

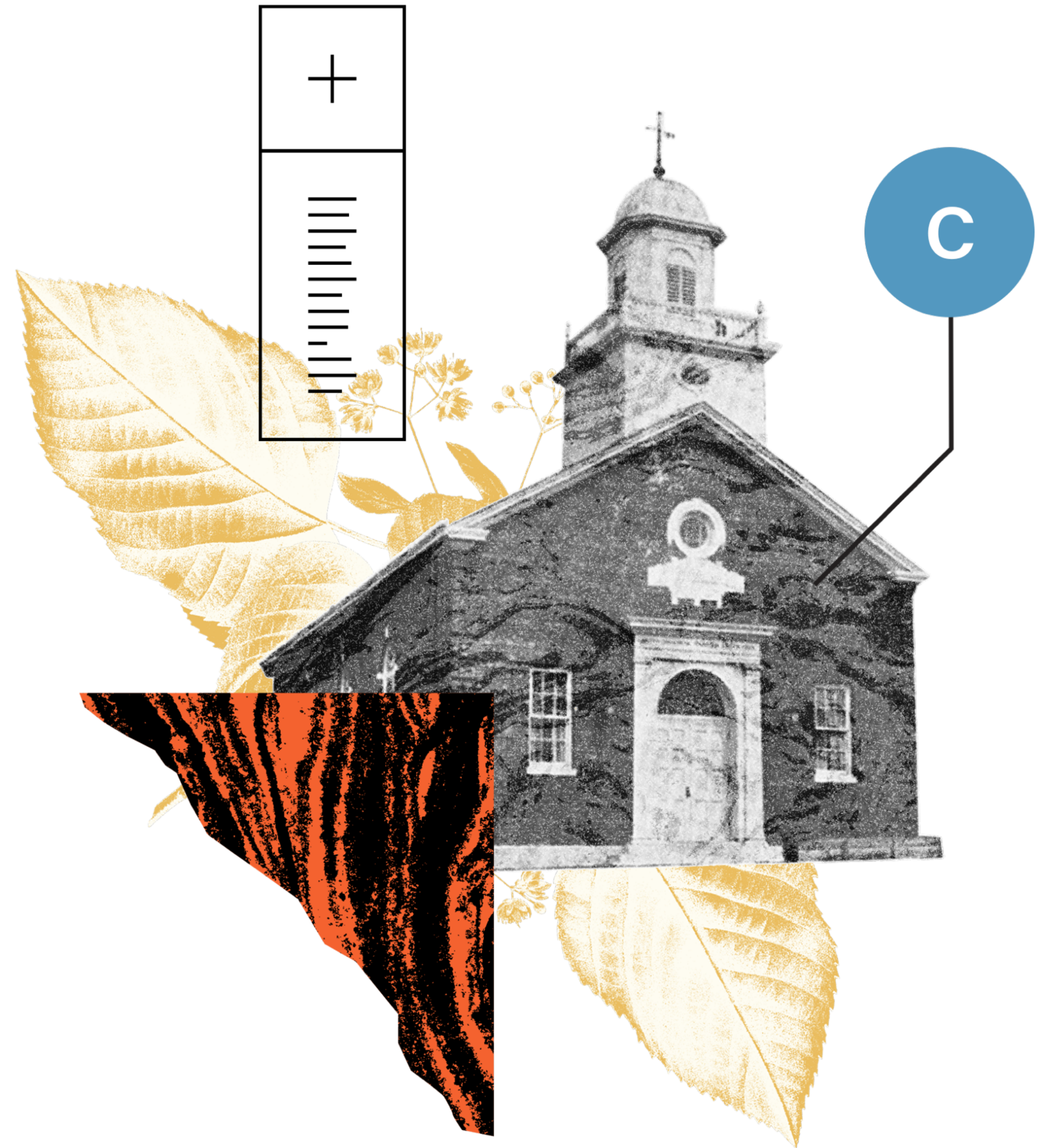
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A GLOBAL EXTENSION OF
THE STONY BROOK SCHOOL

