

Artificial Intelligence in the Modern World: Face aux Colossales Aridité de l'Honnêteté.

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Abstract

The paper investigates the triggers for the evident disorder in human society. It analyzes their *raison d'être* as a way of questioning their relevance in the present and future centuries. It is urgent now to find ways to make what is relevant continue to be relevant, and what is irrelevant is made to become relevant without violence, and to build up the courage to reject and jettison what is harmful. Among the institutionalized powers like governments, educational institutions, and religious institutions, it is more likely that educational institutions, with educational strategies, could potentially regenerate, for the next human generation, individuals with healthy and informed conscience, who would be capable of re-humanizing the human society. Something needs to be done, no matter how little, to save the human race, the human world, our common home. It is time to let go of all that is artificial, dishonest, and harmful to human life and the environment. It should be proclaimed loud and clear that before artificial intelligence, there was the “common intelligence”, otherwise known as “common sense”. It is rooted in the natural and biological life of every individual born of a woman. It enables quality empathy behaviors among individuals, which is proposed as the necessary vaccine for a better human society.

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Introduction and Background

It is essential to provide context for this paper, “the modern world”. The context of the modern world is an inclusive, longitudinal overview of human history that conveys the sense of a rolling wheel of human history. When and what are the major characteristics of the contemporary modern world, or the early modern period, or the Renaissance (1450-1600), or the Age of Enlightenment and Revolution (1700-1800), or the Industrial Revolution of the 19th and 20th centuries? Not denying the significant developmental milestones in human history during these periods, one would not be exaggerating to point out that these periods in human history have witnessed multiple and grossly lethal activities and inventions that have claimed many human lives and properties. It was not without an unscrupulous display of deception, as well as artificial and inhuman activities by individuals, groups, and governments towards fellow humans. In Europe, for instance, the abolition of the slave trade (Act) was enacted in 1833, and it was only officially abolished in Russia in 1861, and the Emancipation Proclamation in the United States of America in 1863. Despite these, the famous Berlin conference took place in 1884-1885. In this conference, European powers deliberately laid claim to various parts of Africa for mainly economic exploitation and political overlordship. This heinous event has, to date, kept African countries in perpetual cultural, historical, economic, social, and identity nightmares and confusion. This indeed is what could be referred to as the use of artificial intelligence; it stands against all that is fair, honest, and

honourable. It is the act of manipulation in view of exploiting human capacities and regional resources. It is also the unshameful show of childish greediness at the expense of the lives of other individuals, including children and women. Although the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed in 1948, as it seems, the intelligence behind that initiative was artificial. As such, in the present era, it is difficult to appraise the significance and outcome of the declaration. And one may ask, what was the cause of the escalation of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict into full-scale war in February 2022, or what was the intelligence that maintained the war for a longer period? It is the artificial intelligence, one that is devoured of any human value and empathy. The records need to be set straight: artificial (human) intelligence is not artificial (technology) intelligence. The latter is at the disposition of humans, and is not responsible for any inhuman or zero-conscience human behaviors and policies. For how long must we continue to live in a society dressed up in violence, where zero-conscience individuals and institutions sit at the citadel of power, and manipulate individuals to their ruin? Among the institutionalized powers that exist: governmental, educational, and religious, it seems more likely that educational institutions, with educational strategies, could potentially regenerate, for the next human generation, individuals with healthy and informed conscience, who would be capable of re-humanizing the human society. Something needs to be done, no matter how little, to save the human race, the human world, our common home.

Understanding the Avant background

The question is: how did human societies come to this point of high and colossal disorder? Comment a-t-on pu arrivé là? And we can no longer live in peace? This is the reality that everyone is aware of, and it does not need any explication to be convinced. Everyone must no longer stop at removing cobwebs without investigating and taking care of the mother spider responsible for the cobwebs. Everyone longs for a healthy and safe life for oneself, and for one's children and future generations, right? This is the concern of this paper.

Suspected origins of human inequalities:

The suspected origins of human inequality are archaic. Even now, world-renowned holy books and religions expressly portray and teach that humans are unequal, that is to say that some human beings are more gifted than others. In the history of the American Psychological Association, evidence of biased psychological tests between “white-kids” and “black-kids” abounds. The association may not be blamed, because existing governmental and religious laws had legalized such inequalities, and psychological attitude tests were manipulated to prove that such inequalities were natural, and perhaps divine. Even the well-known philosophies of the world have unapologetically ascribed to these theses of human inequalities. Plato, for instance, enumerated three classes of individuals in the human society: the rulers, the auxiliaries, and the workers. In recent times, evidence concerning the existence of the controversial “doctrine of recovery” remains obvious (Chappell, B., 2023).

