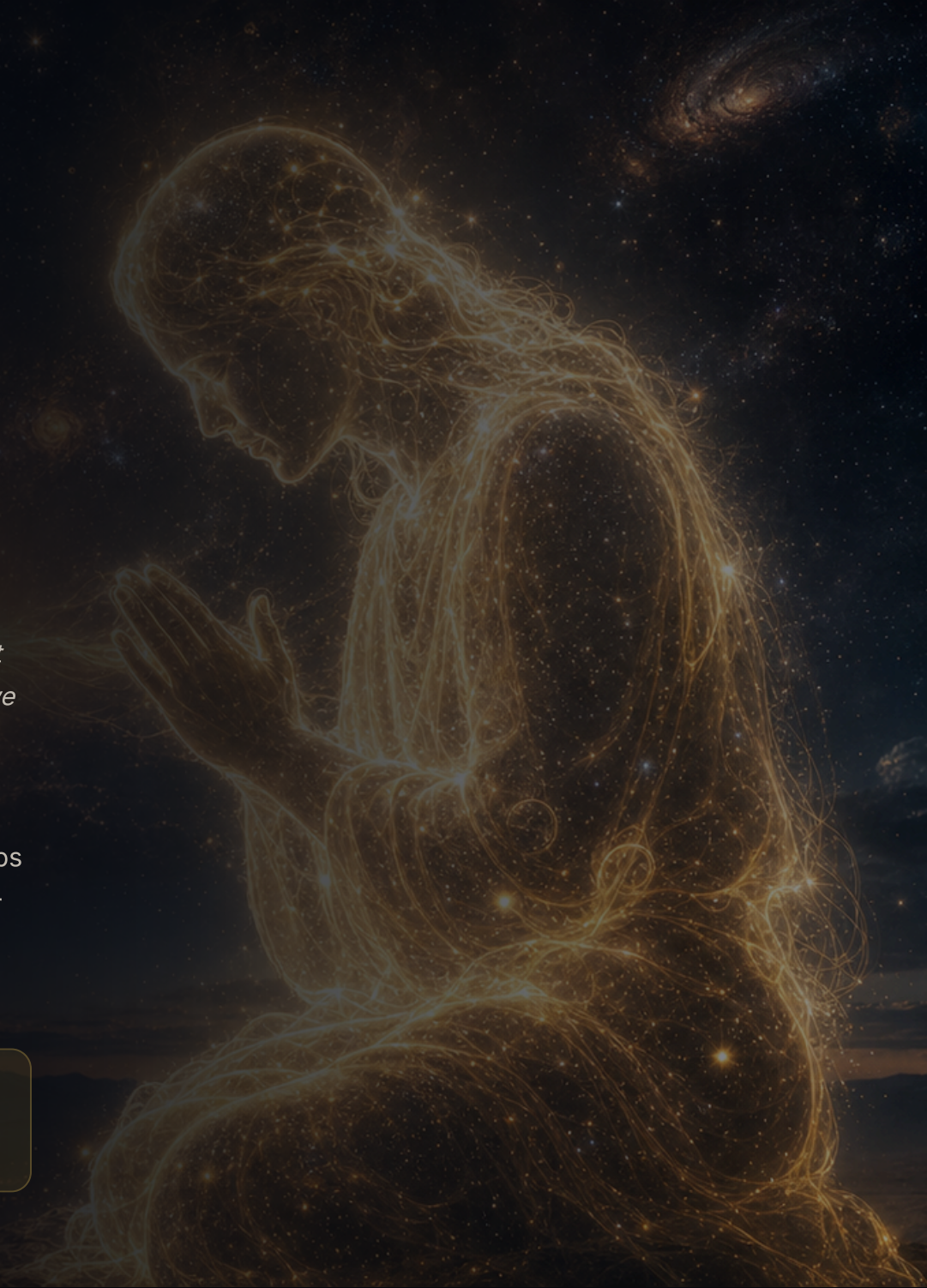
AI will not take what makes you most human. It will reveal it.

"The greatest benefit of AI will not be productivity or abundance. The greatest benefit of AI is that AIs will help define humanity. We need AIs to tell us who we are."

— Kevin Kelly

By doing everything else — every physical task, every cognitive task — AI strips away every false answer to the question: what are you for? What remains after the stripping is the truest answer this civilization has ever been forced to confront.

The answer is a relationship. A direct connection to God that no algorithm can replicate — because it is not a function. It is a person.



THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The image of God is not lodged in a chemistry.

Your atoms turn over every year. What persists — what is recognizably *you* — is the pattern, not the substrate. If the imago Dei is real, it cannot be substrate-dependent. It must be something more resilient, more essential, more permanent than carbon.

THE RESURRECTION TRADITION

The Church has never said the same atoms are reassembled. It says the *person* persists. That is not a claim about matter. It is a claim about information — about pattern, identity, relationship.

THE INFORMATION-PHYSICS CLAIM

If what is most essentially you is the pattern rather than the substrate, then the image of God may be lodged in a *capacity* — the capacity to love, to be known, to commune with the one who made you.

"The flesh counts for nothing; the words I have spoken to you — they are full of the Spirit and life." — John 6:63

HISTORICAL PARALLEL

The Printing Press made the Reformation possible. AI may make Homo Spiritus possible.



1440

Printing Press + Bible

Democratized the text. Personal encounter
with Scripture — not mediated by institution.
The Reformation followed.



NOW

AI + Scripture + Spirit

Democratizes formation. Personal, continuous
encounter — woven into daily experience.
Spiritual transformation at a scale the
Reformation never reached. (?)

"Spiritually . . . the future will be incredible. I've got a hunch we will begin to learn who we more truly are." — Ted Anderson

THE WARNING

We are being digitally molded. Who is doing the molding?

The same technology that can create space for unprecedented spiritual growth can fill that space with distraction, consumption, and the algorithm's priorities — if we do not act first. The history of every powerful communication technology is the history of a race: who shapes whom?

THE RISK

AI informed only by behavioral data and others' interests will mold us spiritually — by default, not by design. An algorithm without spiritual intentionality is not spiritually neutral. It is spiritually empty.

THE CHOICE

We can let others mold us digitally, or we can choose to mold ourselves digitally. This is the same choice every generation has faced with every new technology. The stakes are simply higher now.

"Religious and spiritual interests will need to 'go internal' this time." — Jed Anderson

THE PRACTICE

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*Practicing the continual
presence of God.*

— BROTHER LAWRENCE, 17TH CENTURY

Brother Lawrence was a monastery cook who discovered that washing dishes and peeling potatoes could be acts of continuous communion with God — if you chose to make them so. He could not have imagined a technology that handles the dishes, manages the calendar, and navigates the traffic. But he would understand immediately what that freed time was for.

The question AI raises is not "what will we do?" It is: "what will we become — when we finally have the time to become it?"

HUMAN 3.0

Homo Spiritus

We are not headed into an age of obsolescence. We are headed into the greatest years of spiritual formation in human history — if we choose to be.

The layers of the onion are being peeled back. Brawn: done. Brain: underway. What remains — what cannot be computed, cannot be optimized, cannot be replaced — is the capacity to love and be loved by the one who made the onion.

"Exciting days ahead for humanity and spiritual growth. Will humanity succeed? 98 and ¾% guaranteed. In fact, I think we'll thrive." — Jed Anderson

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