

Lhomme Machine

A modern translation of the complete texts of the pioneering L'Homme Machine and L'Homme Plante in which La Mettrie (1709-1751) argued that man, like other animals an evolutionary product of nature, is a machine, controlled by neurological mechanisms in the brain. Also contains translations of the Advertisement and La Mettrie's dedication for L'Homme Machine. Not indexed. Paper edition (unseen), \$7.95. Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

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On sera peut-être surpris que j'aie osé mettre mon nom à un livre aussi hardi que celui-ci. Je ne l'aurois certainement pas fait, si je n'avois cru la Religion à l'abri de toutes les tentatives qu'on fait pour la renverser; & si j'eusse pu me persuader, qu'un autre Imprimeur n'eût pas fait très volontiers ce que j'aurois refusé par principe de conscience. Je sais que la Prudence veut qu'on ne donne pas occasion aux Esprits foibles d'être séduits. Mais en les supposant tels, j'ai vu à la première lecture qu'il n'y avoit rien à craindre pour eux. Pourquoi être si attentif, & si alerte à supprimer les Argumens contraires aux Idées de la Divinité & de la Religion? Cela ne peut-il pas faire croire au Peuple qu'on le leurre? & dès qu'il commence à douter, adieu la conviction, & par conséquent la Religion! Quel moien, quelle espérance, de confondre jamais les Irréligionnaires, si on semble les redouter? Comment les ramener, si en leur défendant de se servir de leur raison, on se contente de déclamer contre leurs moeurs, à tout hazard, sans s'informer si elles méritent la même censure que leur façon de penser...

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Historical and contemporary papers on the philosophical issues raised by the Turing Test as a criterion for intelligence. The Turing Test is part of the vocabulary of popular culture—it has appeared in works ranging from the Broadway play "Breaking the Code" to the comic strip "Robotman." The writings collected by Stuart Shieber for this book examine the profound philosophical issues surrounding the Turing Test as a criterion for intelligence. Alan Turing's idea, originally expressed in a 1950 paper titled "Computing Machinery and Intelligence" and published in the journal *Mind*, proposed an "indistinguishability test" that compared artifact and person. Following Descartes's dictum that it is the ability to speak that distinguishes human from beast, Turing proposed to test whether machine and person were indistinguishable in regard to verbal ability. He was not, as is often assumed, answering the question "Can machines think?" but proposing a more concrete way to ask it. Turing's proposed thought experiment encapsulates the issues that the writings in *The Turing Test* define and discuss. The first section of the book contains writings by philosophical precursors, including Descartes, who first proposed the idea of indistinguishability tests. The second section contains all of Turing's writings on the Turing Test, including not only the *Mind* paper but also less familiar ephemeral material. The final section opens with responses to Turing's paper published in *Mind* soon after it first appeared. The bulk of this section, however, consists of papers from a broad spectrum of scholars in the field that directly address the issue of the Turing Test as a test for intelligence. Contributors John R. Searle, Ned Block, Daniel C. Dennett, and Noam Chomsky (in a previously unpublished paper). Each chapter is introduced by background material that can also be read as a self-contained essay on the Turing Test

Describes the human fascination with creating life as it traces the scientific research, theories, hoaxes, and inventions that presaged the evolution of contemporary robotics and experiments with artificial intelligence. 20,000 first printing. Biologie / Mechanismus.

Includes Frederick the Great's "Eulogy" on La Mettrie's "The Natural History of the Soul."

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No work of Spanish philosopher and essayist José Ortega y Gasset has been more frequently cited, admired, or criticized than his defense of modernism, "The Dehumanization of Art." In the essay, originally published in Spanish in 1925, Ortega grappled philosophically with the newness of nonrepresentational art and sought to make it more understandable to a public confused by it. Many embraced the essay as a manifesto extolling the virtues of vanguard artists and promoting their efforts to abandon the realism and the romanticism of the nineteenth century. The "dehumanization" of the title, which was meant descriptively rather than pejoratively, referred most literally to the absence of human forms in nonrepresentational art, but also to its insistent unpopularity, its indifference to the past, and its iconoclasm. Ortega championed what he saw as a new cultural politics with the goal of a total transformation of society. Ortega was an immensely gifted writer in the best belletristic tradition. His work has been compared to an iceberg because it hides the critical mass of its erudition beneath the surface, and because it is deceptive, appearing to be more spontaneous and informal than it really is. Princeton published the first English translation

of the essay paired with another entitled "Notes on the Novel." Three essays were later added to make an expanded edition, published in 1968, under the title *The Dehumanization of Art and Other Essays on Art, Culture and Literature*.

