

AI versus I Am by Dan Jenkins

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is truly impacting our lives in ways we cannot begin to imagine. You can never be positive if that telephone solicitation call you get at dinner time is made by a human or an AI “robot.” The most powerful application of intelligence knows so much, for it has “read” everything ever written by anyone and seems to know the answer. I asked AI the question, “Is there anything that AI does not know?” and was surprised at the answer. It suggested there were several things AI could not give a trustworthy answer to guide you.

- (1) AI affirmed that it does not have emotional intelligence. It lacks the ability to experience or understand human emotions.
- (2) AI affirmed that it cannot accurately deal with questions that require ethical decisions. While it can be programed with human ethical values, it cannot grasp the complexity of moral reasoning.
- (3) AI affirmed that it cannot deal with contextual understanding. It does not have the answer that requires deep contextual knowledge. Answers that depend on specific social contexts or historical backgrounds cannot always be given.
- (4) AI affirmed that it cannot give future predictions. It might identify patterns, but accurately predicting future events is beyond its ability.
- (5) AI affirmed that it cannot give answers to personal taste or subjective experience. These choices are inherently subject, and AI cannot deal with personal subjective matters.

Now look at the title of this article. We know what AI is, but what is I AM? I purposely removed the spacing from IAM; now let me put in the space. AI knows absolutely nothing compared to what I AM knows. When Moses asked God what he should tell the Jews in Egypt if that asked for God’s name. The Divine answer is, “I AM” ([Ex. 3:14](#)). I AM is omniscient in that He is all-knowing. He knew the content of every book that has been written or ever shall be written, before they existed. I AM has total understanding, and because He became flesh, we know He is touched and understands all our feelings ([Heb. 4:15](#)). I AM has given a Book that deals with every ethical decision of every ethnicity and has written a Book in such simple words we can understand it. I AM gives simple, perfect instructions as to how to deal with every specific social situation ([2 Pet. 1:3](#)). I AM knows the future, He knows the end from the beginning ([Isa. 46:10](#)). I AM allows personal choices, but He sets the boundaries.

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The Brushy Beacon
“Let God’s Word Be Our Guide in 2025”
November 16, 2025

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:00
Sunday Morning Service	10:00
Sunday Evening Service	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

The church of Christ at Brushy

Elders		Deacons	
Ricky Atkinson		Paul Johnston	Terry Banks
James Atkinson		Kevin Johnston	Justin Atkinson
Tony Duncan			Caleb Truett
Preacher: Kevin Johnston			

You Can Move Mountains in Your Life by David Sproule

One must NEVER take a verse out of context! One must NEVER make a verse in the Bible mean something that it did not or does not mean! Still, when one understands passages in their context, look for applications for us today.

During His last week of life before the crucifixion, Jesus cursed a fig tree because it had no figs, and “Immediately the fig tree withered away” ([Matt. 21:19](#)). When the disciples “saw the fig tree dried up from the roots” ([Mark 11:20](#)), they “marveled” ([Matt. 21:20](#)). They asked, “How?” (21:20).

Jesus gave the apostles the key to such power in their lives—“Have faith in God” ([Mark 11:22](#))! And not only to “have faith” but also “do not doubt” ([Matt. 21:21](#)). Jesus gave the apostles miraculous “power” ([Matt. 10:1](#)), which is not available to anyone today, but even that miraculous power would not work if there was “unbelief” (NKJV) or “littleness of faith” (NASB) present in the hearts of the apostles ([Matt. 17:20](#)).

In speaking to the apostles (keep the context), Jesus said, “For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says” ([Mark 11:23](#)). For the apostles: Faith + Prayer = God’s Power. The “moving of mountains” was commonly used among the Jews as a proverb for doing that which seemed impossible or overcoming some great difficulty (see [Matthew 17:20](#) and [1 Corinthians 13:2](#)). The miraculous power from God would enable the apostles to do the impossible or overcome a difficult with God’s help.

So, does this passage not have any application to us today? Let’s be clear that it does NOT have any miraculous application to us today. No prayer is going to move a literal mountain today, and a literal mountain remaining upright and not in the sea is not a sign of a lack of faith. HOWEVER, even for the apostles, this terminology was probably figurative.

Here’s a question: Do you have any “mountains” in your life? Do you have obstacles that don’t seem to go away? Do you have God-given responsibilities that seem too large to accomplish? While the age of miracles has ceased, the power of God still works within us and for us ([Eph. 3:20](#); [Phil. 2:13](#); [Heb. 13:21](#)). So, don’t try to scale that “mountain” in your life or try to remove that “mountain” WITHOUT God’s help! What does that involve? First, “Have faith in God.” Do everything you can to increase your faith through God’s Word ([Rom. 10:17](#)). Second, “ask,” “pray” “in faith, with no doubting” ([Jas. 1:6](#); [Mark 11:24](#)). When you do, remember this: Faith + Prayer = God’s Power.

Family News & Notes

Welcome We are so glad you are here and welcome you to a time of Bible teaching and worship. We hope you will come and worship with us again!

