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A WORLD WITHOUT WORKING ? - Is The End Of Work Still Just A Futuristic Concept

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The Technological Advances that make Widespread Technological Unemployment possible could still threaten or undermine Human Flourishing and Meaning, especially if they do not remain confined to the Economic Sphere. This Threat could be contained if we adopt an Integrative Approach to our Relationship with Technology.

Suppose Extreme Predictions regarding Technological Unemployment come to Fruition : Automating Technologies Takeover almost all Forms of Human Labour. But suppose also that everyone shares in the Productive Gains. Will our Lives be filled with Meaningful Activity, or will we be merely Passive Recipients of the Benefits of Technology ?

The Main Argument can be simply stated : Although there are Reasons to worry about the Societal Impacts of Technological Unemployment, there are also Reasons to embrace it. The Conventional View of Economists has been that Work is what Poor People do. The Richer we got, Individually and as a Society, the more we would revel in taking Time off.

The same Technology that renders Humans Useless might also make it Feasible to Feed and Support the Unemployable Masses through some Scheme of Universal Basic Income. The Real Problem will then be to Keep the Masses Occupied and Content.

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