Consequences of inequality in human society:

The consequences of the sense of hierarchy in human nature are many and dangerous. We do not intend to mention an exhaustive list of negative consequences of the sense of inequality in human societies and cultures. They include: human slavery, abuse of vulnerable individuals, selective immigration policies, human injustices and corruption, human discrimination and institutionalised hierarchies, and gender

disrespect. The further consequences of these discriminatory practices are violence. We must understand that every discriminatory tendency is an act of violence. And often, humans respond to violence with violence, opposition, and mistrust. Discriminatory behaviours destroy not only human beings but also the human environment.

In quick sequences, discriminatory tendencies gave rise to “property laws” where individuals or groups use the law to acquire and protect their wealth, and thus, “greed” for property acquisition followed. Those who are led and profit from the inequality and discriminatory practices would build whatever it takes, would say whatever it takes, and would do whatever it takes to maintain the status quo. And those who oppose inequality or discriminatory practices likewise would build, say, and do whatever it takes to obstruct the status quo. In all these, the society is left with both human and environmental casualties. This is the origin of “evil” in human society and the reason for its persistence.

The irony of the present reality is that organisations and groups were established, perhaps, to respond to the existing and lethal human practices that harm men, women, children, animals, and the human environment, yet are founded and funded on the diplomacy of human inequality. And so, as it seems, “a system for systemic inequality” has been established. The establishment and belief in inequalities among humans is a discriminatory, biased mental outcome, and every act of discrimination is violence. Every act of violence is a degenerative constant to human life and progress. Punishments, or prison terms, do not take away the negative consequences of violent acts. So, there is an urgent need for a reflective historical journey back to human origin and natural capacities. Until now, our human intelligence has been working, for a greater percentage, to the detriment of the human condition and environment. Or, is human intelligence indeed an artificial one?

Common Intelligence (sense)

Strategically, this paper calls for awareness of “artificial intelligence” packaged as a modern technological tool, and being manipulated by only a few individuals and groups at the detriment of the world's majority. It should be proclaimed loud and clear that before artificial intelligence, there was the “common intelligence” (CI), otherwise known as “common sense”. It is the intelligence rooted in the natural and biological life of every individual born of a woman. It is a great privilege to be born human, no matter from what region of the world. The CI is a natural discovery, not a scientific discovery, that humans are born with natural intelligence, which helps them to survive in their natural environment without any human manipulation or distortion. This intelligence, hence, is named CI, because it is naturally imbued (common) to every individual. The claim of some philosophical thinkers that the human mind is a tabula rasa at birth is a claim based on an artificial intelligence, as manipulative intelligence. Evidence-based studies have revealed that at 25 or 26 weeks, foetuses in the uterus could recognise and react to external voices, especially that of their mothers (Timmons, 2018, & Lindberg, 2020).

The common sense - natural sense - is a context-based intelligence, involving material, environmental, and social intelligence. The individual, for instance, is aware of the various characteristics or phenomena in their immediate environment. This CI is naturally in-built so as to facilitate the adaptation and survival capacity of the individual in their given environment. It is not an artificial intelligence. It is the natural capacity for learning and survival. Epistemologically, the individual could only learn from what is known (sensed, seen, and touched) to what is unknown (what can be sensed, seen, or touched). In other words, we learn from the known to the unknown; what could be perceived motivates the individual

in context for further understanding of the totality of the phenomenon or reality so presented. The outcome of such knowledge is a greater opportunity for healthy living of the organism or animal, or human. The knowledge gained in this way is not just knowledge, but experience of reality that is in consonance with the self, others, and the immediate environment. This knowledge or understanding is real and honest.

Corroded sense of honesty

Honesty is not an isolated attitude or behavior or experience; it is the Aletheia of the real, as ever evolving, and positively impacting all aspects of life. The impact of an honest attitude or knowledge, or research, is indisputably non-destructive because it is not deceptive or artificial. In the modern world, whether in the age of the Renaissance or Industrial Revolution or the present 21st century, the meaning and value of honesty has been thrown into the dust to be trampled upon by almost everyone, especially those in positions of power or trust in the corridors of political and religious institutions. It is now that when you are honest, you are “mumu”! The world event of the outbreak of COVID-19 saw the dishonest collaboration of governments, religious bodies, pharmaceutical research companies, and experts, who manipulated and deceived the common citizens (Cuadrado, 2022). Simply put, the practice of dishonesty has become almost a grassroots behavior or practice that is openly practiced, even when human life and environmental safety are at stake. Is it now true that “we have joined them” because we cannot beat them?

