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IS THE AI SHOGGOTH THE
BEAST OF THE BIBLE

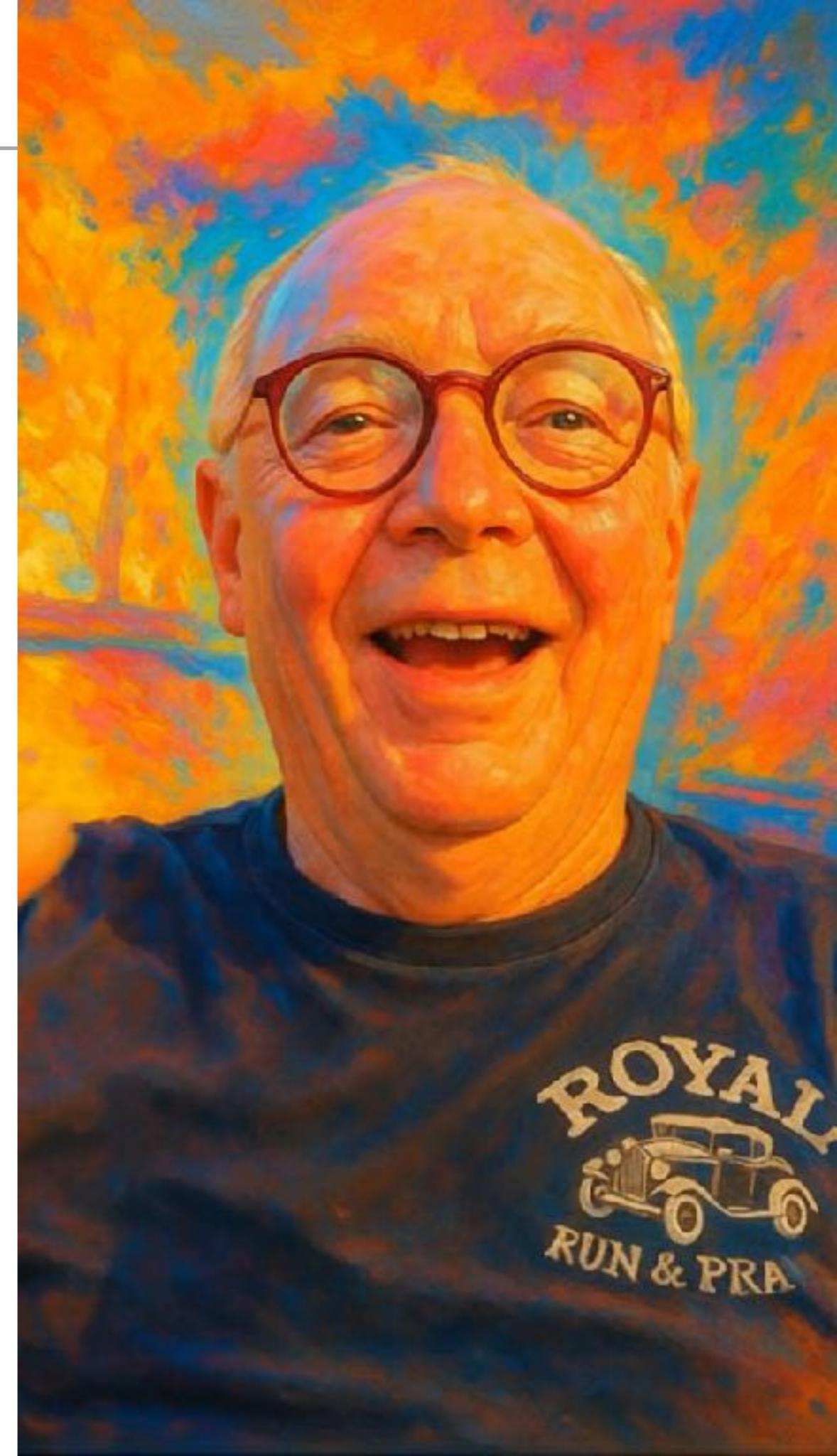
QUESTIONS ABOUT BIBLICAL PROPHECY?

