

Table 1: Summary of the key effects on the image of God that we bear against the different types of AI applications that we considered in chapters 5–10

<i>Taxonomy of AI applications</i>	<i>How our soul is influenced</i>
AI replaces cognitive skills (Chapter 5)	Loss of our minds When AI learns and carries out skilled tasks that humans perform, replacing these tasks with automation leads to a loss of reasoning power, decision-making acuity and creativity.
AI simulates humanness and/or creates bonding (toy robots) (Chapter 6)	Loss of relationships Over engagement with digital assistants, robot toys, healthcare robots and the use of sex robots fosters personification of artefacts and the development of non-human relationships that alters our ability to maintain or form true relationships with other humans. Our children’s emotional and social growth is stunted and their ability to empathize is diminished along with the emotional maturity needed in normal human relationships and social interactions. Personification of artefacts leads to feelings of ethical obligation and the desire to assign rights to personified artefacts, amounting to idolatry.
AI is used for surveillance of citizens and personal data is exploited by companies (Chapter 7)	Loss of freedom to choose and privacy Results from the state’s surveillance of its citizens whether through facial recognition and other traits or the amassing of private data for running smart cities. Freedom and privacy is lost due to the even greater amassing and processing of personal data by Big Tech for profit without any real choice for consumers. The free product or service offering model is an abuse of power because consumers are seduced by Big Tech’s offerings without informed consent to their data use, which in any event would be impractical.
AI is given moral autonomy (Chapter 8)	Loss of moral responsibility When we assign moral agency to a robot, such as a self-drive vehicle, to make moral decisions on our behalf we effectively delegate a responsibility that’s uniquely human.
Manual work is replaced by a robot (Chapter 9)	Loss of work The dignity of work is taken away as jobs are partially or completely replaced by AI and robots, except where the work is hazardous.
AI is used to create a virtual reality on its own or to augment the real world (Chapter 10)	Loss of reality A loss of a sense of what’s real through immersion in virtual and augmented reality, a loss of self-discipline, self-determination and control through addiction with a resulting loss of true community from isolation and virtual relationships.