Artificial Intelligence and Modern Practice

The invention of AI or Technology Intelligence (TI), like every other scientific invention, is meant to improve human daily political, educational, religious, and social functions and activities. It can increase the economic strength and improve the social life of the majority of individuals in the world. However, the dawn of AI was welcomed by dishonest practices. Debates are high on whether or not AI should be encouraged in human society, especially in the educational sector. Is AI the modern form of dishonesty, manipulation, corruption, and neo-colonialism? Or is it the newest product of human ingenuity, and should be appraised as such?

This paper strongly asserts the originality and genuineness of the human mind to produce what is positively, inclusively, and creatively congruent to the material and psychological development of the human person and the society, bien que du monde as a whole. This assertion is also true for AI (TI); it is a tool that is capable of improving every aspect of the human person and society. Human-produced technologies and tools do not have biological life: they do not breathe. They require living humans to set them in motion through one push-button. Imperatively, one must distinguish between “mal-function” and “mal-usage”. These TI tools may mal-function due to technical complexities, or due to mal-usage (mis-use). When individuals misuse TI tools, as we had misused other technological inventions in the past, then the TI tools may mal-function, and cause consequential dis-ease in the human person and environment.

Today, the prevalence of dishonesty or lies has greeted the production and use of TI (AI) tools. The aggressive marketing of AI products by high-tech companies leaves one in doubt if there is another hidden agenda (lie) behind such an aggressive attitude. Evidence-based examples are not lacking (Ma, 2025). One is always worried about such aggressive marketing of products or ideologies by a few individuals, groups, or governments. This is because, often, as it may be, the outcome of such products

or ideologies has never been for the good of the common men, women, and children. The objective of this paper is to create awareness or train concerned citizens on how to recognize red flags of the lies, the dishonesty bien que the “artificial” in Artificial Intelligence (AI/TI). This awareness is the only way to remain alert and appreciative of modern technological tools and ideologies, and avoid getting into the unending cyclone of physical burnout and mental unrest.

As it seems, one might have difficulties keeping records of accountable, responsible, and trustworthy governmental bodies and agencies, but can keep one’s steeze only when one is aware of the possibilities of greedy tendencies by the very few individuals and institutions. This awareness, confidently, is a deep motivation for effective scrutiny and use of TI tools, especially in the field of education, health, and social life. It is deceptive to aggressively market AI tools in an environment or region that cannot produce and maintain quality and affordable electrical energy and communication networks. Or market such products in a society where the majority do not have a comfortable home, or adequate drinking water and food, and are in perpetual danger from life-threatening illness, or mental health. Such aggressive marketing is only profit-focused. The products being marketed as such are products of artificial intelligence; it is deceptive, manipulative, exploitative, and devoid of any human values and empathy.

The Strategic Vaccine

Evidently, wicked, violent, and evil parents do not give birth to wicked or violent, or evil children; they only train them to be such. The first seven (7) years of life are the most significant period in the life of everyone; in these seven (7) years, “the good and the bad” are formed by parents and significant individuals and groups in the human society. These significant individuals and groups believe in the myth of discrimination that has, over the centuries, given birth to die-hard competitive behaviours. And so, they train the younger generation in the art of competitive living rather than collaborative living. Only a handful of parents can train and lead their children to mature and balanced adults. This explains why it is very tedious to raise children in the present century.

The Empathy Vaccine

This paper suggests an empathic stance as a way forward; it is affordable, realisable, and relevant. It is affordable because every human person is naturally endowed with empathic ability, and it is easily realisable with the right motivations. It is relevant because, more than ever, our modern society needs a cooperative capacity vaccine. This vaccine is meant to boost our ability to connect in enabling and empowering relationships. For this connection to connect, there must be mutual understanding between parties, and among all parties involved – empathy allows for such understanding. Empathy is the ability of one individual to feel and understand the other, and the outcome of this understanding is the motivation to engage in positive actions or behaviours for the betterment of all parties. It is a proactive strategic initiative: it is a common intelligence (CI).

Conclusion

The vaccine for maximum security, progressive economic and social policies is an empathic stance. It is CI.

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