

A Matter of Intelligence

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become an undeniably useful tool for multiple areas of knowledge.

Refusing to explore its possibilities would be as absurd as having rejected the printing press, electricity, or the internet at one time.

AI is part of the natural course of humanity's scientific and technical evolution, and its integration into everyday life is, in many ways, inevitable.

It's not a fleeting fashion, but a qualitative leap in the ways we access, process, and represent information.

However, all acceptance must be accompanied by critical reflection on its true capabilities.

AI is a field in constant transformation, and what seems astonishing today may be surpassed tomorrow. Therefore, the challenge is not only to use this technology, but to understand it, to identify its true scope and limitations, without deifying or demonizing it.

This is a debate that demands intellectual and ethical maturity.

It's crucial to understand that the development of AI does not necessarily imply the supplanting of human thought or creative processes: sensitivity, intuition, lived experience, and subjectivity are constitutive elements of human production—in art, science, or any other field—that AI cannot fully replicate.

It can imitate them, it can generate approximations, but it does not experiment or create from consciousness... because it lacks it.

In this sense, the attitude of certain users who assume AI as a substitute for critical thinking is worrying.

These people delegate tasks that require understanding, judgment, and evaluation to algorithms.

Using AI as a shortcut to avoid intellectual work not only impoverishes the quality of the knowledge produced, but also creates a false sense of competence: knowing how to use a tool is not the same as knowing how to think.

AI can be very effective at searching for information, comparing sources, establishing relationships between concepts, or facilitating initial writing.

However, it cannot assimilate that knowledge or make sense of it within a human context.

Only the thinking subject—with its questions, doubts, and certainties—can give true value to the content it handles.

Without this component, AI remains nothing more than a sophisticated machine.

Nor can AI experience the emotion of a literary reading, the thrill of a metaphor, or the inner resonance of a poem.

As has been said many times, we could see it as a great encyclopedia: useful, informative, even surprising. But encyclopedias don't feel, they don't interpret, they don't dream.

And we must remember that appropriating content generated by others—whether humans or machines—without reworking it's plagiarism.

This is not just a legal issue, but also an ethical one.

Ultimately, embracing AI as a powerful tool does not mean handing it over the reins of thought. As with all technological evolution, the challenge lies not in the machine itself, but in how humans use it.

Intelligence remains an essentially human matter. The leading role in the creation, interpretation, and management of knowledge is ours.

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