

The ten commandments of AI

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The Bishop of Oxford, who sits on the House of Lords artificial intelligence committee, [has come up with a ten commandments of AI](#):

AI should be designed for all, and benefit humanity.

AI should operate on principles of transparency and fairness, and be well signposted.

AI should not be used to transgress the data rights and privacy of individuals, families, or communities.

The application of AI should be to reduce inequality of wealth, health, and opportunity.

AI should not be used for criminal intent, nor to subvert the values of our democracy, nor truth, nor courtesy in public discourse.

The primary purpose of AI should be to enhance and augment, rather than replace, human labour and creativity.

All citizens have the right to be adequately educated to flourish mentally, emotionally, and economically in a digital and artificially intelligent world.

AI should never be developed or deployed separately from consideration of the ethical consequences of its applications.

The autonomous power to hurt or destroy should never be vested in artificial intelligence.

Governments should ensure that the best research and application of AI is directed toward the most urgent problems facing humanity.

I like them; they provide an essential dimension to this debate.

Now, for ten commandments of tax....