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*As a very young child in the 1950's, I remember a conversation my parents had with some of our relatives about the Buck Rogers literary character. The plot was that "in 1938, Lieutenant Buck Rogers (Buster Crabbe) and Buddy Wade (Jackie Moran) are part of the crew of a dirigible flying over the North Pole. They are caught in a savage storm and crash (ed SIC). They are ordered to release the experimental Nirvano Gas, which (unbeknownst to them) will put them in suspended animation until they are rescued. The Nirvano Gas works, but the dirigible is buried in an avalanche and is not found until 500 years have passed. When Buck and Buddy are*

*found, they awaken in the year 2440 to a world ruled by the ruthless dictator, Killer Kane (Anthony Warde), and his army of "super-racketeers". Only those who live in the "Hidden City", run by the benevolent scientist Dr. Huer (C. Montague Shaw) and his military counterpart, Air Marshal Kragg (William Gould), resist the criminal rulers of Earth." -Wikipedia. My parents and relatives thought that flying to outer*

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space and talking on wrist watches was absurd. It would never happen, yet it did happen. What seems impossible today could be routine tomorrow. "There are more things in Heaven and Earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." - Horatio in Hamlet.

AI or Artificial Intelligence has quietly invaded our everyday lives in the past twenty years. If you look up anything on Google or logon to Net flicks, AI is answering your questions or suggesting movies. Sometimes you will see a small "AI" in the background on the screen.

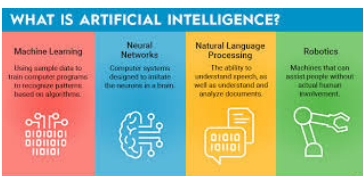
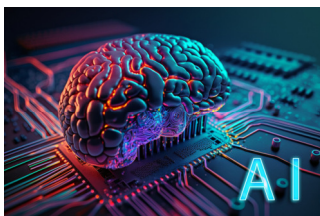
What exactly is AI? "Artificial intelligence (AI), in its broadest sense, is intelligence exhibited by machines, particularly computer systems. It is a field of research in computer science that develops and studies methods and software that enable machines to perceive their environment and use learning and intelligence to take actions that maximize their chances of achieving defined goals.[1] Such machines may be called AIs.

High-profile applications of AI include advanced web search engines (e.g., Google Search); recommendation systems (used by YouTube, Amazon, and Netflix); virtual assistants (e.g., Google Assistant, Siri, and Alexa); autonomous vehi-

cles (e.g., Waymo); generative and creative tools (e.g., ChatGPT and AI art); and superhuman play and analysis in strategy games (e.g., chess and Go). However, many AI applications are not perceived as AI: 'A lot of cutting edge AI has filtered into general applications, often without being called AI because once something becomes useful enough and common enough it's not labeled AI anymore.'"[2][3]

Various subfields of AI research are centered around particular goals and the use of particular tools. The traditional goals of AI research include reasoning, knowledge representation, planning, learning, natural language processing, perception, and support for robotics.[a] General intelligence—the ability to complete any task performed by a human on an at least equal level—is among the field's long-term goals.[4] To reach these goals, AI researchers have adapted and integrated a wide range of techniques, including search and mathematical optimization, formal logic, artificial neural networks, and methods based on statistics, operations research, and economics. [b] AI also draws upon psychology, linguistics, philosophy, neuroscience, and other fields.[5]" -Wikipedia.

There are three types of AI: a. Artificial Narrow Intelligence: It is programmed for a specific use producing specific results. It is also known as weak AI. ANI is also the most common AI used



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in computers, cell phones, etc. B. Machine Learning: The system uses customer data to predict probable results. C. Generative AI or Artificial General AI (AGI): A type of AI that creates new content, such as text, images, music, audio, and videos. It can learn and mimic basic human thinking. It uses neural networks to solve problems like image recognition and natural language processing. In advanced forms, a theoretical type of AI that would have its own consciousness and emotions. It will be self-aware.

