

The rich will become 'God-like cyborgs': Historian claims the wealthy will transform into a new type of human within 200 years

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- Claims humans are unable to resist temptation to 'upgrade' themselves
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He argues that humans are unable to resist the temptation to 'upgrade' themselves, according to a report by Sarah Knapton in the [Telegraph](#).

'We are programmed to be dissatisfied,' said Professor Harari, during a recent speech at the Hay literary festival in Wales.

'Even when humans gain pleasure and achievements it is not enough. They want more and more.

'I think it is likely in the next 200 years or so homo sapiens will upgrade themselves into some idea of a divine being, either through biological manipulation or genetic engineering or by the creation of cyborgs, part organic part non-organic.



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'It will be the greatest evolution in biology since the appearance of life. Nothing really has changed in four billion years biologically speaking.

'But we will be as different from today's humans as chimps are now from us.'

The technology to do this, however, will be restricted to the very wealthy, claims Professor Harari.

Up until now, he says society has been held together by inventing 'fictions', such as religion, money and the idea of fundamental human rights.

IS THE WORLD HEADING TOWARDS A POST-HUMAN FUTURE?

Artificial intelligence is progressing at a frightening pace leading humanity towards its ultimate destruction.

This is according to British theoretical astrophysicist, Sir Martin Rees, who believes we are facing an 'inorganic post-human era'.

By some estimates, he says, the process will begin in the next 25 years as robots begin to achieve intelligence rivaling that of humans.

Sir Martin, who is one of the world's most eminent astronomers, says that while Earth has existed for 45 million centuries, this century is special.

Over nearly all of Earth's history, threats have come from nature, but from now on, the worst dangers come from us – and specifically artificial intelligence.

He says that by any definition of 'thinking', the amount and intensity that's done by organic human-type brains will, in the far future, be swamped by the intelligence of AI.

'There are chemical and metabolic limits to the size and processing power of organic brains,' wrote Sir Rees, in an opinion piece for the [Telegraph](#).

'Maybe humans are close to these limits already. But there are no such constraints on silicon-based computers.'



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As long as humans believed they relied more and more on these gods they were controllable, he said

'But what we see in the last few centuries is humans becoming more powerful and they no longer need the crutches of the Gods.'

He added that the most interesting place in the world from a religious perspective is not the Middle East but Silicon Valley.

Here, people are developing what he describes as a 'techno-religion' in which they believe death is just a technological problem.

'Now we are saying we do not need God just technology,' he added.