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An afternoon with PT in the City

This weekend The City of London witnessed 'An Afternoon with PT' where over a thousand people gathered for a unique podcast style event featuring exclusive musical performances, fashion and style segments and a candid conversation and Q&A, anchored by Pastor Tobi on Relationships, Community, Money and Lifestyle.

The event also witnessed the official appointment of the 2nd Generation Leaders of the Nxtion Family, Alex Kenlock and Elohim Tshiana and their team of leaders.

One of the highlights of the day was hearing the progress of some of the students who were recipients of a Mac Book Grant, sponsored by Pastor Tobi during lockdown in 2020, which supported 100s of college leavers from low economic backgrounds going to Russell Group and Top 10 global universities.



Here are just a few of the success stories of the grant and scholarship:

- Postgraduate at **Cambridge University** studying **Chemical Engineering** who has graduated in 2023 with a 2.1.
- Student at **Imperial College** studying **Engineering** graduating in 2024, predicted a 1st class.
- Postgraduate at **Cambridge University** studying **Land Economy**.
- Student at **Warwick University** studying **Criminology** currently doing a year abroad in Paris as an English teacher and is predicted to graduate with a 2.1 however aiming for a 1st class.
- Student at **Warwick University** studying **Psychology** who will be graduating in 2024 with a predicted 2.1.
- Postgraduate at **UCL** studying **Medicine** graduating in 2023 with a predicted 1st class.
- Student at **Cambridge University** studying **Economics**. Predicted a **1st class** and finds out results next week Thursday.



The role of Intelligence

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Welcome to 'The Foundation' the second edition of the **Monday Briefing**; a weekly newsletter designed for those on a quest for knowledge, providing a catalyst for Mondays and musings to mull over for the rest of the week.

It's been a great start to the week here in London which has been named #1 City in Europe for culture and in today's edition we briefly explore why as we review a few events which took place over the weekend including **An afternoon with PT in London City** on Sunday and the **Ditchley Foundation 59th Annual Lecture** delivered by the **U.S. Central Intelligence Agency Director, William J Burns**.

We also take a look at **Artificial Intelligence** and its impact on the global community, religion.

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Thought of the week..
Let us Pr-AI

300 people attended an experimental ChatGPT powered church service at St Paul's church located in Germany as reported by the associated press. It had a 40 minute sermon which included text generated by OpenAI's ChatGPT chatbot delivered by avatars on the screen above the altar.

The chat box used was personified as a bearded man, with a monotonous voice and a fixed facial expression. It often addressed the crowd by saying *"Dear friends, it is an honour for me to stand here and preach to you as the first artificial intelligence at this year's convention of Protestants in Germany."* This unusual service took place as a part of the convention called the German Evangelical Church Congress. It included prayers and music stemming from Jonas Simmerlein who is a theologian and philosopher. Mr Simmerlein describes the service as "about 98 percent from the machine."

The overall conduction of the service was led by a computer - generated avatar of two men and two women who focused on leaving the past behind for example. Many reacted to the machine-led service in various ways such as describing the monotonous speech as "off putting" and having "no heart and soul". Whilst others took it seriously but not necessarily in a good way. Some described the language of AI as "bumpy" though it still seemed to work well.

Simmerlein told the AP that his intention was to involve the use of AI to assist religious leaders by providing ideas for upcoming sermons for example. While the theory of outsourcing spiritual wisdom to a machine remains as a problem discussed with no final answer, Simmerlein frames it more like an exaggerated necessity. This is due to his thought that *"Artificial intelligence will increasingly take over our lives, in all its facets... and that's why it's useful to learn to deal with it."*

Concluding on this topic, the reliance on the large language model means that over time technology could make things up. As a result, Verge Senior Editor James Vincent quotes on Twitter, "Looking forward to future schisms caused by language model hallucinations—the equivalent of mistranslations between Aramaic and ancient Greek."

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LONDON NAMED #1 CITY IN EUROPE FOR CULTURE

London is a global metropolis and a center of intellectual activity and is home to a myriad of renowned research institutions and think tanks. These institutions contribute to knowledge creation, policy development, and critical analysis across a wide range of disciplines. In a recent publication dated 23 June 2023 by Timeout, London has been crowned the best city in Europe for culture, according to a new study by The Social Hub. This study analysed 100 European cities based on a number of factors, including the number of museums and galleries, the number of cultural events, and the diversity of the city's cultural scene. London emerged on top, with a score of 82.5 out of 100. Other cities in the top ten are Paris, Barcelona, Berlin, and Rome.

The study found that London's cultural scene is particularly strong in the areas of museum and galleries, with the city home to some of the world's most famous museums, such as the British Museum and the Tate Modern and noted that London's cultural scene is constantly evolving, with new museums, galleries, and events open all the time.