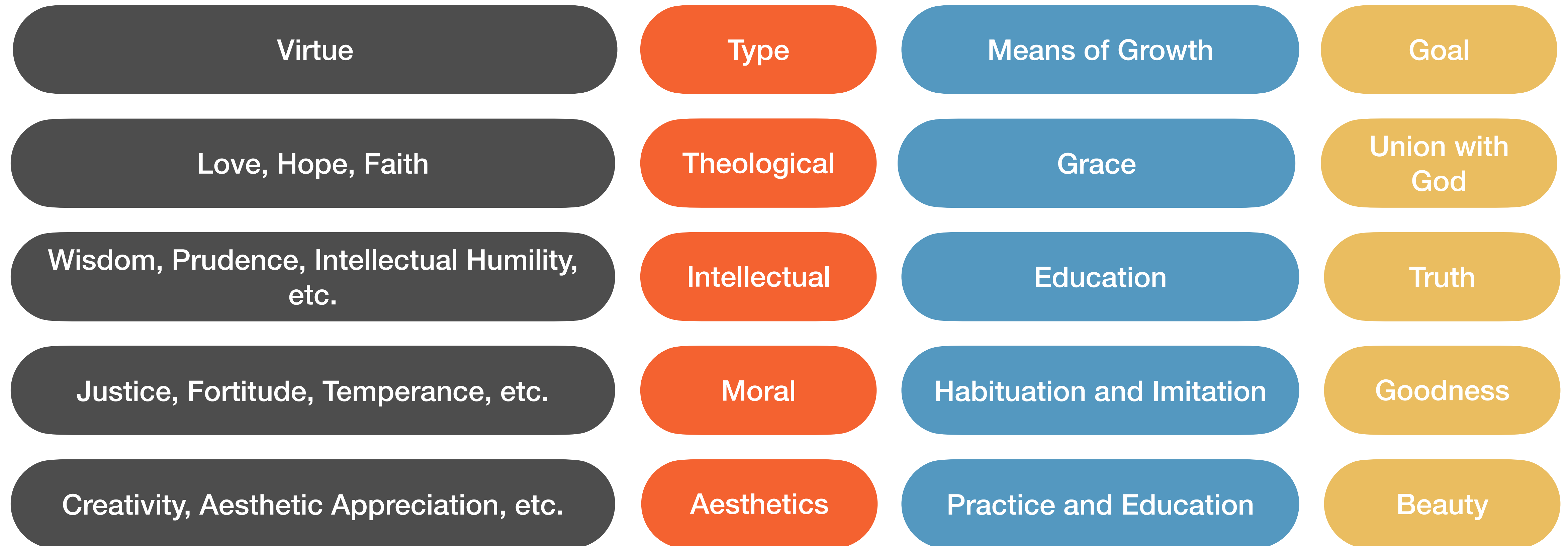
Christian Character Formation

In the Age of A.I.

