

When the World Becomes Ungovernable

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I remember reading an article many years ago that one day movie producers would be able to digitally recreate famous actors of the past and cast them in movies with present day actors. Imagine seeing Douglas Fairbanks and Scarlett Johansson along with Dwayne Johnson and Greta Garbo in an action-packed adventure. Or, maybe Rudolph Valentino and Emma Stone in a holiday romance or Buster Keaton and Jackie Chan in a unique blend of slapstick action and physical humor paired with Lillian Gish and Carol Burnett.

At the time it was the stuff of science fiction. Now, it is reality. Using CGI to recreate the physical appearance and Artificial Intelligence (AI) algorithms to control speech, facial expressions, and movements, Hollywood can now cast actors of the past with modern actors in full-length movies today. For that matter, completely unique actors, such as Tilly Norwood, a completely AI-generated character created by Particle6 Productions, can be cast with live actors as well.



Example of potential AI-generated movies actors from different eras appearing together with modern actors.

AI-generation is not limited to people, but it also includes animals, scenery, and props, as well as lighting, music, and sound effects. In short, everything needed to produce completely AI-generated videos ranging from just several seconds to full-length movies is now not only possible but increasingly commonplace. But at what cost?

Already, ethical concerns and legal questions have been raised regarding AI-generated likenesses of both deceased and living actors. Who owns the rights to the likeness of an actor, living or dead? Who should profit from AI-generated likenesses? What happens when an AI-generated likeness of either a living or deceased actor is depicted engaging in degrading or pornographic roles, or other roles that the human actor would never have agreed to?

Meanwhile, while the moviemakers struggle with such issues, the internet is overflowing with AI-generated videos. Everything from little old ladies rescuing their tiny dogs from the jaws of huge alligators to videos featuring famous people as talking babies. President Donald Trump can even be seen arresting former President Barrak Obama in the Oval Office and perp-walking him out the door only to later visit him in federal prison.

That last example brings up a concern; namely, what happens when AI-generated videos become so widespread and so convincing that you can no longer trust anything that you see or hear? Generally, AI-generated pictures and videos have some clue, such as an obviously unrealistic or unlikely premise or setting, or are presented in such a fashion as to indicate that it is fictitious or made-up.

Unfortunately, not all videos and photos are so easily recognized as AI. In fact, a growing number of them take great pains to come across as real. Many are designed to confuse, sow discontent, or plant false information. People from all walks of life are finding themselves taken in by false, AI-generated propaganda or, disturbingly, the victim of smear campaigns, lies, and inuendo backed up by AI-generated media.,

When you think about it, the ability to trust that what we typically see, hear, and perceive is the basis of civilization and faith. Without it, the world soon descends into chaos and confusion. But that is not what God wants for us. That is what the Devil wants, as we can see in 1 Corinthians 14:33, where the Apostle Paul writes:

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Unfortunately, the rise of AI-generated videos and pictures is quickly pushing us into the day where we will not be able to trust what we see, hear, and perceive. When we can no longer believe our eyes or our ears, how will we know what to believe or think about anything or anyone? How can a society function when we can no longer determine or trust that a statement, an incident, an event, or anything that we see, hear, or perceive is real or AI?

Lest you think I am overreacting to the potential threat posed by AI-generated media undermining our society, consider what Maggie Harrison Dupré wrote in a recent article, *Numerous Billionaires Preparing for End of Society – Guns, Gold, and Bunkers Galore*, published 12 October 2025 at Futurism.com (<https://futurism.com/artificial-intelligence/billionaires-preparing-for-end>):

These days, the race for AI dominance has ignited a new wave of existential fear among the tech elite — particularly among those in the AI industry, who frequently discuss how worried they are that uncontrollable artificial general intelligence (AGI) will cause the current world order to crumble.

Figures like OpenAI CEO Sam Altman and former OpenAI chief scientist Ilya Sutskever, who now helms the rival AI firm Safe Superintelligence, among others, have voiced their concern that still-unrealized AGI, or an AI system that's generally more intelligent than humans, will send human society into irreparable chaos.

In other words, these AI tech leaders fear that AI systems will one day control so much of what we see and hear that we will not be able to believe or trust anything or anyone, sending “human society into irreparable chaos.” In fact, Dupré even quotes Sutskever as saying, “We’re definitely going to build a bunker before we release AGI.”

