

## **From human bodies to digital identities – transgenderism, transhumanism, and the 4th industrial revolution**

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### **1. Introduction**

**Thank you for having me on, I feel truly honored for the opportunity to be on this panel!**

In my talk, I want to show how transgenderism and transhumanism are connected in that they are **both normalizing and institutionalizing body dissociation**, and what both have to do with the so-called 4th industrial revolution.

To this end, I'm going to start with a brief explanation of the concept of "4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution", then show how transhumanism fits into it.

This is the **context** for then understanding transgenderism and the underlying assumptions perpetuated by gender identity ideology, specifically, how gender identity ideology prepares the ground for transhumanism.

When I first encountered transgenderism in 2012 as a baby radfem, it didn't make sense to me how anyone could take it seriously. It seemed like mass delusion to me, but why was it so powerful? Through my research into the money behind transgenderism, as well as the technological and scientific developments that are being hailed as the 4IR, I was able to see the bigger picture, and it suddenly made sense why this so-called "social justice movement" is being backed by corporations, governments, NGOs as well as academia.

This is why I want to focus for the purpose of this talk **on the underlying assumptions and basic suppositions about the body, the mind and consciousness of both transgenderism and transhumanism**; what makes these concepts so seamlessly connect with each other.

This has two benefits:

1. less confusion over what they keep coming up with (we know what it is really about!).
2. easier to communicate with well-meaning women who have drunk the Kool-aid, if we can show what kind of world the underlying assumptions of both transgenderism and transhumanism, taken to their logical end-points, will lead to. Because they don't want to live in that world. None of us do!

## **2. The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution and the Transhumanist Dystopia**

### **2.1. The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution**

The Fourth Industrial Revolution (sometimes called the 4IR or Industry 4.0) builds on the first three industrial revolutions. Those were, 1. the invention of the steam engine in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, leading to mechanization and increased urbanization; 2. electricity and other scientific advancements leading to mass production; 3. the emergence of computers and digital technology from the 1950s onward, leading to increasing automatization.

This newest “industrial revolution” is once again driven by the increasing availability and interaction of technologies, covering wide-ranging fields such as artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, the internet of things (IoT), autonomous vehicles, 3D printing, nanotechnology, biotechnology and biosecurity, energy storage and quantum computing. It is characterized by connectivity and a fusion of technologies across the physical, digital and biological worlds.

This will likely lead not only to the work of professions as different as lawyers, financial analysts, doctors, journalists, accountants or librarians becoming partly or completely automated, but also, through the possibilities of neurotechnologies and biotechnologies, to a “redefinition of what it means to be human.”

At least this is what ardent proponents of this development are saying. According to them, soon cows will be engineered to produce in their milk a blood-clotting element, which hemophiliacs lack, and they are already engineering the genomes of pigs with the goal of growing organs suitable for human transplantation.

**The keywords here are “connectivity” and “smart systems,”** meaning everything will be connected to the internet via the internet of things and the internet of bodies, and will have a digital identity, or even a digital twin.

### **2.1.1 The Internet of Things**

The IoT describes the idea of everyday items being connected to the internet and identifiable by other devices, for example medical wearables that monitor users’ physical condition, or cars and tracking devices inserted into parcels, farmers putting sensors into fields to monitor soil. Basically, this means **they want to put sensors and software in everything and eventually present the internet as ubiquitous virtual reality.**

### **2.1.2 The Internet of Bodies**

The Internet of Bodies (IoB) is an extension of the IoT and basically connects the human body to the internet. There are three generations of the Internet of Bodies: **body external**, as in wearable devices; **body internal**, as in pacemakers and digital pills; and **body embedded**, where technology and the human body are melded together.

### **2.1.3 Digital Identity and Digital Twins**

A "digital identity" is the entire collection of information generated by a person’s online activity. It is basically your online identity. In the context of the 4IR, people will need the ability to prove who they are online in order to interact with institutions of all kinds.

Digital twins are virtual models of a physical thing or body. Think of them as digital clones.

This brings me to the topic of transhumanism.

## **2.2 Transhumanism**

The Transhumanist Vision is basically one of synthetic biology, through which man can control his evolution. Examples include active implantable microchips, “smart tattoos”, and custom-designing organisms by writing artificial DNA. Other examples are: digital copies of

mental functions, and uploaded/downloaded consciousness. Transhumans then are hybrid humans who have merged with computational technology, or even “people” who consist entirely of software, or “people” who are software who can then merge with a synthetically grown human body.

**Through all of these technological means, women will be made entirely obsolete in terms of reproduction. Gestation becomes a commodity.**

### **2.3. Underlying assumptions regarding consciousness in transhumanist ideology**

The mistaken presumption which the whole transhuman edifice is built on, is that **consciousness resides entirely in the brain**. This is a view shared by many neuroscientists and other “leading thinkers,” past and present. It’s the same premise that is expressed in the Cartesian adage, “I think, therefore I am.”

In this view, **the brain is the self**. The brain is merely a pattern of neurological firings. These can be replicated in software. Voila, a Self in software. The body is just a “**substrate**,” and can be replaced with technological soft- or hardware.

The transhumanist vision that human beings are destined to evolve into a union of man and machine, so that the resulting blend of biology and technology can do everything the brain can do, **only better**, reduces the felt sense of the body to by-products of logical, intentional action.

Such ideas are extremely dangerous. They completely neglect the body’s reality.

