



Research Paper

# Why Philosophy Still Matters: Rethinking Human Thought in the Period of AI

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## Abstract

The main aim of this paper is to examine the importance of philosophy in the period of artificial intelligence. Artificial intelligence has become essential in our lives in this age of machines. Further advances in artificial intelligence have made our lives increasingly machine-dependent. Although artificial intelligence has the potential to provide skill and thought, it is irrelevant to finding answers to various philosophical questions. Qualitative and analytical approaches are adopted in this study, where various philosophical sources and institutional literature are consulted. This study shows the difference between human intelligence and artificial intelligence. Moreover, the limitations of artificial intelligence have been highlighted. Here, an attempt is made to find answers to all the questions that arise on the ethical side of artificial intelligence. The result indicates that philosophy is still very necessary to solve these problems arising from artificial intelligence. Philosophy helps people to develop critical thinking and to understand the difference between facts and real knowledge. Philosophy also helps ensure values in the advancement of technology. This paper concludes that philosophy plays a significant role in understanding the influence of artificial intelligence on human life.

**Keywords:** Artificial Intelligence (AI), Philosophy, Human Thought, knowledge, Critical Thinking, Human Values, moral responsibility

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## I. INTRODUCTION

AI has affected our lives so much that it has occurred a part of our everyday lives. We use AI in our daily lives in various ways. The eternal influence of AI can be seen in our daily work and way of thinking. Artificial intelligence has improved so much that what was thought to be done by humans only is now becoming possible by artificial intelligence.

However, in the midst of all these changes, a question arises among us: Is there any need for study philosophy in this age of artificial intelligence? If this question can be properly analyzed then we can easily understand that the importance of philosophy in human life can never be ignored. Philosophy helps us understand what is real, what is fake, what to accept, what to reject, and especially what is true and what is false and what is most essential in human beings.

This research paper shows how important philosophy is even in today's machine age. Even in the age of technology, there is a special need for philosophy to guide people's thinking in the right direction, to awaken morality in people. A more specific philosophy is needed to understand how artificial intelligence is affecting our lives.

## II. OBJECTIVES OF THIS STUDY

1. To understand the importance of philosophy in the period of AI.
2. To understand the difference between human thinking and AI thinking.
3. To review the importance of philosophy in upholding human values in the context of technology.

## III. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

This study shows that philosophy is very important even in the period of AI. Although artificial intelligence has made our lives much easier and faster, technology alone may not be sufficient to solve some philosophical problems.

This paper also shows the limitations of artificial intelligence. Although technology can explore large amounts of data very easily, it does not have any thoughts or feelings like humans. This paper will help to understand this difference.

This study is very important because it highlights various ethical issues related to artificial intelligence, such as fairness, accountability and bias. This paper proves that the importance of philosophical thinking is essential in order to resolve all these problems.

Finally, this paper reminds us that we must think critically and not blindly or completely rely on technology. It reminds us of the worth of more human values, such as human dignity and freedom, in the usage of technology.

#### **IV. METHODOLOGY**

This paper employs qualitative and analytical methodologies, drawing upon various available books, research papers and credible sources pertaining to philosophy and artificial intelligence.

This research paper is grounded in a critical analysis of concepts such as knowledge and ethics. Furthermore, the study incorporates a descriptive approach to investigate and understand the relationship between human intelligence and artificial intelligence.

#### **V. DISCUSSION**

##### **1. Extension of AI in Human Life**

AI is currently impacting our lives in many ways. The use of AI is increasing day by day, especially in the fields of healthcare, education, business, etc., so for the use of artificial intelligence in various fields, a question arises in our mind: Is there any need for philosophy at all at present? If we analyze this question very deeply, we can easily understand that no matter how much AI reaches the peak of development, it can never erase the importance of philosophy. Philosophy teaches people to think independently and inculcates decision-making power in them. Through philosophy, people understand what is right, what is wrong, what we should accept, what we should reject and what is most necessary for our life. So, no matter how much AI is able to make human life easier and faster, it can never ignore the glory of philosophy.