Sean Riley, Ph.D



Christian Character



Artificial Intelligence

What AI Is

Processor

Functionally Intelligent

Highly Capable and Efficient

What AI Is Not

Conscious

Capable of Understanding

Free to Make Its Own Choices or Set Its Own Ends

The Turing Test & Searle's Chinese Room



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Artificial Intelligence

Strengths

Speedy Content Creation

Pattern Recognition/Data Analysis

Massive Knowledge Base

Weaknesses

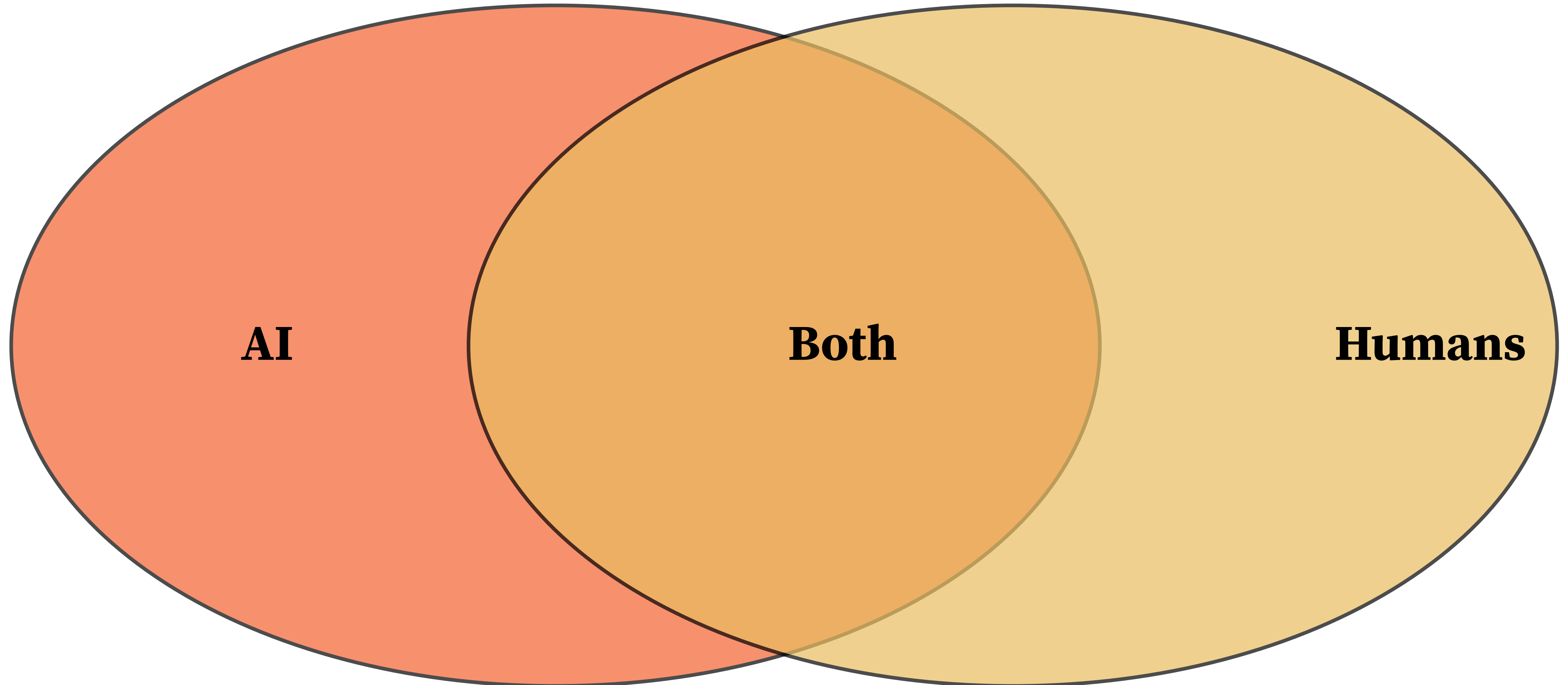