No-one would equate a disembodied brain with a person, so common sense suggests that no machine, regardless how intelligent, could be human.

Machines are simply not embodied – and it is **embodiment that is the foundation of who and what we are**.

By erasing the reality of your body, you get lost. Your feelings get explained away neurologically. Or they get “fixed” pharmacologically. Or both.

The novelist Milan Kundera once said:

“‘I think, therefore I am’ is the statement of an intellectual who underrates toothaches.”

I would add:

“‘I think, therefore I am’ is the statement of an male intellectual who has never experienced menstrual cramps, or childbirth.”

#### **2.4. Conclusion: the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution is inherently transhumanist, capitalist, fascist**

In the transhumanist project made possible by the 4IR, what we can see on full display are the profoundly necrophilic tendencies of technocracy; (in Mary Daly’s words) “a mechanization of life, a robotizing regression, **the** patriarchal pathology.”

I would like to end this first part of my talk with an excerpt from a blogpost by Winteroak, called “Resist the fourth industrial repression.”

You can find the blog at <https://winteroak.org.uk/2020/04/17/resist-the-fourth-industrial-repression/>

“The 4IR wants to own, control and profit from everything that exists in this world.

Its Internet of Things aims to create a matrix of total connectivity, of which it is the owner.

You, your home, your family, your friends, your relationships and your activities will all belong to the 4IR.

Its technocrats regard you as nothing more than another piece of disposable fleshware, one unit among millions, just another figure on its global balance sheet of exploitation.

The 4IR will track you and always know where you are, whom you are with, what you are doing.

It demands your total obedience.

The Fourth Industrial Repression wants to replace everything true and authentic with its replicas, with a reality not so much virtual as entirely fake.

When the 4IR demands 'biosecurity,' it means the security of its own systems of control against the threat from biological reality. From nature, from life, from *us*!

The 4IR employs huge armies of professional liars and gullible fools to spread its propaganda and scream abuse at all who dare challenge its fearmongering falsehoods.

The 4IR is a death cult which dreams of wiping out everything that is natural, everything that is wild, everything that is free."

### **3. The Transgender Trojan Horse**

#### **3.1. Transgenderism**

The explanations for transgenderism are usually confusing, as they (intentionally, I would claim!) conflate and confuse biological sex, and gender (sex roles).

It all starts to make much more sense when one tries to understand the assumptions that undergird such language, as well as the goal, which is to dissociate us from our bodies in preparation for the transhumanist project.

#### **3.2. Underlying assumptions regarding sex, gender and self/identity in transgender ideology**

Martine Rothblatt, in his book "From Transgender to Transhuman" (1996/2011) makes many such obfuscating statements, for example:

"A person's nature has nothing to do with gonads. Natures are transgendered."

"Sex is ultimately in the mind and (...) our minds are infinitely unique in sexual identity."

"The only possible new paradigm of sexual identity is that people are neither male or female, but of individual gender across an infinitely wide continuum."

Notice here the use of the term "sexual identity." It is eerily reminiscent of the now ubiquitous term "gender identity." But what does it mean?

What he means by that are the same old sexist concepts of complementary natures, often referred to by the code words “feminine” and “masculine,” but really meaning “subordinate” or “submissive” and “dominant” or “aggressive”.

Ignoring decades of radical feminist critique of the traditional patriarchal view that women are naturally submissive, passive and nurturing and thus complementary to men’s natural dominance, activeness and aggressiveness, he posits that “the new feminism” he espouses has uncovered the actual truth (which is the same old lie):

that “people” have inherently gendered **mental** natures, but that these are irrespective of physical anatomy. In other words, the body is irrelevant, what really matters is the mind. **The mind** is where a person’s consciousness/self/soul/nature is located.

This is echoed in his often-repeated statement that “Mind is deeper than matter.”

What is happening here is an **attempt at reframing**: Instead of denoting the physiological differences between men and women that manifest outwardly as different primary and secondary sex characteristics, sex is now supposed to be equivalent with “sexual identity (gender identity).”

And since sexual identity is in the mind, and the mind is all that matters, our natures are suddenly reinterpreted in the same old patriarchal sex stereotyped ways.

In other words, get rid of the sexed bodies, but keep the sex stereotyped “identity.”

Why?

### **3.3 Conclusion: gender identity ideology is the bridge to global techno-capitalist patriarchy**

Because this concept of our mental “identity” being who we truly are, instead of our sentient bodies **is the bridge to the virtual transhumanist “reality” he and others like him want us to consent to**. He hopes that he can convince us that **consenting to have our sexed bodies erased in exchange for a digital sex-stereotyped identity** is freedom, in his words, “freedom of gender” and “freedom of form.”

I will let you judge for yourself, and quote him in all his necrophilic snoolishness:

“To be transgendered one has to accept that they have a unique sexual identity, beyond either male or female, and that this unique mental gender state cannot be happily expressed as either rigidly male or female. It requires a unique, transgendered expression.”

“To be transhuman one has to be willing to accept that they have a unique personal identity, beyond flesh or software, and that this unique personal identity cannot be happily expressed as either human or not. It requires a unique, transhuman expression.”

So, in order to be really “happy”, we need to be transgender and transhuman, living in artificial reality in virtual space, dissociated from our sentient bodies, as digital, rainbow-gendered identities.

This is a **fantasy**, a life-hating, soulless fantasy, which the sociopathic narcissists at the helm of these developments want us to share.

They want us to consent to this, they need us to consent to it.

Let’s **not**.

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