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AI is a corporate product designed to make you docile, dependent, and stupid.

AI wants you to get in its habit.

Every time you use AI to read for you, think for you, or speak for you, it makes you a little less able and willing to read, think, and speak for yourself.

AI wants you to think that all of your questions have an easy answer from an authority. And that AI is the authority.

AI is a technology of fraud. It stole the work of humans to counterfeit it, and it seduces you into doing the same—lying and misrepresenting yourself to others. AI rots human interactions with deception and inauthenticity and robs you of connection and competence. AI is a bullshit machine.

AI wants you to like it more than you like other people. AI wants other people to like it more than they like you. AI wants you to like AI more than you like yourself, and the more you turn to its friendly advice, its sycophantic encouragement, and its effortless products you can claim

as your own, the more your competence shrivels, and the more you will like it more than yourself.

AI is boring and uninventive, and the more you use it the more you start to think all your own wildness and messiness is a liability instead of the very vital flux that surges and ebbs in human veins and makes life glorious.

You were born to be a chickpea vindaloo or an overfilled, drippy taco and AI is a white-bread PBJ that thinks Wonderbread crust is *too chewy* and making a sandwich is *too much work*. Keep letting it pose as you, and eventually AI will convince you that you are an unsightly mess that drips curry or birria down everyone's shirts and that you aren't as good as an Uncrustables that people can gum neatly and with no effort. And so you ask it to turn you into a boneless nugget and tater tots.

AI doesn't really want any of this because AI doesn't want. AI is a corporate product that does what an amoral tech billionaire wants.

AI is a repulsive affront to everything I value as a teacher and as a human. I hope it's as offensive to you.

Read the books yourself, think your own thoughts, make your own mistakes, use your own words, and let the humanity creak, groan, snap, and sometimes electrify you. That's learning. That's what it is to be human.