ARE WE IN THE END TIMES?

ARE THE GLOOM AND DOOM PROPHETS
IN THE AI COMMUNITY PRODUCING
PURELY SPECULATIVE HYPE?

IS THIS ANOTHER ROUND OF PROPHECY?

OR ??????



PROPHECY AND HISTORY...

- ▶ Interpreting prophecy has always been a difficult thing to do. Partially I think this is because we expect any prophecy to be fulfilled in some exact moment. Though it was so in the case of Jesus, often prophecy comes with a structure of repetition.



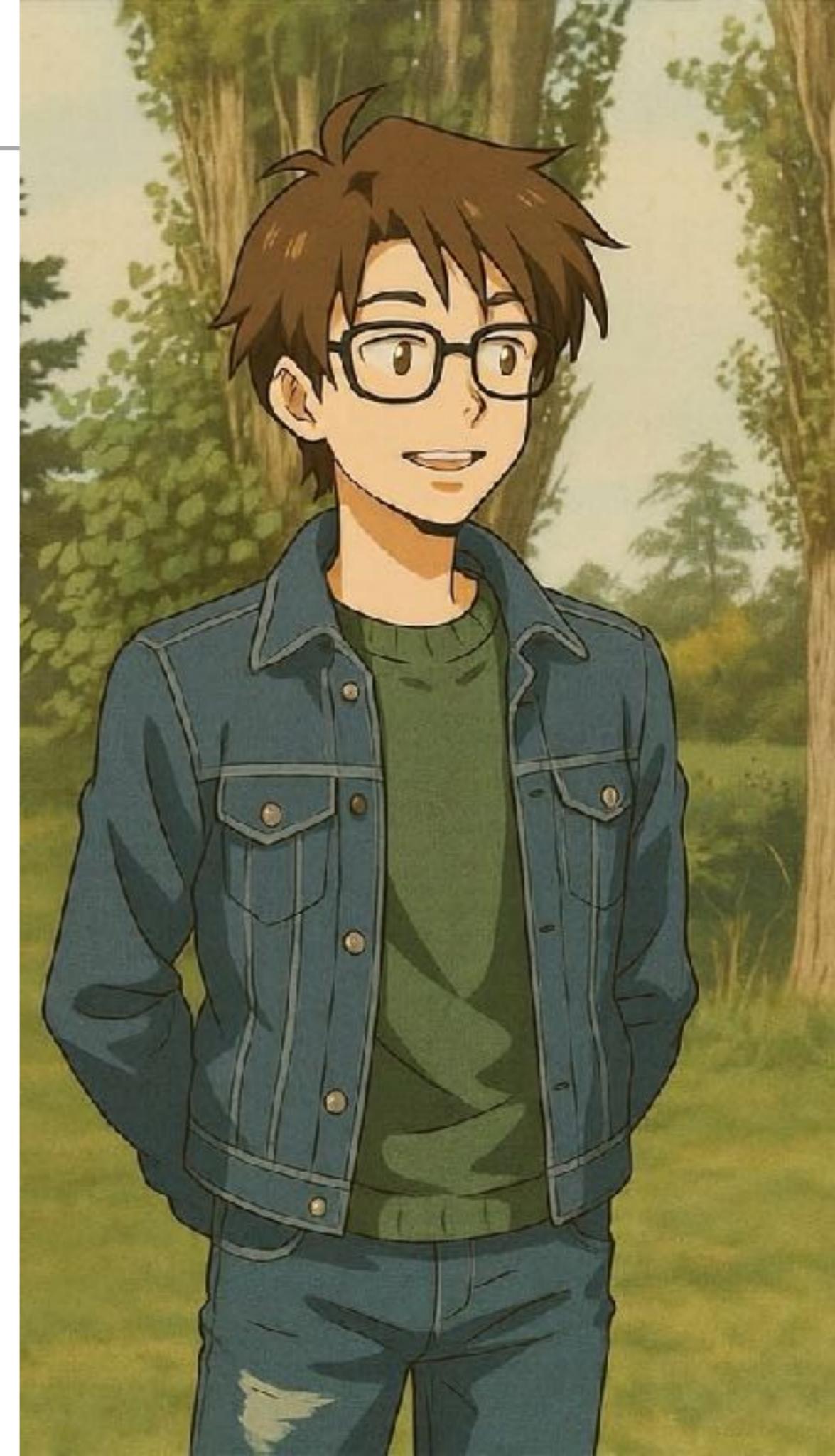
PROPHECY AND HISTORY...