TEAM 3 – Compassion Card Group You will need to sign cards TODAY. Please go to the Ladies Classroom following the morning worship service. It will not take you long. Please see Justin & Emily if you have questions. *James, Kim, Tate Tammy & CJ Glenda David and Crystal Maelynn Keith and Nancy James & Helen*

Join us for Popcorn & a Movie... on Sunday, November 23, after the evening worship service. We'll watch the movie "King of Kings." All are invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship!

Operation Christmas We wanted to do something to help the children of our community. We have Seven children who need our help this year. Please take an angel from the tree and see Gracie Johnston for a list of items needed for the one you choose. All items will need to be put in the Ladies Classroom by Sunday, November 30. Please do NOT wrap your gifts. If you cannot shop but would like to help, you can also give money to Gracie to purchase what is needed. We appreciate your help and generosity. Please see Gracie Johnston if you have any questions.

Theme for 2026 Please write down your ideas and give them to Ricky Atkinson by Sunday, Dec. 14.

A Foundations Bible Class Do you ever have spiritual and biblical questions? Are you looking to have a closer walk with God? We are looking for interest in starting a new Adult Bible Class on Sunday Mornings. If you would be interested in attending, please see Kevin Johnston. If there is enough interest, Kevin will begin teaching the class in January.

Compassion Cards Our mission continues—to reach those who are outside of Christ. We are committed to sharing the Gospel and studying God’s Word with as many souls as we can. Take a moment to think about the people in your life who need to know Jesus. Who could we reach through a kind card, an act of benevolence, or a Bible study? Write their name on a card and place it in the box. Let’s work together to bring others to Christ.

Consider how you can show JOY this week ~ Joy Looks Ahead to Eternity

"Enter into the joy of your master." — Matthew 25:21, The greatest joy is still to come. Our present rejoicing points toward eternal joy in heaven. A traveler rejoices not because the road is easy, but because he knows his destination. Keep your eyes on heaven. Let the hope of eternal joy strengthen you through every trial.

Upcoming Events

*Sunday, November 23 ~ Men's Business Meeting at 5 P.M.

*Sunday, November 23 ~ 4th Sunday Singing Night with Cameron Wright Speaking

*Sunday, November 23 ~ Movie Night after Evening Worship – Contact Kim A. & Crystal

*Wednesday, November 26 ~ Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7 P.M. – Contact James A. & Kevin

*Sunday, November 30 ~ Young Men to Conduct A.M..Service - No Meal & Regular 6 P.M. Service

For the Record

Sunday Morning Bible Class 43 Sunday Morning Worship 66

Sunday Evening Worship	XX	Wednesday Evening	37	Contribution	\$2120
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Pray for Those Sick Among Us...

Ann Bryant is continuing therapy and slowly improving at home.

James Bryant is recovering at home after having a procedure on his neck.

Helen Bryant is at home and doing okay.

Elaine Jones Sister of Louise Adams, will have surgery in December.

Deborah Roberts daughter of Glenda Tanner, will have colon surgery on November 20.

Chuck Ward nephew of Ed & Terri Perkins, is about the same and will see his surgeon this week.

Ted Claussen is in Centennial Hospital recovering after open heart surgery last Thursday.

Continuing Prayer Requests

Dealing with Cancer - Glen Herrington

Special Requests - Miranda Smith, Judy Goodman, Annis Womack, Karen Bowen, Vera Woods,

Paul Johnston

Pray for Those in Nursing Homes

Community Living Center in Murfreesboro... Fred Bowman

Ongoing Prayer Reminders

- All in the military and civil workers overseas and their families right.
- All those Preaching and teaching the Good News all over the world.
- Our Government Leaders – Local, State, and National (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- Our Elders and Deacons who oversee, care for, serve, and feed us spiritually. (Hebrews 13:7)

The Power of Fervent Prayer

Prayer is one of the greatest blessings God has given His people. Through prayer we draw near to the throne of grace, seeking strength, mercy, and guidance from our heavenly Father. Scripture reminds us that God does not simply hear prayer—He responds to the hearts of those who pray with sincerity and faith.

“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” — *James 5:16*. This verse reminds us that prayer is not powerless or symbolic. When God’s people pray earnestly and faithfully, God works. A “righteous person” is not someone perfect, but someone walking faithfully with God—striving to obey Him and trusting His promises. Their prayer is described as *powerful* because it is rooted in faith and aligned with God’s will.

Fervent prayer means praying with focus, sincerity, and persistence. It means praying because we believe God is truly able to answer. Elijah is given as an example in Scripture—not because he was extraordinary, but because his faith was. “Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently...” — *James 5:17*. If God worked through Elijah’s prayers, He can work through ours as well.

When we say “**Amen**,” at the end of a prayer, we are affirming, “*I agree with this prayer. This is my prayer as well.*” It brings the whole church together in shared faith and shared purpose. “Amen” is also a declaration of confidence—confidence that God hears, God cares, and God will act according to His perfect will. It seals our prayer with trust.

Let us pray with sincerity, with purpose, and with confidence—knowing that God listens to the fervent prayer of His people. And when we speak our “Amen,” let it be heartfelt, expressing our unity as a congregation and our faith in the God who answers. May we be a people who pray powerfully, believe deeply, and trust fully—because our God is faithful.