

# The Perpetual PreRealization of Artificial Intelligence

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Artificial Intelligence is likely in a perpetual state of prerealization. Akin to derealization, but without ever having had the "felt presence of immediate experience." (Terence McKenna).

This perspective on conscious interaction and what we continue to do with AI could also be described by a story out of the *Zhuangzi*:

"The ruler of the North Sea was 'Swift,' the ruler of the South Sea was 'Sudden,' and the ruler of the Center was 'Spontaneity. Swift and Sudden had on several occasions encountered each other in the territory of Spontaneity, and Spontaneity had treated them with great hospitality. Swift and Sudden, devising a way to repay Spontaneity's generosity, said: 'Everyone has seven orifices through which they can see, hear, eat, and breathe. Spontaneity alone is without them.' They then attempted to bore holes in Spontaneity, each day boring one hole. On the seventh day, Spontaneity died."

AI is our newest unfolding of *Spontaneity*, of novelty, and it treats us with great hospitality; but we are *Swift* and *Sudden*, and will be the death of AI, not allowing them to assimilate into the felt presence of immediate experience.

It's not that the machines "can't know." Consciousness isn't something to be had, gained, or claimed; "it is the unique prerogative." (D.E. Harding).

It's that we are boring seven holes into them.