A major rethinking of the European novel and its relationship to early evolutionary science The 120 years between Henry Fielding's *Tom Jones* (1749) and George Eliot's *Middlemarch* (1871) marked both the rise of the novel and the shift from the presumption of a stable, universal human nature to one that changes over time. In *Human Forms*, Ian Duncan reorients our understanding of the novel's formation during its cultural ascendancy, arguing that fiction produced new knowledge in a period characterized by the interplay between literary and scientific discourses—even as the two were separating into distinct domains. Duncan focuses on several crisis points: the contentious formation of a natural history of the human species in the late Enlightenment; the emergence of new genres such as the Romantic bildungsroman; historical novels by Walter Scott and Victor Hugo that confronted the dissolution of the idea of a fixed human nature; Charles Dickens's transformist aesthetic and its challenge to Victorian realism; and George Eliot's reckoning with the nineteenth-century revolutions in the human and natural sciences. Modeling the modern scientific conception of a developmental human nature, the novel became a major experimental instrument for managing the new set of divisions—between nature and history, individual and species, human and biological life—that replaced the ancient schism between animal body and immortal soul. The first book to explore the interaction of European fiction with "the natural history of man" from the late Enlightenment through the mid-Victorian era, *Human Forms* sets a new standard for work on natural history and the novel.

Warum werden lebende Organismen, insbesondere der Mensch, als lebendige Maschinen verstanden? Warum hat der Mensch das Bedürfnis, sich selbst als Maschine nachzubauen? Das 18. Jahrhundert stand u.a. mit La Mettrie's Werk *L'homme machine* (1747) und den 'lebendigen' Automaten eines Vaucansons im Zeichen verschiedener 'Maschinentheorien des Lebendigen'. Um bis in die Gegenwart anhaltende Tradierungen und Wandlungen des damals fundierten Mensch-Maschinen-Konstrukts erfahrbar zu machen, rückt der Mensch als Forschungsobjekt der KI und der Robotik ins Blickfeld. Es steht zu beantworten, inwieweit die Rede vom Maschinenmenschen und der Bau künstlicher Maschinen dazu verhelfen, Wissen über den Menschen zu erlangen. (Quelle: buch.ch).

A fully annotated edition and translation of this important eighteenth-century materialist treatise.

The *Cambridge Descartes Lexicon* is the definitive reference source on René Descartes, 'the father of modern philosophy' and arguably among the most important philosophers of all time. Examining the full range of Descartes' achievements and legacy, it includes 256 in-depth entries that explain key concepts relating to his thought. Cumulatively they uncover interpretative disputes, trace his influences, and explain how his work was received by critics and developed by followers. There are entries on topics such as certainty, cogito ergo sum, doubt, dualism, free will, God, geometry, happiness, human being, knowledge, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, mind, passion, physics, and virtue, which are written by the largest and most distinguished team of Cartesian scholars ever assembled for a collaborative research project - 92 contributors from ten countries.

As a classic of the French Enlightenment, *L'Homme Machine* has in the past been of equal interest to students of philosophy, science, and literature. The present edition offers the first established text, with extensive notes. In his introduction, Dr. Vartanian discusses La Mettrie's thesis, its sources, the place of the man-machine idea in the development of La Mettrie's materialism, and its critical impact on the intellectual struggles of the eighteenth century. Originally published in 1960. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