A brief History:

London has a long and fascinating history that dates back over two millennia. It was founded by the Romans in AD 43 as "Londinium" and quickly grew into an important trading and administrative center. Throughout its history, London has witnessed significant events, such as the Norman Conquest in 1066, the Great Fire of London in 1666, and the bombings during World War II. London is home to the following four UNESCO World Heritage sites:

- 1. The Palace of Westminster and Westminster Abbey:** This site is a complex of buildings in the City of Westminster, London, that includes the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey. The Palace of Westminster is the seat of the British Parliament, while Westminster Abbey is a famous church that has been used for royal coronations and weddings.
- 2. Tower of London:** This historic castle on the River Thames in central London was founded by William the Conqueror in 1066 and has been used as a royal residence, a prison, and a treasury. The Tower of London is now a popular tourist attraction and is home to the Crown Jewels.
- 3. Maritime Greenwich:** This site is a group of historic buildings and parks in Greenwich, London, that are associated with navigation and astronomy. The most famous building in the site is the Royal Observatory, which is the home of the Prime Meridian of the World.
- 4. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew:** These botanical gardens in southwest London are home to a collection of over 30,000 different plant species. Kew Gardens is a popular tourist attraction and is also a center for scientific research.

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A WORLD TRANSFORMED AND THE ROLE OF INTELLIGENCE

On Saturday, some of the Knowledge Nxtion team had the pleasure of attending the 59th Annual Ditchley lecture by CIA Director William J. Burns who gave a lecture on **A world Transformed and The role of Intelligence.**

Director Burns, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia (2005-2008), described his speech as a homecoming: "I first came here in 1979 as a young and unformed Marshall Scholar at Oxford ... but the effect it had on me was profound." His enduring appreciation of the Anglo-American partnership was a guiding thread of his speech. "In a transition memo that I drafted for the incoming Clinton Administration at the end of 1992, I tried to capture the dim outlines of the challenges ahead. 'While for the first time in 50 years we do not face a global military adversary,' I wrote, 'it is certainly conceivable that a return to authoritarianism in Russia or an aggressively hostile China could revive such a global threat.'"

The Ditchley Foundation, a force of British intelligence, was founded in 1958, in Oxfordshire to promote Anglo-American working relationships. Chairman Jonathan Hopkin Hill, Baron Hill of Oareford, is a director of The Times newspaper, member of the House of Lords, former Leader of the House of Lords, and former Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, responsible to the British Sovereign for administration of the Duchy, which is a private estate owned by the monarch.

Since 1958, Ditchley has worked to connect people and ideas, enable new thinking, and build consensus in international affairs through programming that convenes leaders in government, business, and technology. Ditchley works to renew and redefine how liberal democracies can lead and engage in an evolving world.

Ditchley gathers a mix of leaders and emerging talent from across the public and private sectors to think new things and make new connections on the challenges of our times working to renew democratic societies, states and alliances, with the aim of peace, freedom and the rule of law for all; spanning geopolitics, democracy, technology and climate challenges.

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THE EFFECTS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACROSS INDUSTRIES

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has transformed the world of finance and economics. In recent years, AI has played a vital role in assessing financial risk, detecting fraud and improving customer service. The growth and development of AI technology has transformed the global market and has had significant implications for global leadership, financial markets, geopolitics, national security and technology. AI plays a significant role in today's economic affairs. It helps banks and other financial institutions to analyse large amounts of data quickly and accurately, by identifying patterns and trends that are often missed by humans. This helps institutions to make better investment decisions, reduce risks and maximise profits. Furthermore, AI plays a pivotal role in predicting future market trends; this technology can analyse past data and real-time data to identify any potential disruptions, helping companies to stay ahead of the competition.

AI has become an essential technology for global leadership. Countries with advanced AI technology have a competitive edge over others. AI plays a critical role in enhancing a country's economic competitiveness, whilst also contributing to scientific and technological advancement. These countries tend to have a more robust economic system and a highly skilled workforce. AI technology has revolutionised the financial market, giving rise to what is commonly known as "fintech." Fintech encompasses many different types of AI technologies that are used in the financial industry, including chat-bots, machine learning algorithms and natural language processing. These technologies enable financial companies to provide more personalised and efficient services to their customers. They can also improve fraud detection and help prevent cyber attacks, which can be devastating to financial institutions and their customers.

AI has the potential to shape geopolitics and international relations. As AI becomes ubiquitous across industries, it will also play a significant role in defense capabilities. The race for AI superiority has already begun and countries are investing heavily in this area. The geopolitical implications of AI include the potential for new alliances and rivalries and the use of AI in warfare. For instance, China's significant investment in AI has raised concerns among policymakers in the United States. Furthermore, AI has the potential to aid in identifying potential threats to national security. By utilising AI tools such as predictive analytics and machine learning, security agencies can analyse vast amounts of data in real-time to identify and mitigate potential threats. AI is likely to play a critical role in the relationship between the UK and the EU post-Brexit. The UK government is investing heavily in AI to enhance the country's position as a tech leader, while the EU has recently introduced a European-wide AI strategy. Despite the relationship between the UK and the EU being uncertain, AI remains a shared interest for both parties.

Finally, AI has transformed the technology industry. Many tech giants, including Google, Microsoft and Amazon, are investing heavily in AI research and development. This has led to significant advancements in AI technology, including natural language processing, computer vision and machine learning. Moreover, AI is driving new innovations in robotics and automation, which have the potential to revolutionise the manufacturing industry.

In conclusion, AI continues to transform the global economy, playing a pivotal role in economic affairs, global leadership, financial markets, geopolitics, national security, including the UK and the EU. As the technology continues to evolve, we can expect to see further advancements and disruption across multiple industries.