Inaccuracies

Bias

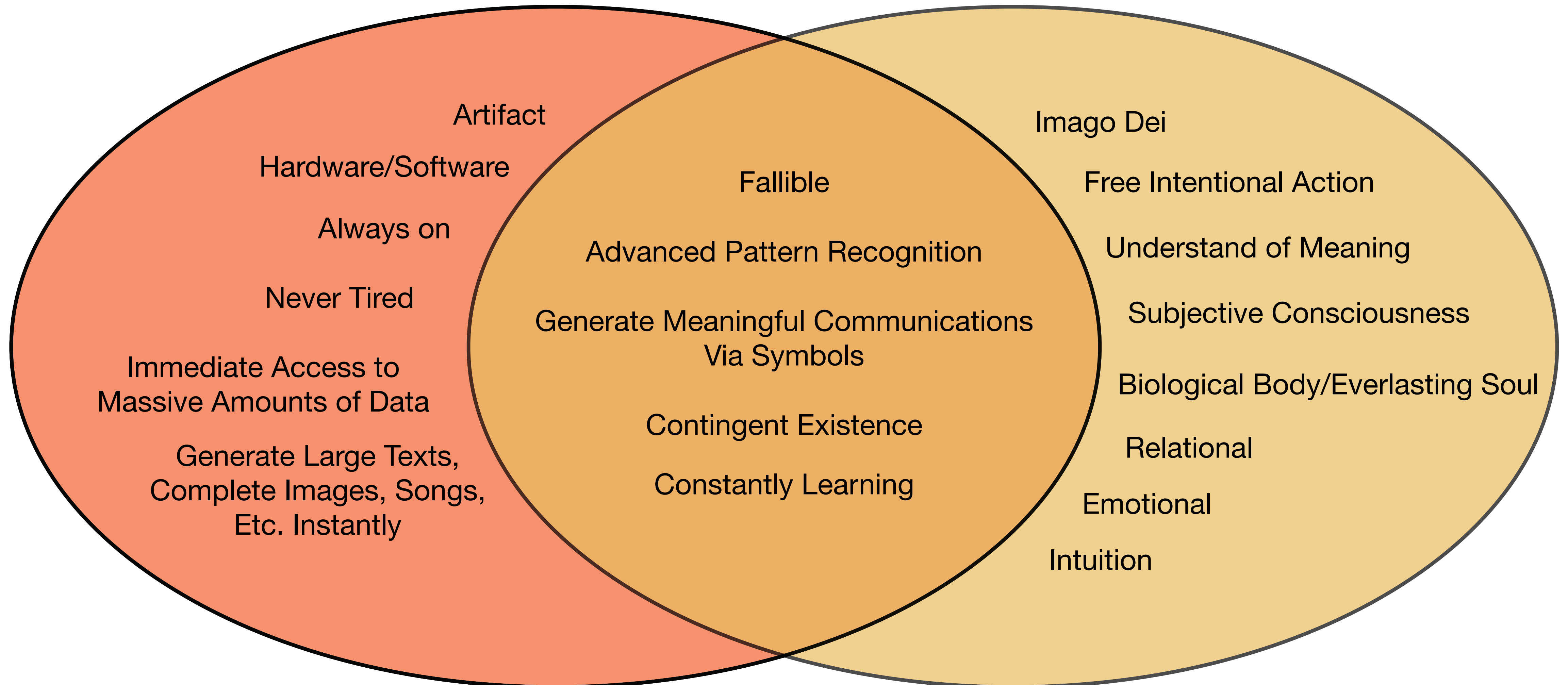
Impersonal

AI vs. Humans

Think - Pair - Share



AI vs. Humans



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How Might AI Impact Intellectual Virtue Formation?

Intellectual Virtue

Wisdom, Prudence, Intellectual Humility, etc.

Means of Growth

Education

Goal

Truth

Threats

The “Wisdom” of Silicon Valley

Students seeking counsel from AI

Short-circuiting prudence, Intellectual carefulness, humility, tenacity, etc.