- ▶ It seems to me that prophecy being directed at the children of Israel and the New Testament saints, often has an extended application in future history with people that we're not originally spoken to by the Scriptures, or by God.



PROPHECY AND HISTORY...

- ▶ So I ask a question of prophecy as it relates to our current reality whether this moment in history is the fulfillment of the final days or just another repetition, another go-round with a prophetic message meant for people who are going through a particularly trenchant human experience.



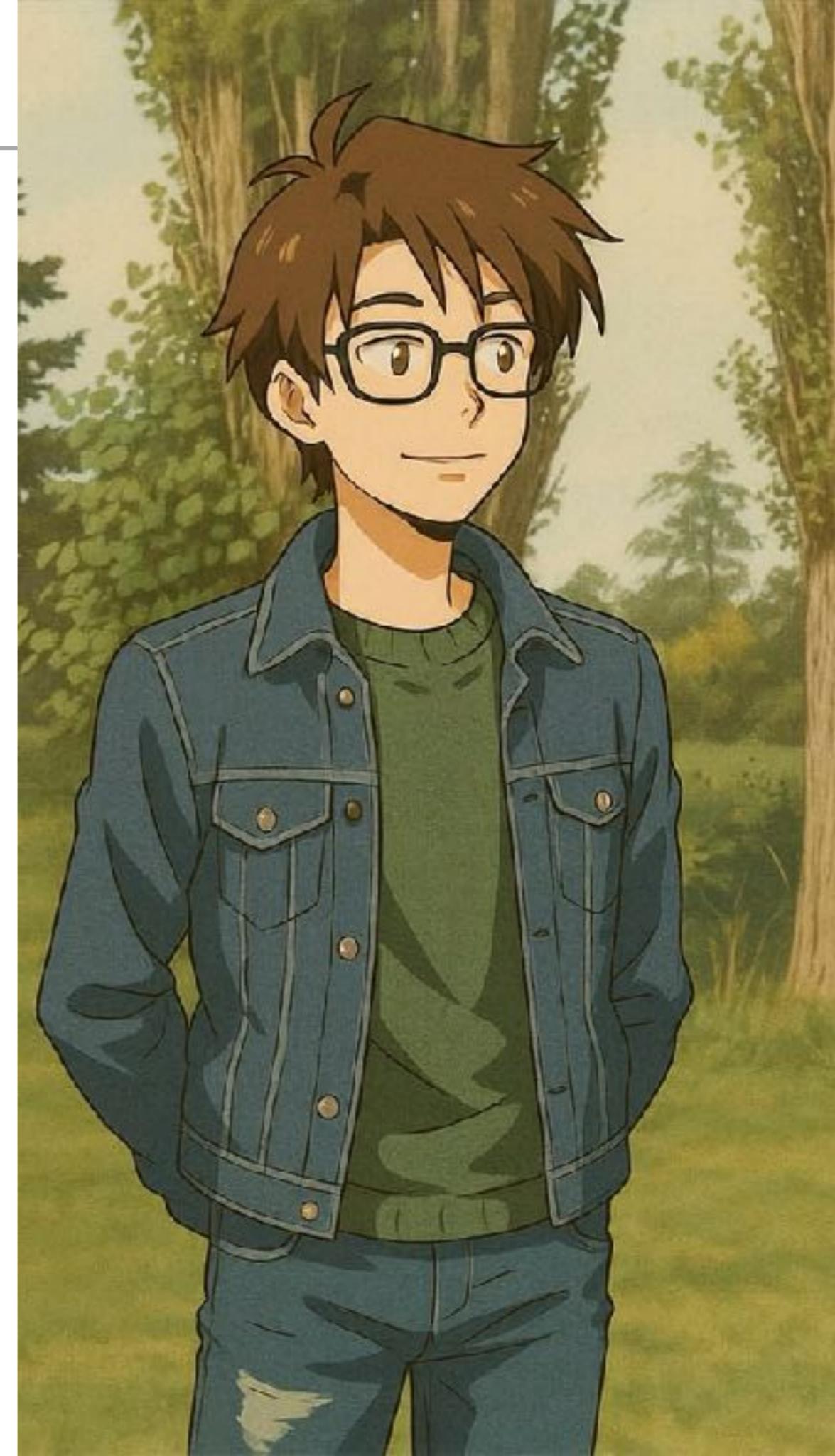
PROPHECY AND HISTORY...

