

# **Approaching Transhumanism through Humanism**

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## **Abstract**

Transhumanists suggests that, the synergy of human technologies and the will of humans is the way to alleviate human limitations, worries and the threats of extinction. There is however, the question of the end-product of the enhanced humans referred to as posthumans. Secondly, the advanced technologies are being applied on human sexuality. This has generated a debate as society struggles to accommodate techno-genders. I argue here that a more engaging incarnated debate is needed for harmonious information that can provide a wholesome future for humanity and the environment.

## **Introduction**

The question is asked if we could have a world without diseases, disabilities, inabilities but abilities. Human race with the dual ability to live in space and on the earth. The ability to access all data in libraries we are accessible to and information from the internet within a split second. It will be great to be able to speak all languages. What about living with a custom made partner just for you? A partner, who predicts your needs accurately, provides them impeccably at the right time. It will be exciting to have a lover who is able to take all your emotional sentiments and processes them into love and music. Transhumanists says, yes, it is possible, it is achievable through technology.

## **Transhumanists Aspirations**

Transhumanists believe the above are possible with advancement of technology. Many transhumanists see the synergy of technologies and the human will, our fundamental collision with the material world as the major process for the next phase of human evolution termed *techno-evolution*; evolution through technology. Techno-evolution is supposed to result in the emergence of posthumans who possess further enhancements, species without the current prevailing human limitations and frailties. As technology advances, human sexuality is affected both positively and negatively. The ever improving sex robot with AI promises to challenge the marriage institution and human relationship by serving as better and more comfortable partners to be with; custom made to serve the whims of their partners. These robots could be a useful tool for certain category of persons, but they have received categorical condemnations from some ethicists.

## **Engaging Transhumanists**

Critiques of Transhumanism point at the danger of fatally compromising our humanity with the concept of Posthumanism. There are scholars who ridicule all the dreams of techno-

positivists, hoisting pessimism, and suspicion about their various aspirations. However, humanity yearns for the dreams espoused by transhumanists. There is the need for closer engagements with technology by scholars from all fields of discipline in order to provide the most humane path of enhancing the human race and to minimize the prevailing existential risks.

### **Organ/Piano Keys Approach**

I argue that the transhumanists aspirations and projections should be examined with organ/piano keys approach. A piano keys is made up of black and white keys with different notes, that give meaningless sounds when played by the unskilled. But they could be skilfully played to bring out beautiful melodies, though each key produces divergent sounds. I derive this approach mostly from methodologies such as Situated Knowledge and Situational Analysis. With this approach a concept is analysed by first understanding the authors' philosophy by reading enough of their other writings and debates. Furthermore, an attempt is made to put oneself in the situation and condition of the authors as much as possible. The merit in the concept are maximised and analysed by the same methodology used by the writer. Both the methodology used and the concepts are then critically analysed with one own methodology to enable the weakness and strength come out fairly.

### **Conclusions**

There are imminent existential risks, such as Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) which could have the power of over a billion hydrogen bombs hitting the earth. There is also the real possibility of a large asteroid colliding with the earth and stripping the earth of its life. We go through relational problems; we are not comfortable with ageing, deformities, and limitations. We therefore need to approach transhumanists aspirations with the skills of the pianist because they possess both potential solutions as well as risks in the bid for a better condition for the human race.