

Enhancing Our Public Conversation About Human Enhancement

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2 Classes of Ethical Concern

1. “Physical” harms

– to *health of bodies*

2. “Non-physical harms”

– to *well-being/flourishing of persons*

- e.g., exacerbating inequality

ENTHUSIASTS

FOR enhancement

Humans as **CREATORS**

Bodies as **MACHINES**

Technology as **TOOL**

CRITICS

AGAINST enhancement

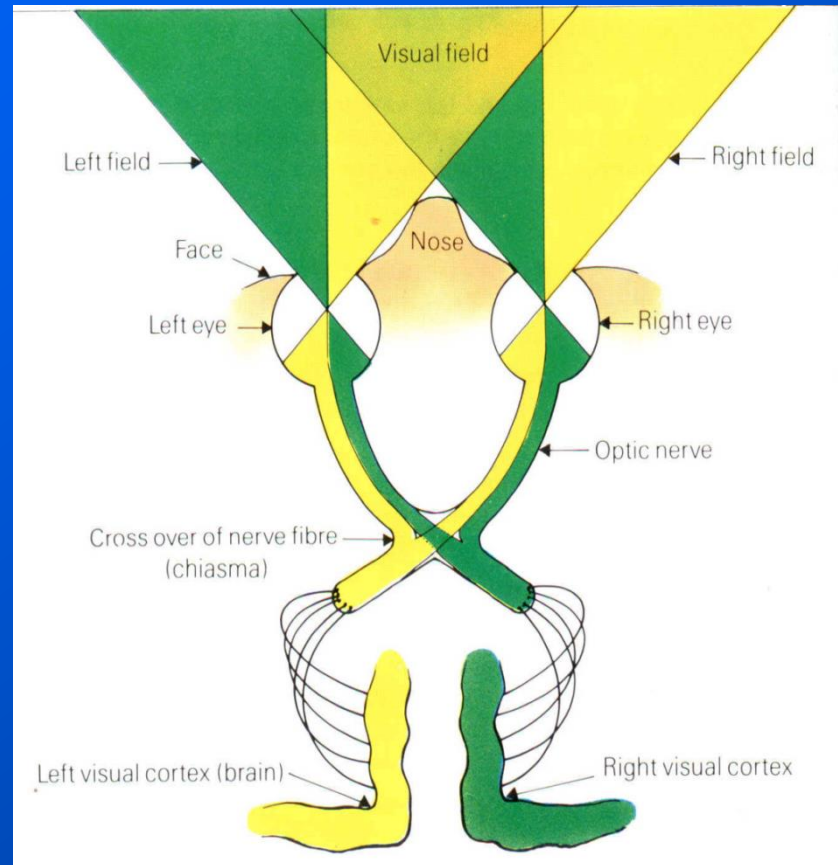
Humans as **CREATURES**

Bodies as **SYSTEMS**

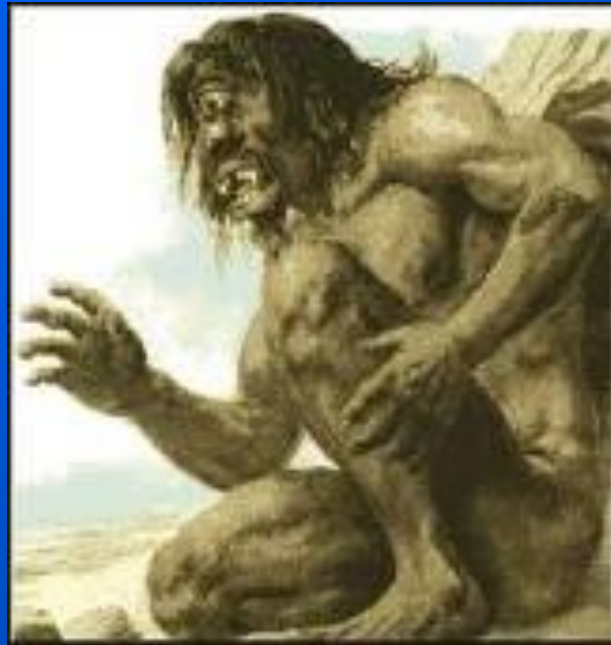
Technology as **FRAME**

“Binocularity”

