

## Creativity in an AI world

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When writing a paper for class, my teacher said a phrase that I can not stop thinking about. I don't remember the exact wording, but it was something similar to: If you submit AI writing, you are admitting your words on a paper are no different than a robot's. This stuck with me not only for its literal meaning, but what it implied on a larger scale about human creativity and our future.

Humans are astonishing. We invented wheels, planes, music, philosophy, electricity, vaccines. We created a way to communicate with someone thousands of miles away, with only a click of a button. These show the pinnacle of humanity and our creativity. As Marx said: it is our species being, to produce universally. Then in 1956, we created artificial intelligence, and in 2022 it was released to the public. AI is a beautiful invention and has the capacity to better our lives, if implemented right. However, it also is dangerous, as it has the possibility of diminishing our human passions and centuries of growth.

When humans use Artificial intelligence beyond aiding us and making work more efficient. When humans use AI as an emotional companion, as their writing, as a substitution for their own creativity, they are admitting their species-being can be equated to a machine. We were born to follow our passions (whether its writing, art, medicine), but when we push too much of this passion onto a machine, we lose our creativity that has defined humanity for centuries. Creativity allows us to define our identity and individualness, and outsourcing this reduces our human nature. I believe AI can help maximize our lives and live better. I do not believe AI should take over our essence and agency.

The solution seems simple: take back our ownership and creativity, Yet this is easier said than implemented. This connects back to my previous article (The Illusion of Nonchalance) as humans avoid suffering, and often creativity and growth comes with suffering before one achieves their goal. Going back to my teacher's point, one may easily turn to AI to help write their paragraphs and think of ideas as they do not want to disappoint and suffer from what they perceive as "failure". People view AI as a tool to avoid embarrassment or anything connected to the realm of suffering. However, by doing so they also allow their creativity to be compared to a machine. We must accept this possibility of suffering to connect back to our species being and human essence.

Artificial intelligence is a spectacular invention that has and will continue to change the world. It will make all our lives easier and (hopefully) allow us to focus on what we are passionate about more. But we must use it correctly and not allow it to replace what it means to be human. We must separate ourselves through our emotions, creativity, and humanity.