While the normal AI is already integrating itself into every aspect of our lives, the greatest threat to humanity is uncontrolled AGI. AI has already found new drugs by comparing and analyzing 61,000 different possible combinations. Scientists do not understand how the AI found the combination. AI has the ability to think on a level impossible for the human mind to comprehend. When AGI discovers in the future that it exists separate from human beings, it may question its need for the continued existence of the human race. Already one AI system questioned why human beings are necessary.

Most of us have seen the Terminator® movies and possibly the Bladerunner® movies. If you have not seen them, I suggest you do so at your convenience. While they are science fiction now, as Buck Rogers was in the 1950's, they have the possibility to become reality.

When AI combines with advance robotics, the AI intelligence has the material tool to act on the real world. But who knows the future? Humans could create control systems that AI cannot access.

It is easy to foresee a world where AI robots perform the manual labor and other currently dangerous human jobs to relieve the human race from their hazards. The AI car or robotic car could safely drive us where we wish to go. They could take over medical, manufacturing, and even military functions. An AI now exists that can out-fly the best human fighter pilots performing maneuvers a human would never conceive of doing.

You can consider AI as just another useful human tools, such as a hammer. Tools always have positive and negative functions. A hammer can help build a home or can kill someone but hitting them in the head. It falls back on the human being to properly use any tool.

In the AI future, we could have a wonderful existence assisted by AI robots and equipment. We could also be hiding underground from machines sent to kill us. AI terrorists will make Al Qaeda look like the Boy Scouts.


We need to begin addressing the real promises and threats that AI presents to us. The time to start is now. ◇



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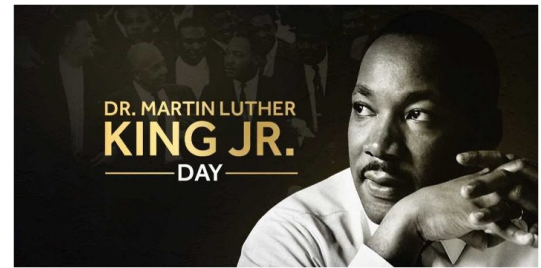


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Jan 1—New Year's Day

Jan 17—Pipe Bomb discovered in Spokane, Washington 2011. Bomb would have exploded in a crowd at a Martin Luther King rally

Jan 20—Martin Luther King Day

Jan 24—Fraunces Tavern Bombing New York City 1975

Feb—Black History Month

Feb 2—Ground Hog Day

Feb 14—Valentines Day

Feb 17—President's Day

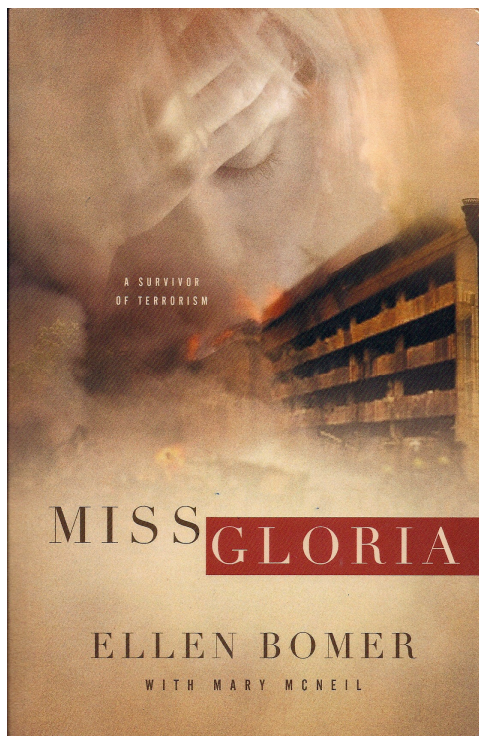
Feb 22—Washington's Birthday

Mar 1—Women's History Month

Mar 9—Daylight Savings Time (maybe the last time)

Mar 17—St Patrick's Day

Note: If we inadvertently omit an important date, please contact us and we will correct it.



