

Theosis

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For Discussion: Echoes of Eden: Temptation of a Transhumanist Immortality

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Some scientists seriously believe we could live forever by the 2030s.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/technology/ar-AA1iyzDs>

What is theosis?

The term theosis has two meanings, “the condition or the state of deity” and “the deification of man.”

- theosis is also the state of being God-infused, both in character and in person.
- Christians are described as being “*partakers of the divine nature*” in 2 Peter 1:4
- The Greek word *koinōnos* translated “*partakers*,” means “*sharers, associates, or companions.*”

How are people like God?

All people are made in His image...

Genesis 1:27 – *God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

How are people made in the image of God?

All people have an intellect, unique personality, a free will, a creative ability, will live into eternity future, and are a trinity (body, soul & spirit).

How may we be more like God?

By accepting God’s provision for eternal life believing that Jesus Christ paid the penalty for our sins when He died on the cross when we are born again. That is our justification:

2 Corinthians 5:21 – *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

And we are also indwelt by the Holy Spirit...

Ephesians 1:13 – *having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise*

With the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, we become more of a reflection of Jesus Christ through sanctification...

Philippians 2:12-13 – *work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*

And we look forward to our glorification which will give us resurrected bodies like Jesus...

1 John 3:2 – *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*

As much as we may be like God, how will we never be like Him?

- Omnipotence: God is all-powerful and has total control over himself and his creation.
- Omniscience: God is all-knowing and the ultimate criterion of truth and falsity.
- Omnipresence: God is everywhere because his power and knowledge extend to all parts of his creation.

Eternity past – we had a beginning; God has always existed.

How may God’s plan for theosis be corrupted?

By thinking that we can accomplish theosis through our own efforts alone without God being involved. This was the spirit behind Satan’s fall...

Isaiah 14:14 – *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High*

This was also the lie that tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God...

Genesis 3:4 – *in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.*

Will we trust in God’s plan for our lives, or will we seek to become like gods ourselves?

How are we seeing people trying to achieve theosis through strictly human effort today?

In the transhumanism movement.

- The idea that digital technology will merge with biology, enhancing human abilities and potentially eliminating aging and disease.

Isn't it a good thing to use technology to improve the human condition?

Technology has improved the human condition. But when the spirit behind this effort is driven by an evolutionary world view, the results will be far more dystopian than the shiny veneer suggests.

- Evolutionary worldview: humanity has gotten this far due to evolution, imagine what humans can become if we could speed the process along.
- The goal of transhumanism is to become post-human (not human)
- The push towards transhumanism is not just a scientific or philosophical debate; it is a spiritual battle for the very soul of humanity.

What do transhumanists seek to accomplish by taking the next step in human evolution?

Immortality... Transhumanists promise a future where death is optional, and the limitations of the human body can be overcome through technology.

- This idea is not new; it echoes the serpent's lie to Eve: *"You surely will not die!"* (Genesis 3:4).

The transhumanist pursuit of immortality is a counterfeit of the true victory over death that Christ offers.

How do the transhumanists seek to use technology to achieve immortality?

- They see emergence of Artificial Intelligence as a way to live on outside of failing bodies. The boundaries are being blurred between the digital and biological.
- They are also experimenting with genetic modification to produce enhancements, eliminate diseases, and prevent aging.

The WEF's Yuval Noah Harari's assertion that "humans are hackable animals" is not just a statement of fact but a declaration of intent.

What is behind the transhumanist movement?

It is demonic... the idea that humans can achieve theosis without God is a doctrine of demons...

1 Timothy 4:1 – *the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons*

How else does transhumanism have prophetic significance?

When Jesus described the signs of His coming, He said it would be *"as the days of Noah."* Besides people being in denial about the coming judgment of God, we saw where fallen angels mixed it up with humans causing women to give birth to non-human entities called Nephilim (giants)...

Genesis 6:4 – *There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them.*

Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

This was one reason why God chose Noah and his family to re-boot humanity because they were *"perfect in their generations"* (Genesis 6:9).

Why were the fallen angels working to corrupt human DNA?

This was an attempt to thwart God's plan for the Messiah to be born...

Genesis 3:15 – *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*

Satan was engaged in a "Seed War." If he could spawn enough of his own corrupted progeny, a human Messiah could not be born.

Since Satan lost the "Seed War," why might he be inspiring human DNA alteration today?

Satan is still out to thwart God's plans for humanity but this time it is more of an "Image War."

- Satan wants to prevent God from making people more like Himself.
- If Satan can create his own image bearers to worship him, they will be prevented from being children of God.

How do we know Satan will be able to prevent people from becoming children of God?

The Mark of the Beast of Revelation 13:16-18 is somehow connected to becoming post-human...

Revelation 14:9-10 – *Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.*

The fact that taking the Mark of the Beast condemns the recipient to the lake of fire seems to be contrary to the mercy of God.

How is it that the Mark of the Beast is irreversible, that it is an action that cannot be repented of?

If becoming post-human is connected with taking the Mark of the Beast, this could explain why it is irreversible.

- Jesus took on a human body to pay the sin penalty for humans.
- If someone is a post-human by taking the Mark of the Beast, there is no way the human blood of Christ could pay their sin debt.

How do we know that Luciferians want to alter human DNA on a large scale?

The mRNA "vaccines" (actually gene therapy) is a step in the direction of hacking the human genome, but RNA is the result of DNA coding to produce amino acids that are the building blocks of the proteins the body needs. The technocratic elite really want to modify human DNA... President Biden signed on Sept 12, 2023 an executive order titled, "Advancing Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing Innovation for a Sustainable, Safe, and Secure American Bioeconomy":

"We need to develop genetic engineering technologies and techniques to be able to write circuitry for cells and predictably program biology in the same way in which we write software and program computers...including through computing tools and artificial intelligence..."

Is it even possible for an injection to change human DNA?

The technocratic elite do not know how to reliably change the human DNA today, but the fallen angels do... they've done it before in Genesis 6.

- We know they want to again and will reveal the technology how to do this to their followers when God allows it.

Besides keeping people from becoming children of God, how else will the Mark of the Beast be used?

Revelation 13:17 – *no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark*

The mark of the Beast will be the ultimate control mechanism. Only those who swear allegiance to the Antichrist will be allowed to participate in the economy.

How are we seeing the stage being set for the Mark of the Beast today?

- The conditioning during Covid that a government mandate can destroy a person's livelihood.
- The surveillance infrastructure for China's Social Credit Scores and in place world-wide.
- The technology for Central Bank Digital Currencies is ready and only waiting on the appropriate crisis.

Why does today's church not need to worry about the temptation to take the Mark of the Beast?

The Mark of the Beast only happens during the Tribulation, the 70th Week of Daniel. The Church Age ends prior to the Tribulation...

Revelation 3:10 – *Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.*

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- Transhumanism is theosis through human means and this will be shut down by God.
- Satan will lose the "Image War" just as he lost the "Seed War"
- We see the stage being set for the Mark of the Beast; we are close to the end of the Church Age.