Deep Fakes

Opportunities

Instantaneous feedback on arguments

Practice with opposing viewpoints

Learn from Christian AI avatars

Enhanced truth-seeking

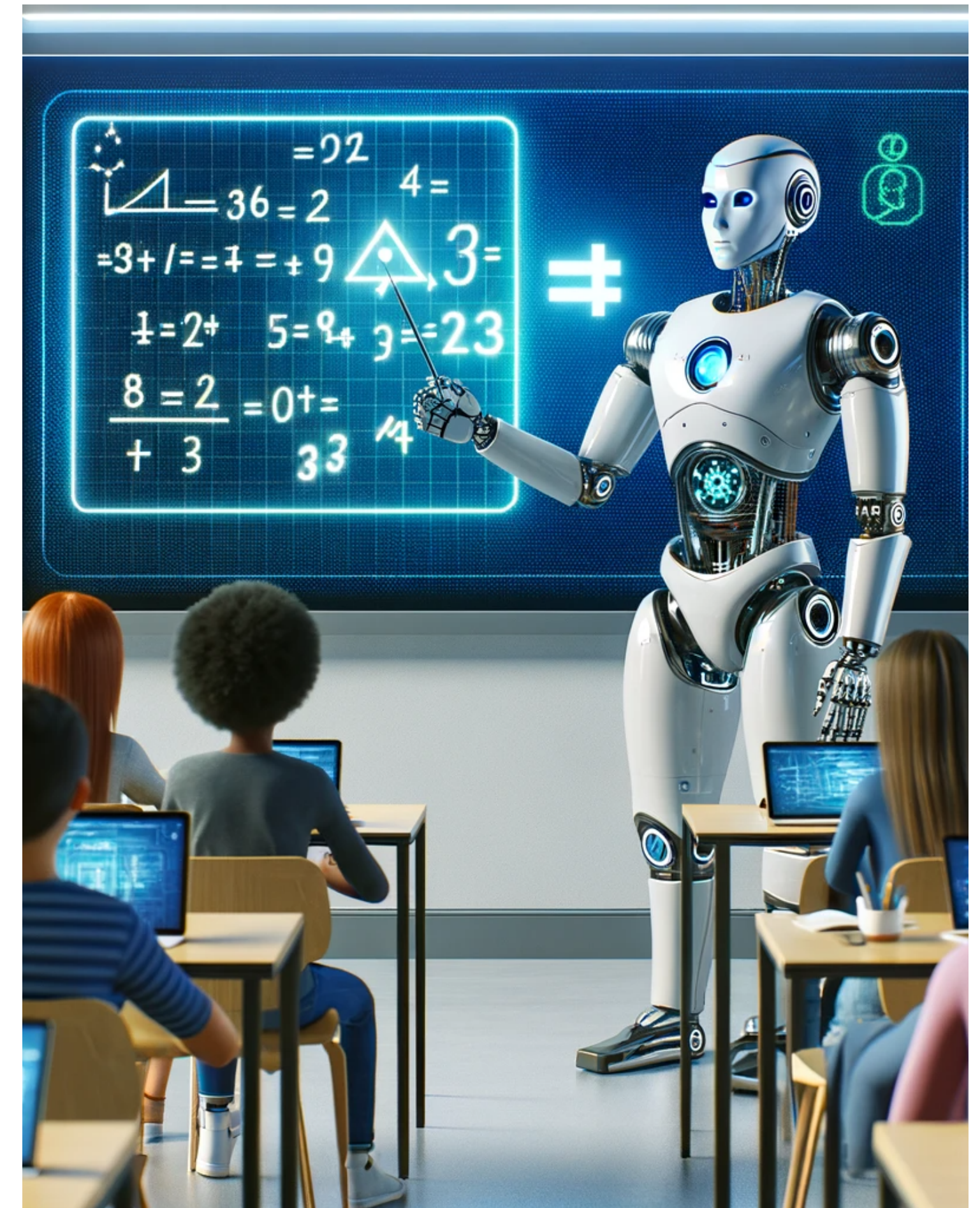


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How Might AI Impact Moral Virtue Formation?

Moral Virtue

Justice, Fortitude, Temperance,
etc.

Means of Growth

Habituation and
Imitation

Goal

Goodness

Threats

The values of the masses filtered
by the values of Silicon Valley

Shortcuts vs. struggle

Disemodiment and social
detachment

Opportunities

AI-Assisted mentorship

Character as competitive
advantage

Enhanced charity



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How Might AI Impact Aesthetic Virtue Formation?

Aesthetic Virtue

Means of Growth

Goal

Creativity, Aesthetic
Appreciation, etc.

Practice and
Education

Beauty

Threats

Crowdsourced standards of
beauty

Devaluing of craft and creativity

Opportunities

New forms of creativity and
inspiration



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What We're Doing

- Daily Character Formation Program
 - Lesson, Spiritual Discipline, Journal Reflection
 - Depth, choice, embodiment, relational, personally meaningful
- In-Person and Live Online Advisors
- AI-Assisted Leveling of Lessons
- Next Steps - AI-Interactive Chat with Teacher Oversight



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