# Security Briefs 038 – Ethics and AI Part 3

## Frameworks, Discernment, and the Question of Trust

As we begin this final episode on AI and ethics, a reminder that we are relying on the excellent work done by Ericius Security's founder, Sean Eyre. Ericius Security is a faith based cyber security firm. We will provide a link to their website in the show notes.

We've seen that AI must be framed in God's story, and that it can never be human. Now let's talk about discernment. How do we evaluate these tools? And how do we avoid the trap of treating AI as more than it is?

Several Christian frameworks exist. The Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission's 2019 statement on AI emphasized that humans are made in God's image, and no technology can replace that. Later, The Praxis Journal encouraged redemptive entrepreneurship — using AI to repair what's broken and elevate dignity in 2024. Ericius Security itself has been building a matrix to evaluate AI by asking: What is it? Where does the data come from? What values are embedded? Who controls it?

But None of these frameworks are perfect. For instance, ERLC never defined AI. Praxis' work is inspiring but vague. Ericius Security's model is still in development. But perfection isn't the point. The point is vigilance. Without it, we risk outsourcing decisions to tools without wisdom, or worse, mistaking them for companions that cannot truly know us.

So here are some practical questions:

- Is this tool replacing me, or enabling me?
- Does it present itself honestly, or is it pretending to be more than it is?
- Am I looking to AI for comfort that should come from God or His people?
- If this tool doesn't lean toward New Creation, can it be redeemed?

There are other ethical questions than this. For instance, AI's impact on the environment. But the point is that technology is never neutral. It disciples us in one direction or another. AI must never be a substitute for prayer, faith, or community. Instead, let it be a tool that helps us serve God, love our neighbor, and reflect Christ faithfully in a digital age.

Now you know.

Join us next time when we begin a new series on AI as we explore the information, operational, and spiritual security risks of AI and how to use this tool wisely.

## Episode Summary

In our final episode, we explore practical frameworks that can guide Christians in using AI wisely. Drawing from statements by the ERLC, redemptive visions from Praxis, and a developing evaluation matrix, we highlight both the value and the limits of these tools. Most importantly, we ask: are we trusting AI for things only God or His people can provide? With practical discernment questions and a call to resist counterfeit intimacy, this episode equips listeners to use AI as a tool, not a substitute for faith or community.

Ericius Security Website: https://www.ericiussecurity.org/

Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission statement on Artificial Intelligence: https://erlc.com/policy-content/artificial-intelligence-an-evangelical-statement-of-principles/

A Redemptive Thesis for Artificial Intelligence: https://journal.praxis.co/a-redemptive-thesis-for-artificial-intelligence-ff7dafdd01b5