##### **2. Difference between Intelligence and human intelligence**

Another important discussion of this paper is the difference between artificial intelligence and human intelligence. AI has no consciousness of its own, no ability to think. It can only process the information we give it. On the other hand, human have their own capacity to think. Human thinking involves deep thought, feelings and emotions. Philosophy helps to awaken this thinking power in people. Where people today take information provided by AI as true knowledge, philosophy warns us not to take it for granted. Let us try to find real knowledge by using our own thinking, reasoning and intelligence.

##### **3. Knowledge vs Information**

Today, we confuse what information is and what knowledge is. Information refers to a collection of data, while through knowledge we integrate that information and apply it in practice. AI can provide us with a vast amount of information, but it can never awaken the true nature of knowledge in us. On the other hand, through philosophy, people can know the true nature of knowledge by using their reason and experience. Philosophy has a special need to enrich our knowledge base with various information.

##### **4. Ethical Challenges for AI**

Now, the use of AI in various fields, especially in health, education, and law, raises questions about the ethics of AI. When using artificial intelligence, in some cases, we usually ignore our decision-making power and our sense of moral responsibility. We also leave all these aspects in the hands of AI. Philosophy warns us, however, that we should never neglect our moral duties. We should not rely on machines while making decisions. Let the decisions be our own. Philosophy emphasizes it more.

##### **5. Problem of Consciousness and Human Identity in the period of AI**

Although AI can provide us with information very quickly, it can never be aware of that information itself. Artificial intelligence has no emotions, feelings, or sense of self-awareness. It obeys only the orders given to it. But man is self-conscious about the things that exist in man. It cannot be that there is any information or knowledge in people, and people are not aware of it. People are always self-aware of what is right, what is wrong, what is necessary and what is unnecessary. We are now in the period of AI, we are leaving our conscious mind behind, and we are becoming machine-dependent. Philosophy warns us here that we should in no way disparage our own sense of consciousness.

## 6. Role of Human Thinking in an AI-Driven World

Nowadays, people are constantly using AI in their daily small and big tasks, as a result of which, people have become very lazy. People are losing their ability to think on their own day by day. Where philosophy focuses on people emphasizing their own thinking rather than being dependent on additional machines. By studying philosophy, people develop logical thinking, critical views, and questions on various topics, etc. Even in the current era of AI, philosophy emphasizes how humans can use their own thinking to solve various problems.

## 7. Preservation of Human Values

Artificial intelligence can easily provide us with very precise, accurate and fast information, but it sometimes ignores various human values such as responsibility, dignity, equality and freedom. But by no means can these values be ignored. Philosophy shows a proper way of how we can use artificial intelligence or different machines, keeping all these values in mind. No matter how much technology advances day by day, we especially need philosophy so that we don't lose sight of our values and put them into practice.

## 8. Limitations of AI

Although AI has become very strong today, it is still limited to a niche. Artificial intelligence only obeys the orders it is given by humans. AI can never manage anything by itself, but as a result, humans are losing their own creativity, sense of moral responsibility, and freedom. Philosophy helps to overcome all these limitations of artificial intelligence and develop the inherent capabilities of humans. Man is not limited by anything; man is capable of reaching the highest peak of creation, and for this, we especially need philosophy.

## 9. Need for Philosophy for Future Development

As technology improves day by day and will continue to improve in the future, the need for philosophy has increased and will increase. Philosophy is not limited to only one subject; philosophy guides people to the right path, teaches them to take right decisions and above all, teaches people to be human. Philosophy is critical to guiding AI in the right direction now and in the future. In this advancement of technology, we should never ignore our moral responsibility and values.

## VI. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it can be said that AI is currently assisting humans in various fields, both large and small, easily advancing human work, but it can never surpass the dignity of philosophy. Technology can replace philosophy.

It can also be said that although the use of AI is increasing day by day, it has some limitations. It suppresses human creativity and freedom. Through philosophy, we can transcend all these limitations and maximize our own potential. Even in this period of technology, there is a special need for morality, a sense of responsibility, etc., in people and philosophy is needed to awaken all these things in people. So, it can be said that the need for philosophy has existed in the past, is present and will continue to exist in the future.

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