

CRAFT 3 Lovely Links Trans-Humanism (TH) (accessed 05-2013)

Please Note: there are literally hundreds of TH sites with sites of critique being able to be counted on the fingers of one hand.

NB1: Critique is both positive and negative whereas criticism is singularly negative. **NB2:** This issue is one of critique NOT criticism.

The following is a selection from what is 'out there' in webland.

TH critique: <https://www.youtube.com/results?q=Jaron+Lanier&oe=utf-8&aq=t&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&client=firefox-a&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=N&tab=w1> [Jaron Lanier]

World TH Association: <http://www.transhumanism.org/index.php/WTA/more/huxley> Julian Huxley on TH (1957)

TH eZine: <http://transhumanity.net/>

H+ TH eZine: <http://hplusmagazine.com/2013/03/18/video-interview-with-vernor-vinge-at-los-con-39/>

Rocking Robots – Compressor head:

<http://video.couriermail.com.au/2379705952/Rocking-robots-go-heavy-metal?area=endslate2>

Eugenically superior humans in 120mths:

http://mysticpolitics.com/news/australian-bio-ethicist-in-vitro-eugenics-will-breed-better-people/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+mysticpolitics+%28Mystic+Politics+Updates%29&utm_content=Yahoo!+Mail

An Australian bio-ethicist predicts eugenecist applications [which he apparently supports] of stem cell technology to breed humans in a Petri dish, where over the next ten years they can engineer...20–30 generations of human beings in vitro — enough to achieve significant changes in genotype. Advances in cell culture technology and in the science of gametogenesis might increase this figure still further.

Mormons look to set up the world's first Transhumanist church:

http://www.kurzweilai.net/man-will-become-like-god-say-mormons-and-transhumanists-in-salt-lake-city?utm_source=KurzweilAI+Daily+Newsletter&utm_campaign=49bd4aa21d-UA-946742-1&utm_medium=email

Forget Future Shock try Present Shock:

Rushkoff, in his recent book 'Present Shock', identifies the five main ways we're struggling, as well as how the best of us are thriving in the now: <http://www.rushkoff.com/present-shock>

1. Narrative collapse - the loss of linear stories and their replacement with both crass reality programming and highly intelligent post-narrative shows like *The Simpsons*. With no goals to justify journeys, we get the impatient impulsiveness of the Tea Party, as well as the unbearably patient presentism of the Occupy movement. The new path to sense-making is more like an open game than a story.

2 Digiphrenia – how technology lets us be in more than one place – and self - at the same time. Drone pilots suffer more burnout than real-world pilots, as they attempt to live in two worlds - home and battlefield - simultaneously. We all become overwhelmed until we learn to distinguish between data flows (like Twitter) that can only be dipped into, and data storage (like books and emails) that can be fully consumed.

3 Overwinding – trying to squish huge timescales into much smaller ones, like attempting to experience the catharsis of a well-crafted, five-act play in the random flash of a reality show; packing a year's worth of retail sales expectations into a single Black Friday event – which only results in a fatal stampede; or – like the Real Housewives - freezing one's age with Botox only to lose the ability to make facial expressions in the moment. Instead, we can 'springload' time into things, like the 'pop-up' hospital Israel sent to Tsunami-wrecked Japan.

4 Presentism – making sense of our world entirely in the present tense.

5 Linearity - rawing linear connections between things – sometimes inappropriately, eg. the conspiracy theories of the web, the use of Big Data to predict the direction of entire populations, and the frantic effort of

government to function with no 'grand narrative.' But also the emerging skill of 'pattern recognition' and the efforts of people to map the world as a set of relationships called TheBrain – a grandchild of McLuhan's 'global village'.

6 Apocalpyto – the intolerance for presentism leads us to fantasize a grand finale. 'Preppers' stock their underground shelters while the mainstream ponders a zombie apocalypse, all yearning for a simpler life devoid of pings, by any means necessary. Leading scientists – even outspoken atheists - prove they are not immune to the same apocalyptic religiosity in their depictions of 'the singularity', 'transhumanism' and 'emergence', through which human evolution will surrender to that of pure information.

Haptic Baked Beans http://www.jellymongers.co.uk/#!__projects

Concerned Boomers and grandparents

<http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=b205f027930f5d054382f599a&id=621a5d7a29&e=76fa71670b>

Googles AI intent and the Internet as sentient

<http://www.straight.com/movies/377411/doxa-2013-google-and-world-brain-considers-internet-sentient-thing>

The Human Project: [The Human Project](http://www.humanproject.org/) is an organization founded by Erika Ilves and Anna Stillwell, which aims to advance the future of our species in the face of emerging problems and opportunities. After a wildly successful crowd-funding campaign, the Human Project has published an e-book and created a free app that serves as a sort of database of challenges facing the human species and a platform from which to address those issues. According to the organization's website, these initiatives will serve as a "conversation starter" centered around questions such as: Who are we, humans? Who should we become? Where should we head next?

<http://www.metanexus.net/blog/human-project/>

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Transhumanist Reader – good Chapter on Vinge's singularity:

http://www.amazon.com/The-Transhumanist-Reader-Contemporary-Technology/dp/1118334310/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1367879232&sr=8-1&keywords=the+transhumanist+reader

Present shock cp. Toffler's Future Shock. <http://boingboing.net/2013/04/02/douglas-rushkoff-present-shoc.html> Rushkoff, D. (2013). *Present Shock: When Everything Happens Now*. New York: Current. 300 pgs.