

Pygmalion's Distress: Personhood and the Rise of AI

This short paper will explore issues involved in the rise of the usage of AI, with a discussion of the recent focus in the news on questions of AI's potential for consciousness, as well as the ongoing use of AI as a relational/self object, in light of Met. Zizioulas' understanding of personhood and ontology. The categories of Met. Zizioulas' thought will be shown to cast a different angle on existential questions around AI and serve as an important reminder—in this crucial moment—of who we are in relationship to God, each other, and our own existential realities.

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