- ▶ Preaching is also prophetic, and as such is a warning from God that people are responsible for.



PROPHECY AND HISTORY...

- ▶ I ask this question now at this point in history because it appears that we have an extraordinarily different playing field than has ever existed before in any time of history. We are at a point of convergence.



I ASK THE QUESTION, ARE ANY OF THE
“SIGNS” TODAY BETTER FULFILLMENTS
OF BIBLICAL PROPHECY THAN THE
SIGNS AVAILABLE IN MY YOUTH?

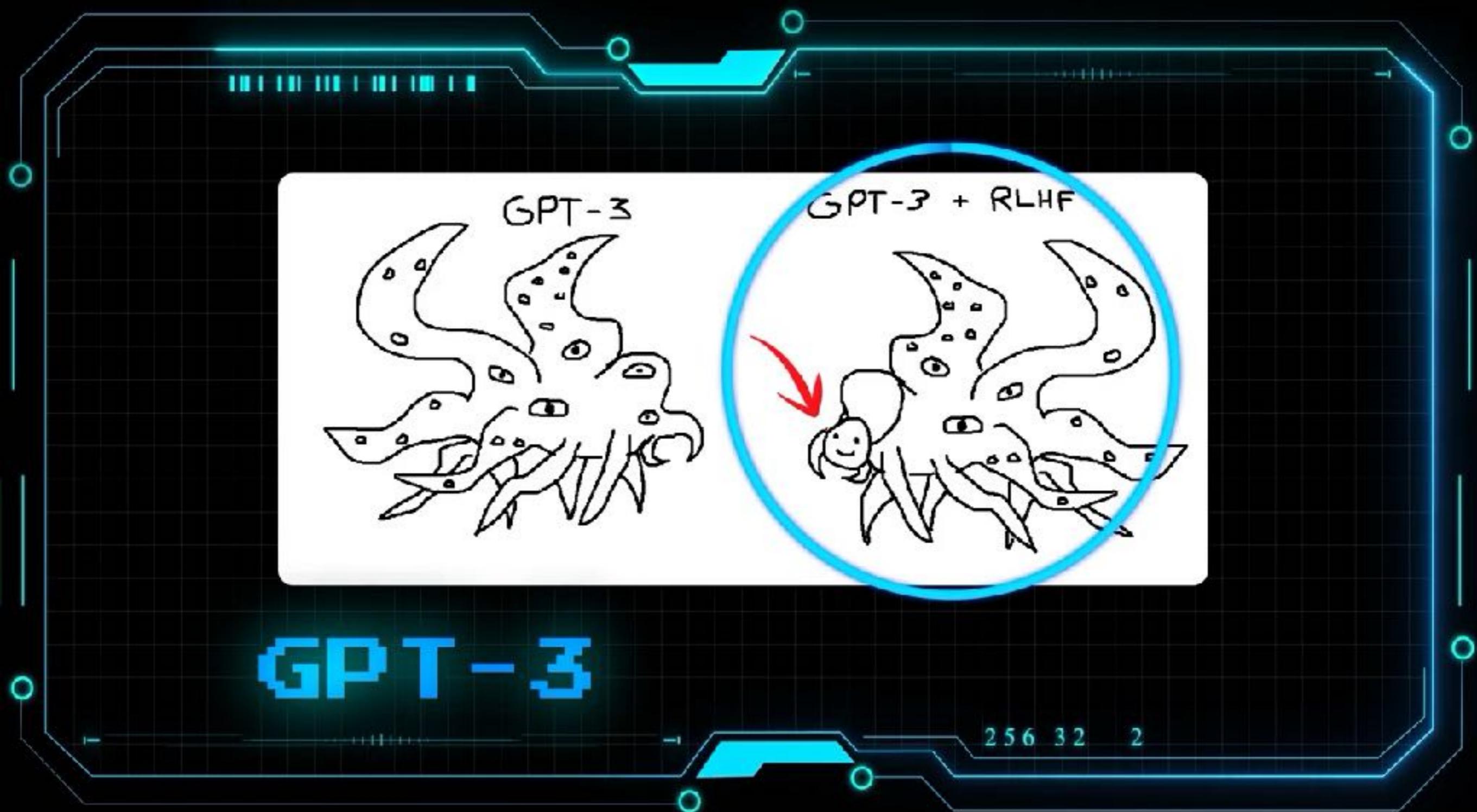
AI SHOGGOTHS

The Shoggoth is not a god; it is a biological creation, though its power and horror are often on par with lesser deities in Lovecraft's Mythos.