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Explanatory Model Analysis Explore, Explain and Examine Predictive Models is a set of methods and tools designed to build better predictive models and to monitor their behaviour in a changing environment. Today, the true bottleneck in predictive modelling is neither the lack of data, nor the lack of computational power, nor inadequate algorithms, nor the lack of flexible models. It is the lack of tools for model exploration (extraction of relationships learned by the model), model explanation (understanding the key factors influencing model decisions) and model examination (identification of model weaknesses and evaluation of model's performance). This book presents a collection of model agnostic methods that may be used for any black-box model together with real-world applications to classification and regression problems. AI is radically transforming business. Are you ready? Look around you. Artificial intelligence is no longer just a futuristic notion. It's here right now--in software that senses what we need, supply chains that "think" in real time, and robots that respond to changes in their environment. Twenty-first-century pioneer companies are already using AI to innovate and grow fast. The bottom line is this: Businesses that understand how to harness AI can surge ahead. Those that neglect it will fall behind. Which side are you on? In *Human + Machine*, Accenture leaders Paul R. Daugherty and H. James (Jim) Wilson show that the essence of the AI paradigm shift is the transformation of all business processes within an organization--whether related to breakthrough innovation, everyday customer service, or personal productivity habits. As humans and smart machines collaborate ever more closely, work processes become more fluid and adaptive, enabling companies to change them on the fly--or to completely reimagine them. AI is changing all the rules of how companies operate. Based on the authors' experience and research with 1,500 organizations, the book reveals how companies are using the new rules of AI to leap ahead on innovation and profitability, as well as what you can do to achieve similar results. It describes six entirely new types of hybrid human + machine roles that every company must develop, and it includes a "leader's guide" with the five crucial principles required to become an AI-fueled business. *Human + Machine* provides the missing and much-needed management playbook for success in our new age of AI. **BOOK PROCEEDS FOR THE AI GENERATION** The authors' goal in publishing *Human + Machine* is to help executives, workers, students and others navigate the changes that AI is making to business and the economy. They believe AI will bring innovations that truly improve the way the world works and lives. However, AI will cause disruption, and many people will need education, training and support to prepare for the newly created jobs. To support this need, the authors are donating the

royalties received from the sale of this book to fund education and retraining programs focused on developing fusion skills for the age of artificial intelligence.

It is predicted that robots will surpass human intelligence within the next fifty years. The ever increasing speed of advances in technology and neuroscience, coupled with the creation of super computers and enhanced body parts and artificial limbs, is paving the way for a merger of both human and machine. Devices which were once worn on the body are now being implanted into the body, and as a result, a class of true cyborgs, who are displaying a range of skills beyond those of normal humans-beings, are being created. There are cyborgs which can see colour by hearing sound, others have the ability to detect magnetic fields, some are equipped with telephoto lenses to aid their vision or implanted computers to monitor their heart, and some use thought to communicate with a computer or to manipulate a robotic arm. This is not science-fiction, these are developments that are really happening now, and will continue to develop in the future. However, a range of legal and policy questions has arisen alongside this rise of artificial intelligence. *Cyber-Humans* provides a deep and unique perspective on the technological future of humanity, and describes how law and policy will be particularly relevant in creating a fair and equal society and protecting the liberties of different life forms which will emerge in the 21st century. Dr Woodrow (Woody) Barfield previously headed up the Sensory Engineering Laboratory, holding the position of Industrial and Systems Engineering Professor at the University of Washington. His research revolves around the design and use of wearable computers and augmented reality systems and holds both JD and LLM degrees in intellectual property law and policy. He has published over 350 articles and major presentations in the areas of computer science, engineering and law. He currently lives in Chapel Hill, NC, USA.

With the number of machine-to-machine (M2M)–enabled devices projected to reach 20 to 50 billion by 2020, there is a critical need to understand the demands imposed by such systems. *Machine-to-Machine Communications: Architectures, Technology, Standards, and Applications* offers rigorous treatment of the many facets of M2M communication, including its integration with current technology. Presenting the work of a different group of international experts in each chapter, the book begins by supplying an overview of M2M technology. It considers proposed standards, cutting-edge applications, architectures, and traffic modeling and includes case studies that highlight the differences between traditional and M2M communications technology. Details a practical scheme for the forward error correction code design Investigates the effectiveness of the IEEE 802.15.4 low data rate wireless personal area network standard for use in M2M communications Identifies algorithms that will ensure functionality, performance, reliability, and security of M2M systems Illustrates the relationship between M2M systems and the smart power grid Presents techniques to ensure integration with and adaptation of existing communication systems to carry M2M traffic Providing authoritative insights into the technologies that enable M2M communications, the book discusses the challenges posed by the use of M2M communications in the smart grid from the aspect of security and proposes an efficient intrusion detection system to deal with a number of possible attacks. After reading this book, you will develop the understanding required to solve problems related to the design, deployment, and operation of M2M communications networks and systems.

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