

Nonsensical transhumanism

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Earth as man's home

- Home consists of durable things we understand and which conserve and express man's ideas and acts
- Earth has been reduced to the condition and necessary evil of man's existence which must be transformed through labour to provide resources for human life which are then consumed.
- Automated processes deprived of human understanding and sense
- Never ending striving for progress, effectiveness, accumulation, growth etc.
- The whole society has been subordinated to laws of nature or laws of history. Men have become slaves of their laws, they know labour and its opposite – leisure in the form of idleness - only

Human body

- As well as world is seen as a realm of necessity, so too is human body.
- Distrust in abilities, senses and body as such
- People work on its improvement, strive for immortality, enhancement of their abilities etc.
- Robots as an answer to the allegedly difficult situation of man who has to work in order to improve his miserable living conditions
- The new technical devices distract our memory and attention to the world as they need a lot of attention themselves and as they hide the human character of the world in various ways (amusement, simplification, automation etc.)

Labourers without labour

- However, if robots would replace man in all his necessary work, man wouldn't know what to do. He is so much bound to his biological life (as labour is in fact the result of man's imperfection and dependence on nature), that he would be able to respond to biological impulses only.
- How can a society of labourers without labour look like? asks H. Arendt.

Risks

- Man is put in a god-like position where he could need artificial machines to think and speak for him, as he will not be able to do it himself.
- Politics in the sense of evaluating and discussing issues of the common world requires meaningful speech. The new conditions developed without understanding may create a world people won't be able to understand.
- E.g. Big data provide knowledge without understanding that may be useful, but difficult to deal with and to discuss. We are losing the sense of what we are doing with modern technologies available.

Man as a harmony

- Man is a balanced system of various components and we still don't understand the balance properly.
- Increasing or strengthening some of the powers may destroy that balance.
- Unintended consequences may be another harmful outcome of the transhumanists efforts. Even with genetic manipulation, we fear the consequences for nature and with human body manipulation we may get similar results.

Suggestions

- We need cultivated attention, respect for the surprises of the world (respect and not government of nature) and patience.
- We need to get rid of the eternal processual time of the world and understand our life as an interval between life and death. Such a time conception focuses on the present moment spanned between past and future instead of the processual concentration on the future.
- Such a life can change and interrupt the automatic series of events and constitute something new brought about by human activities.
- Focus on **creativity**, which produces durable objective things into the world, and **political space** that evaluates, compares and praises the objects of the common world.