Faith & Reason Group Discussion Questions – March 15, 2024
Is AI Making Humans Obsolete?

Introductions: go around the circle and introduce yourself, what brought you here, and how you interact with AI in your work and/or daily life – especially if you have relevant experience/expertise on contemporary AI use cases (**30 seconds, each**).

Discussion prompt #1 (i.e., through **33:40**, 2 minutes, each)

- Production vs. identity, as it pertains to work
- Creation of new things vs. production / manufacturing of existing things
- Capitalism puzzle (i.e., exponential growth, cost "race to the bottom")
- Quality vs. quantity:
    - irreducible "aura" vs. reducible things
    - mind / body / soul vs. objects
    - personal vs. impersonal
    - "interiority" vs. external veracity
- Definition of life, humanity (theologically, scientifically, philosophically, personally)
    - E.g., robots, animals, chimeras, transhumans, primordial or created man, developing children, unconscious-yet-functioning bodies

Which points or themes do you relate to most? Which do you struggle with most?

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Discussion prompt #2 (2 minutes, each)

Imagine the hype of AI matriculates, and no function-specific human job remains (at least that any production-focused organization would hire a human for).

How would you begin focusing your individual, familial, and communal lives (identities, priorities, values) now?

Are there any implications you would play <u>backward</u> and correct about your modes of life (especially pertaining to work, media, or technology) **that we take for granted at present?**