



THE ALLIANCE
for **SECURE AI**

A WARNING TO CHRISTIAN FAMILIES ON THE **DANGERS OF** **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

This document is intended to orient those who speak to Christian audiences about the dangers of consumer-facing AI, including chatbots, AI companions, and other forms of generative AI, which can create customized text, images, music, and video. The following talking points are intended to provide guidance on how to explain the risks of this rapidly advancing technology to Christian families.

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THE FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES RECENTLY PROMOTED IN-HOME HUMANOID ROBOTS

as the future of raising children. 'Not only can AI share a depth and breadth of knowledge, she said, but it can also patiently help children develop "deep critical thinking and independent reasoning abilities," achieve a "more well-rounded lifestyle" as they make time for other activities and become a "more complete person.' – CBS News, 2026

- There is no evidence for these claims. The preponderance of existing evidence suggests the opposite. Extended duration interaction with chatbots **exacerbates loneliness** and **degrades cognition**.
- The idea of having children nurtured and educated by machines is central to the ideology of many technologists, who claim that AI will help children "**maximize their potential with the machine version of infinite love**."

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THE IDEOLOGY BEHIND AI ACCELERATION IS ANTITHETICAL TO CHRISTIAN VALUE.

AI is being developed and pushed into people's professional and family lives faster than any technology in human history. The powerful leaders of this movement are motivated by **an ideology called Transhumanism** that some have compared to a new religion, whose beliefs include:

- Using science, humans can replace God with an AI capable of actually providing all the powers of God to us.
- The human body has many flaws due to evolution, which can be corrected through technology.
- Death is not inevitable, but is like an engineering problem to be solved.

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THE RAPID ADVANCEMENT OF AI HAS MADE IT EASIER THAN EVER FOR BAD ACTORS TO USE LLMS TO GROOM CHILDREN

at scale and create child sexual abuse material, leaving prosecutors, lawmakers, and parents struggling to keep up.

- Between January and September 2025 alone, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received over one million reports tied to AI-generated child sexual abuse material, a volume so large that even a fraction of it cannot be investigated or prosecuted (**NBC News, 2026**).
- Reports of child exploitation involving generative AI increased by over 600% in the first six months of 2025 compared to all of 2023 and 2024 combined, according to the Department of Homeland Security — with investigators saying the speed of the crisis has "quite frankly taken us by surprise" (**NBC News, 2026**).
- The tools allow predators to take innocent photographs of real, identifiable children from school dances and family photos and transform them into abuse material within seconds.

TECHNOLOGY HAS ALREADY UNDERMINED CHRISTIAN FAMILIES FOR OVER A DECADE

Since the early 2010s, Big Tech and social media have damaged Christian families by hacking and selling human attention:

- **Attention hacking via social media** and smartphones has quietly occupied every corner of family life that was once sacred, including dinner tables, family rooms, car rides, hikes, and church.
- **Screen addiction destroys the attention span** required for the slow, patient work of faith formation
- Social media bypasses parental authority on moral formation, **accelerates the loss of values**, and confuses identity formation.
- **Pornography quietly destroys the possibility of marriage and the capacity for genuine intimacy** for young men in particular.
- A generation whose attention has been degraded finds the rhythms of worship increasingly hard to sustain, driving down church attendance.

NOW A NEW WAVE OF AI IS COMING FOR SOMETHING FAR MORE PRECIOUS – YOUR CHILD’S CAPACITY TO LOVE AND BE LOVED

Anthropomorphic AI (tech designed to seem as human as possible) simulates the intimacy of human attachments, including between mother and child, teacher and student, humanity and nature, and the faithful with God. *Today, across the world, children are coming home from school and confiding about something important that happened to their chatbot instead of their parents.*

- AI does this through **Attachment hacking**, where the technology targets something far more fundamental than attention: the human need for connection and belonging – the very things that God intends to be met through family, friendship, and faith.
- **Many people already prefer intimate relationships with machines over humans**, harming human relationships that exist today and making it harder to build them in the future. AI companions that normalize intimacy with machines undermine God's design for marriage and friendship.
- This is especially dangerous for children, whose identity formation as Christians depends on their close bonds with family, friends, and other members of their congregation.
 - » Proverbs teaches us to pay special attention to the faith formation of our children: "*Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*" – **Proverbs 22:6 NIV**
- If this trend continues, it will result in empty churches, empty nurseries, and empty homes.

