

The Transhumanist Declaration

(1) Humanity will be radically changed by technology in the future. We foresee the feasibility of redesigning the human condition, including such parameters as the inevitability of aging, limitations on human and artificial intellects, unchosen psychology, suffering, and our confinement to the planet earth.

(2) Systematic research should be put into understanding these coming developments and their long-term consequences.

(3) Transhumanists think that by being generally open and embracing of new technology we have a better chance of turning it to our advantage than if we try to ban or prohibit it.

(4) Transhumanists advocate the moral right for those who so wish to use technology to extend their mental and physical (including reproductive) capacities and to improve their control over their own lives. We seek personal growth beyond our current biological limitations.

(5) In planning for the future, it is mandatory to take into account the prospect of dramatic progress in technological capabilities. It would be tragic if the potential benefits failed to materialize because of technophobia and unnecessary prohibitions. On the other hand, it would also be tragic if intelligent life went extinct because of some disaster or war involving advanced technologies.

(6) We need to create forums where people can rationally debate what needs to be done, and a social order where responsible decisions can be implemented.

(7) Transhumanism advocates the well-being of all sentience (whether in artificial intellects, humans, posthumans, or non-human animals) and encompasses many principles of modern humanism. Transhumanism does not support any particular party, politician or political platform.



World Transhumanist Association

The WTA was founded in 1998. The goal of the World Transhumanist Association is to support discussion and public awareness of emerging technologies; to defend the right of individuals in free and democratic societies to adopt technologies that expand human capacities; and to anticipate and propose solutions for the potential consequences of emerging technologies.

The WTA is growing quickly, and we invite you to join us in this important work. Our 3,000 members worldwide participate in our dozens of discussion lists or join one of our many local WTA chapters, which can be found in countries and languages all over the world. The WTA speakers bureau can provide someone to represent the transhumanist perspective to the media or to your group.

You can register as a **basic, supporting or sustaining** member at transhumanism.org. Basic membership is free with registration and includes a 10% discount on participation in WTA events. Dues for supporting membership are \$50US a year for employed people in the developed countries, and \$20US a year for the unemployed, retired, students, and people in developing countries. Sustaining membership is \$250 a year. Supporting and sustaining memberships include voting privileges in WTA elections and decision-making, as well as 20% discounts on WTA events.

Transhumanism in your area



Are You a
Transhumanist?
Take the test

<http://www.transhumanism.org>

HOW MANY OF THESE STATEMENTS DO YOU AGREE WITH?

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you believe that people have a right to use technology to extend their mental and physical (including reproductive) capacities and to improve their control over their own lives?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you think that by being generally open and embracing of new technology we have a better chance of turning it to our advantage than if we try to ban or prohibit it?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you expect human progress to result from human accomplishment rather than divine intervention, grace, or redemption?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you think it would be a good thing if people could become many times more intelligent than they currently are?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you DISAGREE with the idea that human genetic engineering is always wrong because it is "playing God"?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does your ethical code advocate the well-being of all sentient beings, whether in artificial intellects, humans, posthumans, or non-human animals?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you believe women should have the right to terminate their pregnancies?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you think it would be a good thing if people could live for hundreds of years or longer?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Would you consider having your mind uploaded to computers if it was the only way you could continue as a conscious person?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Should parents be able to have children through cloning once the technology is safe?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Total</p>
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HOW MANY STATEMENTS DID YOU AGREE WITH?

7-10	You are a transhumanist. Go forth and share the memes.
5-6	You are probably a transhumanist.
2-4	You have some (trans)humanist tendencies. See transhumanism.org to nurture them.
0-1	You are not a transhumanist yet. But we can help. Consult

THINGS TO READ ABOUT TRANSHUMANISM

Transhumanist Frequently Asked Questions:
A General Introduction. v2.1
transhumanism.org/index.php/WTA/faq/

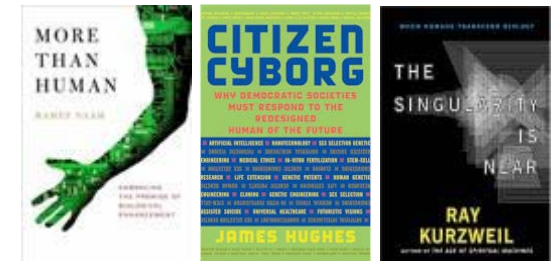
"Transhumanism" by Julian Huxley
transhumanism.org/index.php/WTA/more/huxley/

JOURNALS

Betterhumans: A webzine focusing on human enhancement technologies.
<http://betterhumans.org>

Journal of Evolution and Technology:
The journal of the Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies
<http://jetpress.org>

RECENT BOOKS ON TRANSHUMANISM



More than Human: Embracing the Promise of Biological Enhancement by Ramez Naam

Citizen Cyborg: Why Democratic Societies Must Respond to the Redesigned Human of the Future by James Hughes

The Singularity is Near: When Humans Transcend Biology by Ray Kurzweil

The Scientific Conquest of Death. Edited and published by the Immortality Institute.