

How AI is Used Around the World



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I do not know how much American households are using this but the first thing you see in commercials, etc. is the Amazon echo speakers with an AI called Alexa inside. You ask Alexa questions about various things or tell her what you want to do, and she responds to you. They say you can have her answer weather forecasts, play music of your request, and look into what you want to know about. I think it is similar to AI called Siri that is mounted on iPhone. In Facebook, when you post a photo, it automatically recognizes faces in that photo and suggests a friend tagging. I have learned that it is AI, doing face recognition. It is said that Facebook is discussing using the artificial neural network (which imitates the structure of the human brain) to increase the power of face recognition software. In the US, checks are used for various payments. Recently we have been able deposit checks through the bank's mobile apps, without going to the window of the bank or ATM. We use a smartphone to take pictures on both sides of the check. Interestingly, I heard that AI is used to determine the handwritten signature on the back of the check. I often use it because I can save the trouble of going to the bank.

■ Faith Sasaki (Pastor, TLCCC Los Angeles Church)

Praise the name of the Lord! I would like to report about the Artificial Intelligence, which I experience in my everyday life in Los Angeles. First, the traffic jam in Los Angeles is very severe; therefore, the traffic signals are adjusted with the quantity of the cars automatically. I am very sure that AI is being used in these areas. Second, AI is used in even the correspondence over the commercial telephone. We are supposed to tell the necessary information before a customer service (person) answers. However, AI sometimes does not understand my English pronunciation, so I have to repeat the words a couple times to AI. I just had to laugh when I was told, "I did not understand what you said" by AI. Anyway, the many companies do automatic processing such as the above. Third, when I search a product, a coupon of the product is being sent timely afterwards. After having done shopping, a commercial and a coupon of a similar product have been sent in an exquisite timing. Fourth, I am always surprised whenever I research certain things I receive many recommendation that will automatically be displayed on my pc/ smartphone's screen. For example, a trip-related commercial is displayed for next few weeks after I check a trip ticket. We are receiving a benefit of the AI in everyday life a lot, but it seems like somebody is always watching us.

The Lord told us through the prophecy that the Artificial Intelligence, the latest technology is the weapons for the Evangelism in the 21 Century-style. It is a big issue how you really use AI for work of the church in the future.

■ Mayumi Fuchino (Pastor, TLCCC Hawaii Church & Assistant pastor, TLCCC LA Church)

Praise the name of the Lord. Even though I am not good at mechanical systems, there is not a day that I do not use a PC in everyday life. Especially, PC is really useful when I would like to search various things. When considering about research, AI selects information in order to provide better and accurate information. Therefore, I think that AI is