Even if AI does not become quite as overpowering and uncontrollable as some of the tech leaders fear, Dupré points out that it is already making it hard to distinguish between what is real and what is AI:

But AI also doesn't have to be conscious or achieve human-level intelligence in order to cause chaos in our social world. If the recent release of OpenAI's video-generating tool Sora 2 has demonstrated anything, it's that generative AI is turning the web into an increasingly unreal place to spend time; as the gap between what's clearly digitally-generated slop and what's real continues to close, AI will remain a powerful engine of misinformation.

Like it or not, anxiety, fear, and unease, ranging from a nameless sense of foreboding that all is not well, to an overwhelming dread of what will happen to me and my family should the world collapse catastrophically into complete chaos and confusion, seeps across the land affecting people from all walks of life. AI, intentionally or unintentionally, as Dupré points out, exacerbates and fuels those concerns:

What's more, public-facing generative AI tools have already wrought profound changes on our interpersonal and even interior worlds, as more and more minors and adults alike turning to assistant-like chatbots like OpenAI's ChatGPT and AI companions like those found on Character.AI for therapy, life advice, conversation, friendship, and romance — and, in many cases, enter into destructive, unhealthy relationships with the emotive AI bot that cause tumult in their real lives.

Consequently, doomsday preparations have become big business of late. Prepper conventions, magazines, websites, and suppliers abound offering advice, training, tools, generators, medical supplies, 25-year shelf stable foods, heirloom seeds, guns and ammo, generators and everything imaginable to ride out the coming apocalypse. From small basic shelters under a hundred square feet to huge luxury retreats of thousands of square feet, everyone from billionaires to middle-class preppers are investing in underground bunkers to keep themselves safe in case of everything from natural disasters or social unrest to nuclear or electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attacks leading to run away, out of control AI systems leading to the complete breakdown of government and society.

But what does God have to say about it?

Well, in 2 Timothy 1:7, the Apostle Paul writes:

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

But this assurance is not for everyone. It is only for those who have put their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. In fact, before things go completely awry, the Bible says that God will remove the Believers out of the world in an event referred to as the Rapture, or, as the Bible puts it, they are to be “caught up... to meet the Lord in the air” (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

After that, a world leader will arise, referred to in the Bible variously as the antichrist, the beast, the man of sin, and the son of perdition. When he comes to power he will, according to Daniel 9:27, confirm (literally: establish; make firm or strong) a seven-year covenant with the Jewish people, ostensibly bringing peace to the region. Thus begins a seven-year period known in the Bible as the Tribulation. Although things may seem to start off well, things will quickly go from bad to worse. From wars, famines, and natural disasters to signs in the heavens, Jesus Himself said in Luke 21:25-26:

²⁵And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Remember those bunkers that I mentioned earlier? Consider Revelation 6:15-17:

¹⁵And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; ¹⁶And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: ¹⁷For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

And it only gets worse from there. As the judgment of God is poured out on an unrepentant world, things will get so bad that God will have to intervene. In fact, in Matthew 24:21-22, Jesus stated:

²⁴For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²⁵And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

As it is, the Bible indicates that billions of people will die during the course of the Tribulation. Some will die from the effects of war, famine, and disease. Some will die from unprecedented natural disasters. Many who embrace Jesus Christ as their Saviour will die from persecution by the Antichrist government. And, according to Zechariah 13:8-9, two thirds of the Jewish population alone will die:

⁸And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. ⁹And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is

tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

Finally, as the world becomes more and more chaotic and more and more ungovernable, God will intervene. Jesus Christ will return to the earth in power and glory to rescue those who come to Christ during the Tribulation, according to Matthew 24:29-31:

²⁹Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: ³⁰And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Jesus will also reveal Himself to the Jewish people as their Messiah:

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. (Zechariah 12:10)

And will defeat the Antichrist and his armies at the battle of Armageddon:

¹¹And I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹²His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (Revelation 19:11-15)

Then God, in the person of Jesus Christ, will set up His own government to rule and reign over all the earth for a thousand years:

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Revelation 20:4)

I hope you will be a part of our Lord's kingdom on earth. You can – will – be if you have put your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour. In the meanwhile, as the late Dr. John Francis used to say, "Cheer up! Things are bound to get worse!"

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