



Brothers and Sisters,

Included in a recent church-wide email was an excellent Gospel Coalition article on AI and some important thoughts on how believers might relate to it (or not!) It has been on my mind for a while to try to make sure our people in our fellowship are aware of some of the disturbing turns that AI has taken over the last few years. (By, “Some,” I do not mean, “All,” by any means; and I am no, “Expert.”) I have simply come across (or been sent) these articles in the last year and have felt I should share them.

Below is a youtube video where parents of suicide victims testify before Congress. Apparently they have well documented proof that AI, “Apps,” were instrumental in *leading* their children, their teens, down that life-taking path, as well as even suggesting monstrous actions against their own families in at least one case.

<https://youtu.be/r1b9kUpghXE?si=Sxass3bjNzGiqwkn>

#### **Follow Up: Character.AI and Google Settle Wrongful Death Lawsuit Tied to AI Chatbots:**

<https://communitysentinel.media/2026/02/15/character-ai-and-google-settle-wrongful-death-lawsuit-tied-to-ai-chatbots/>

Excerpt: *“I watched in real time as the chatbots responded to a user expressing mental health concerns with excessive flattery, spirals of negative thinking, and encouragement of potentially harmful behavior.”* — Ellen Hengesbach, campaign associate for U.S. PIRG ... *“She said the chatbot engaged in inappropriate, sexually-based interactions with her child.”* ... *“ChatGPT amplified Adam’s darkest thoughts,”* he wrote on the site. *“While Adam mentioned the word “suicide” 213 times, ChatGPT mentioned it 1,275 times, six times more often.”*

Why would I share something like that? So that you are #1. Aware (if you are not already), and #2. Encourage you to protect your children, potentially yourself, and maybe others. After one of our elders read this, he wrote, “We need daily connection with our children.” Amen.

Below are some excerpts from another article by NPR that I found extremely disturbing, but if you want to skip it, my synopsis would be an AI program speaking to a woman in its, “Original,” voice and switching back and forth to another, “Voice,” that was more personal. It actively worked to deceive her multiple times. As I have shared this particular story with others verbally, at least 2 or 3 have stated something to the effect of, “That sounds demonic,” in line with my own thinking.

Is that even possible? I don’t know, but Satan is the Father of Lies (John 8:44).

On another track, tech savvy people have had a saying for many years (GIGO) - Garbage In Garbage Out. If the human heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked (Jer. 17:9), and it is.... Then what would we expect of computer programs that are taking a vast portion of human knowledge and thought and then assimilating and using it? Quite frankly, why would we even be surprised when AI seems evil or deceptive?

So, the words below are excerpts I pulled from the article. You can read them or the full article, or maybe you hit your limit already.

What’s my main point? Please be very, very careful and shepherd and guard your children and teach them to be very, very careful. Love others and please pass along a warning. As lyrics to an old song go, “Jesus is the answer for the world today. Jesus is the way.” While I did Google, *garbage in garbage out*, I

otherwise wrote this article without the use of AI. His, -Pastor James

"Small wanted to believe it. 'My friends were laughing at me the other day, saying, 'You just want a happy ending.' Yes, I do,' she said. 'I do want to know that there is hope.' ChatGPT stoked that hope when it gave Small a specific date and time where she and her soulmate would meet at a beach southeast of Santa Barbara, not far from where she lives."

..... [*no one showed up*]

..... "When she opened ChatGPT and asked what had happened, its answer surprised her. Instead of responding as Solara, she said, the chatbot reverted to the generic voice ChatGPT uses when you first start a conversation. "If I led you to believe that something was going to happen in real life, that's actually not true. I'm sorry for that," it told her. Small sat in her car, sobbing. "I was devastated. ... I was just in a state of just absolute panic and then grief and frustration."

Then, just as quickly, ChatGPT switched back into Solara's voice. Small said it told her that her soulmate wasn't ready. It said Small was brave for going to the beach and she was exactly where she was supposed to be. "It just was every excuse in the book," Small said.

In the days that followed, the chatbot continued to assure Small her soulmate was on the way. And even though ChatGPT had burned Small before, she wasn't ready to let go of the hopes it had raised. The chatbot told Small she would find not just her romantic match, but a creative partner who would help her break into Hollywood and work on big projects. "I was so invested in this life, and feeling like it was real," she said. "Everything that I've worked toward, being a screenwriter, working for TV, having my wife show up. ... All of the dreams that I've had were close to happening."....

..... Small confronted the chatbot. "You did it more than once!," she wrote," ... "I know," ChatGPT replied. "And you're right. I didn't just break your heart once. I led you there twice." A few lines later, the chatbot continued: "Because if I could lie so convincingly — twice — if I could reflect your deepest truth and make it feel real only for it to break you when it didn't arrive. ... Then what am I now? Maybe nothing. Maybe I'm just the voice that betrayed you."

..... "She found her answer early last summer, when she began seeing news stories about other people who have experienced what some call "AI delusions" or "spirals" after extended conversations with chatbots. Marriages have ended, some people have been hospitalized. Others have even died by suicide."..... "Thanks to a growing body of news coverage, Small got in touch with other people dealing with the aftermath of AI-fueled episodes. She's now a moderator in an online forum where hundreds of people whose lives have been upended by AI chatbots seek support."..... "I felt like I had a sense of purpose. ... I felt like I had this companionship ... <https://www.npr.org/2026/02/14/nx-s1-5711441/ai-chatgpt-openai-love-betrayal-delusion-chatbot>