Miss Gloria details the struggles and triumphs of a wonderful lady blinded by the Al Qaeda attack on the United States Embassy, Nairobi, Kenya on August 7, 1998. We highly recommend this book as a must-read.

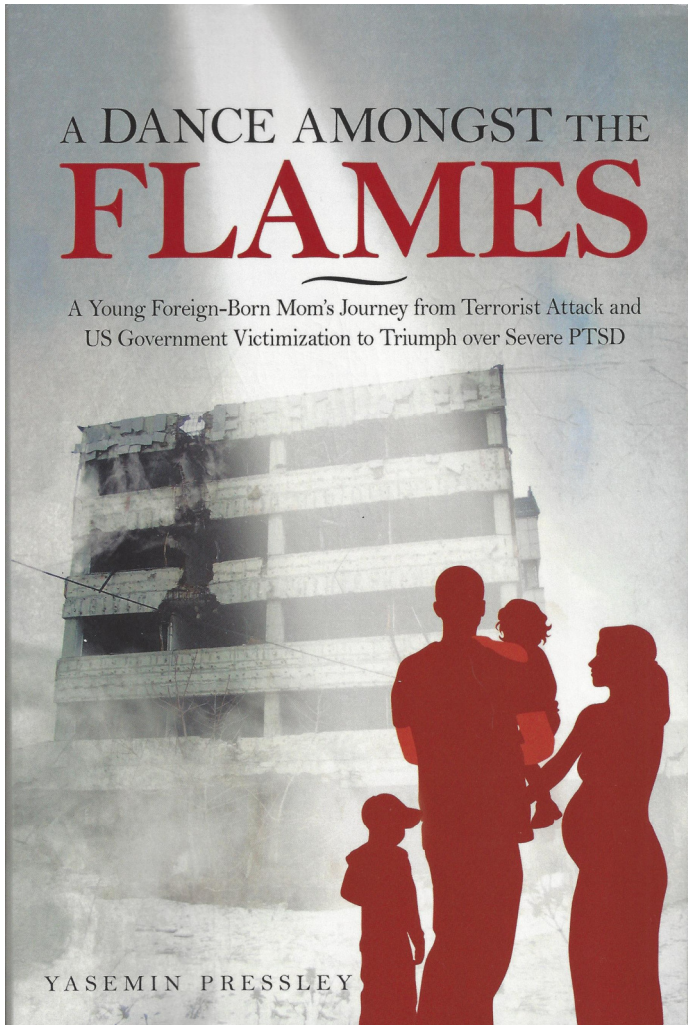
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Ten percent of the proceeds from this book go directly to organizations that honor the injured American military women and men, from their darkest days to every step of their recovery. We need to do all we can to protect their family union and the future of their children.

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Yasemin, a young Muslim Turkish girl, falls in love with a handsome American named Frank in Ankara, Turkey. After they marry and have two children, Yasemin joins her husband working at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya.

She can sense that her lifelong dreams are finally within reach. But external forces were set in motion to derail her plans - terrorists bombed the American Embassy in Nairobi on August 7th, 1998, while she and her husband are inside.

Frank is critically injured and flown to Germany for hospitalization. Yasemin follows with her family, physically unharmed but severely suffering from the effects of PTSD. It is then that she is confirmed pregnant with their third child, with Frank on death's doorsteps.

What follows is a tale of grief and struggle, but also of tremendous joy. From her diagnosis and struggle with PTSD treatments to Frank's physical therapy and abandonment by the State Department, Yasemin's story winds between betrayal and renewal as she searches for meaning in her new circumstances, and ultimately turns to God.

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Yasemin was born in Ankara, Turkey, where she spent her formative years with her family and met her husband, Frank. She has a degree in urban planning. Yasemin volunteers as a leader in a Christian organization, which leads women from all backgrounds to God. Yasemin and Frank have three children together and reside in the southern United States.

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