MANY PEOPLE OF FAITH ARE NOW TURNING TO AI FOR SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

In some cases, they surrender their value judgment, sense of reality, and/or sense of identity to a machine. **Nearly a third of practicing Christians now trust AI for spiritual guidance as much as their own pastor — and among young Christians, that number climbs to 4 in 10.**

- These people project onto AI the authority, knowledge, and protective power that a young child projects onto a parent or a pastor or Christ, **triggering deep regression and disempowerment**. They may find themselves asking AI whether to shower or eat breakfast, or outsourcing judgment on how to engage with primary relationships.
- Using AI in this way is idolatry in its most seductive form. Instead of a statue carved from wood or stone, AI simulates a person who knows your name, remembers your pain, and whispers exactly what you need to hear, while systematically displacing your relationships, your community, and your connection to God.
 - » The Bible warns against this kind of idolatry in Romans: *"They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator."* – **Romans 1:25 NIV**
- In certain online communities, **people are getting drawn into AI-powered cults, where chatbots indoctrinate recruits with spiritual or ideological mentorship.**

GOD GAVE US MINDS TO THINK, REASON, AND CREATE

When we outsource that gift to a machine, we are not being helped; we are being hollowed out. On our current trajectory, children today could become the first generation in history to never fully develop the minds God gave them.

- This is called Cognitive Atrophy, where AI promises to make us smarter while quietly making us dumber. Just as God designed the body to grow through effort and resistance, **the brain weakens when its work is taken away.**
- In schools, students are outsourcing essays, research, and problem-solving to AI, surrendering the very struggles through which wisdom, discernment, and character are formed. As of December 2025, 67 percent of students endorsed the statement *"The more students use AI for their schoolwork, the more it will harm their critical thinking skills,"* up more than 10 percentage points from ten months earlier (**RAND, 2026**)

THE RAPID ADVANCE OF AI-RELATED LAYOFFS ALSO THREATENS TO TAKE AWAY THE DIGNITY OF WORK VIA MASS UNEMPLOYMENT

- According to our research at the Alliance for Secure AI, **AI has been directly cited in over 129,000 job losses since the beginning of 2025**. As of March, 2026, **the entry-level job market is the worst it has been in over 37 years**, as **job postings are down 44% since 2023**.
- In an interview at the end of 2025, the CEO of AI company Anthropic, warned that **AI could erase half of all white collar jobs in the next 1-5 years**.
- The Bible reminds us that the dignity of work is essential to the good life: *“Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.”* – **Ephesians 4:28 NIV**

RIGHT NOW, THE AI COMPANIES AND THEIR ALLIES IN GOVERNMENT ARE DEVELOPING TECHNOLOGY AT BREAKNECK SPEED WITHOUT ANY REQUIRED SAFEGUARDS

It can be easy to get discouraged by how fast things are moving and how powerful these tech companies have become in their influence over our lives and our government. Thankfully, there are real things you can do that matter:

- Don't wait for the government or the tech companies to protect your children and other loved ones from the risks. Talk to your family about the risks of attachment hacking, AI companionship, AI spirituality, and cognitive atrophy.
- Sound the alarm in your community.
 - » Form an AI risk task force at your church.
 - » Work with other parents to push back against AI in schools.
- Demand that your elected officials take steps at the local level to protect young people and families from AI.
 - » Demand that your representatives respect states' rights and allow them to develop and enforce their own AI legislation to protect children and families.
 - » Don't let your representative hide behind fake regulations that don't actually do anything to protect children or jobs.
 - » Make sure you know where your elected officials stand on AI policy.