

Artificial Intelligence is Coming Fast

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I recently listened to an interesting podcast about the rapid progress of artificial intelligence and the plan to introduce 5G-speed internet globally as announced at the Mobile World Congress for the telephone industry held in Barcelona, Spain on Feb 27-Mar 3, 2017. The host of the podcast was in attendance as well as 100,000 others.

I am not a tech expert in any way, but as a person who will be impacted (as we all will be) by these coming changes, I am very interested. Many of the words and phrases that follow are not my own but from the host and his guests, so I have put what follows in quotes. It is an encapsulation of the podcast I heard:

“The Global Brain’ was the opening subject of the symposium. Most people have no idea what is coming. In India, the prime minister, Narendra Modi, used holograms of himself to campaign in remote places without having to actually be there. Also in India, they project a robot police force by 2030, and the first robot police will be on the streets in 2017.

Many things of great significance were said and predicted during the conference. For example, there will be more robots than humans in 30 years. Singularity (the point where robots will be as smart as humans) is coming. Ai computers will soon have IQ’s of 10,000. An average human IQ is counted at 100.

Cars are driving themselves now. As this trend grows will there be less need for mechanics, car washes? Will the next car you buy be the last car you own? With ostensibly fewer accidents, what will be the effect on organ donation? Many jobs will become obsolete. Even doctors may be replaced. We already have remote robotic surgery and toilet bowls are being produced right now that can actually diagnose some diseases and bracelets are uploading to the cloud information on peoples’ heart rates, blood pressure, activity characteristics and, of course our locations at all times via our cell phones.

The mobile telephone industry will be used to create the infrastructure in the 5G, which is far beyond a mere ‘next generation improvement’ over 4G. It is a ‘quantum leap’ into data transfer at unimaginable speeds with virtually no delays. 5G will be tested in some cities in 2017. This will extend the ‘internet of things’ (IOT) like smart TV’s and home security systems to the ‘internet of everything’ (IOE), to include humans and animals as a part of the projected network. Thousands of orbiting satellites are being rapidly manufactured to cover every square inch of the globe to facilitate the ‘new world neural network’. One can now see the deeper value in the collection of ‘metadata’ by Google, Amazon, Facebook and the rest of the giants?

3rd world countries will have the same web connectivity and speed as developed countries virtually overnight. While at first look this seems like a wonderful happening, can these simple societies handle such a massive tech jump without first adapting to the gradual steps developed countries struggled through over hundreds of years? 2030 was the first target date for this tech deployment, but the prediction has been sped up to 2025.

The host also speculates that ‘Virtual Reality’ tech will be so sense-filling, emotionally enveloping and profound, that people might mistake this experience for a true spiritual revelation. Will this lead some to found new virtual churches? And what will the implications be?

Also mentioned at the symposium were terms like ‘Augmented Reality’ or ‘Mediated Reality’(as distinct from Virtual Reality), which will alter, by enhancing or detracting from, how we view the real world, and the idea of a ‘Distributed Mind’ or ‘Mind-Plex’ will allow the collection of all the thoughts of all the people on the globe, simultaneously, and bounce back commands to all, via ‘Ubiquitous Connectivity’ in order to ‘raise consciousness and cooperation of all people’.

5G tech is the vital link necessary to achieve this new world-encompassing technology, a seamless real-time network with no informational delays. Like a beehive, will everyone know everything about everything else in the present moment?

Verizon and AT+T will roll out 5G in 13 cities in 2017, Atlanta being one of the cities chosen. In fact, AT+T has sold all their cell towers. ‘Because the towers are technological dinosaurs and are no longer needed’.

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