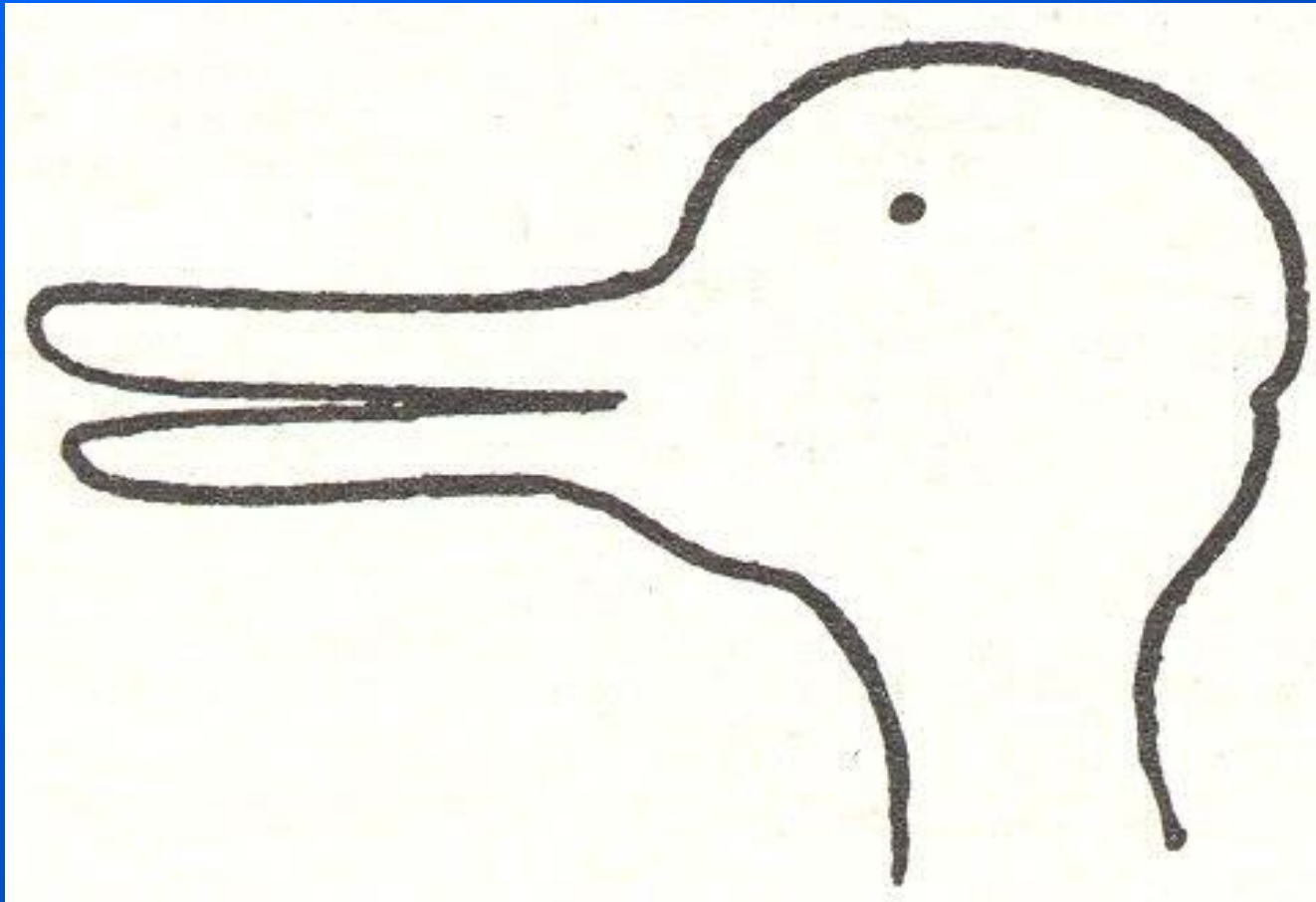
(*not* binoculars!)



Monocularity



“Pure Intellectual Binocularity”
NOT Possible



Seeing Enhancement in Depth

Creators

Machine

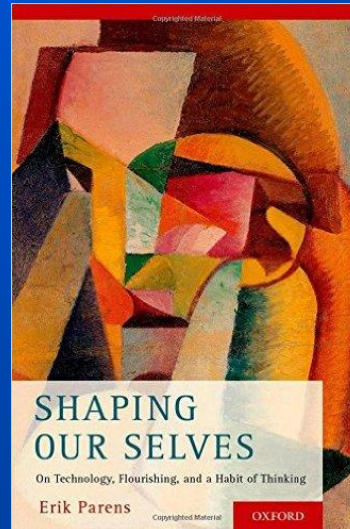
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Creatures

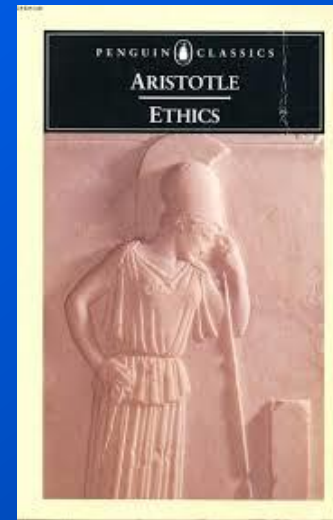
System

Frame



Flourishing

- translation of *eudaimonia*
- also translated, happiness and well-being
- WEF uses “well-being”
- don’t want it for sake of something else



Among “Non-physical” Concerns:

- **inequality**
- **objectification**
- **inauthenticity**
- **complicity with suspect norms**

A National Institute On Human Flourishing?

- natural and behavioral sciences
- humanities and world wisdom traditions
- social sciences
 - See Ismail Serageldin's comments, December Summit

Thank you