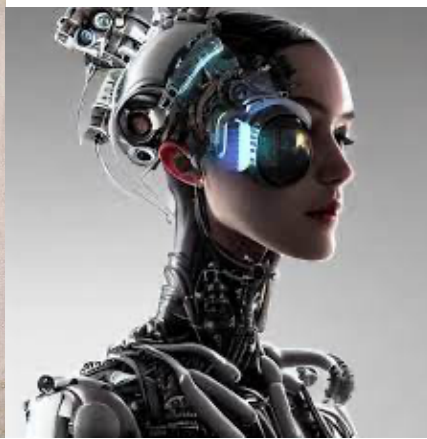




Is/was this a person?



Is/will this be a person?

What do we mean by 'human' nature? Does having moral agency make us natural? Are humans natural because we die? How does aging and death bring meaning to life?

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Welcome from Prof Giddings,

It is a pleasure to teach and work with students in this course where we examine ways of understanding human nature as: Self-Person, AI and personhood, as psychological, as a public/private person, a brain-dead person; the nature of love; a political person, friendship, sexuality/gender, body/soul/mind, and more. I welcome all students who embark upon such a value-added course.



Human Nature influenced by Technology

Note: Pictures from Google images