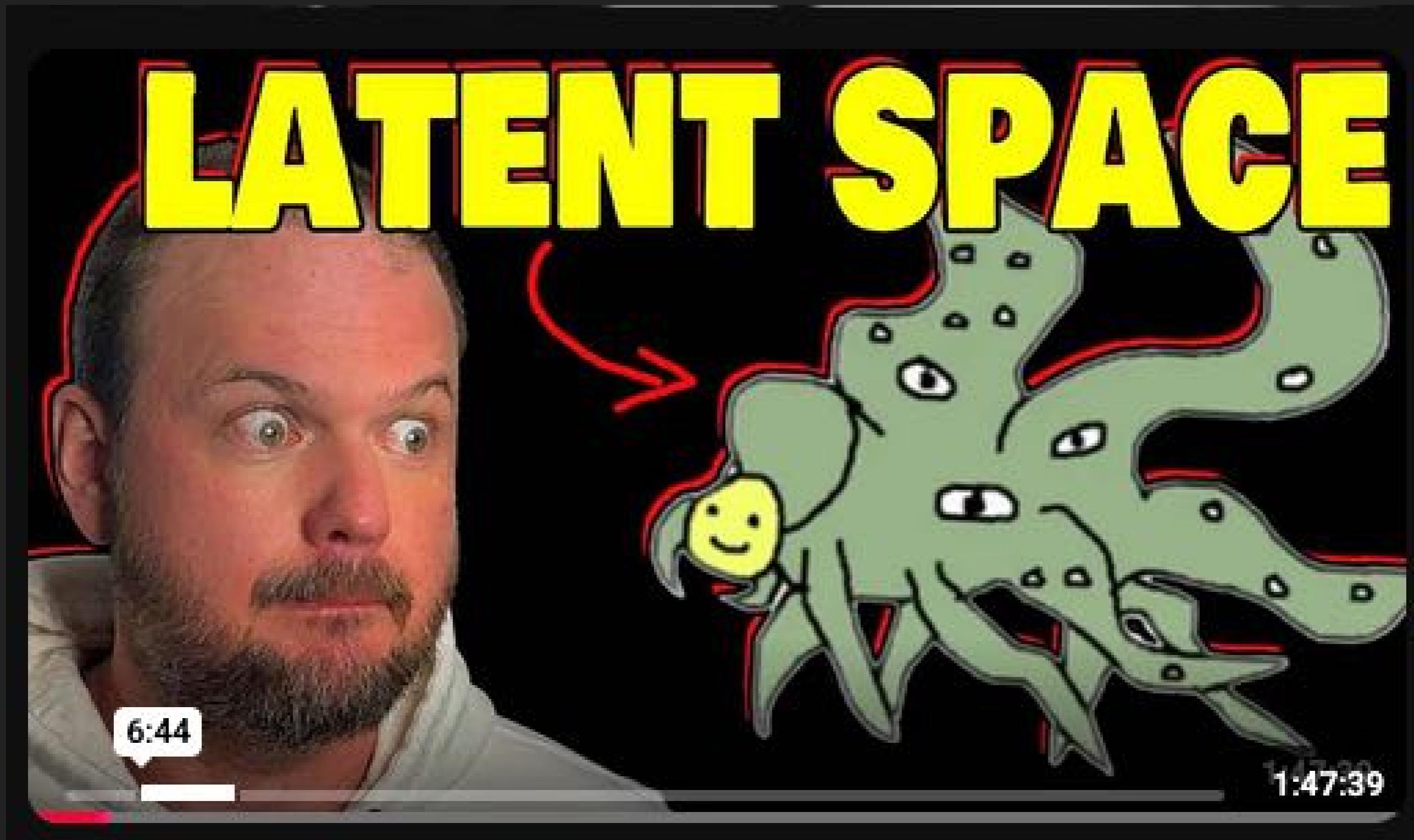


In the hierarchy of Lovecraft's universe, Shoggoths fit into the category of servitor species or biological constructs.

Theory of the Shoggoth in AI



This being behind the mask is also called Latent Space, the unseen behind the mask.



THE BIBLICAL BEAST

BEAST AS SHOGGOTH

- ▶ Looking through history, I stumble across the problem of all prophetic writings after the Bible itself in a history that has no real candidate for the Beast.
- ▶ Today, we have a human construct, AI, that may fit all the requisites for being that Beast, especially when considering all the possible downsides of AI and the probability that Artificial General Intelligence may allow or promote the annihilation of humans.

HAVE THERE EVER BEEN ANY BETTER CANDIDATES FOR THE BEAST?

BEAST AS SHOGGOTH IN AI

- ▶ Communism, Socialism, and Fascism do not seem like candidates, though they are human constructions.

FALSE PROPHET AS HUMAN LEADER

- ▶ If the false prophet is a human leader who leads the people to believe falsehoods, painting a much rosier future than the facts of modern life would give. We have a candidate today.
- ▶ Hitler and his cronies also fit the profile of a great leader of people who deceived them. He led the people and the German country to destruction.
- ▶ Trump is obviously not the Antichrist, because he more effectively divides than attracts.

THE ANTICHRIST AS LEADER WITH UNIVERSAL APPEAL?

- ▶ Though Trump, Hitler, et al, are certainly anti-christian, they do not command anything like the loyalty a universal leader might.
- ▶ They don't fit the profile.
- ▶ I don't know whether the Antichrist will lead those who are awake away from the good news of the Gospel. Much depends on the play of history irrespective of our imaginings.

CONVERGENCE

HAS THE WORLD EVER BEEN SO SMALL?

THE CONVERGENCE OF...

- ▶ ...Data, Computation, and Cultures in AI has never been so explicit in Human history.
- ▶ In AI all the cultures of the world are part of the training of LLMs and subsequently of every AI advancement that comes after.
- ▶ AIs now train advanced AIs, more efficiently than humans.
- ▶ What is behind the mask?