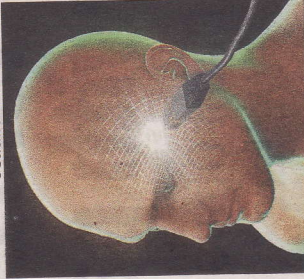


We may become cyborgs within 200 years: Expert

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London: Humans may "upgrade" themselves to become cyborgs within the next 200 years, merging man and machine to potentially live forever, according to a Hebrew University professor. Yuval Noah Harari, a professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem believes the wealthy will transform into a new type of divine, immortal human with complete power over life and death. Human dissatisfaction will drive mankind to "upgrade themselves" — and that cyborg technology will allow them to do this, according to Harari.

"I think it is likely in the next 200 years or so Homo sapiens will upgrade themselves into some idea of a divine being, either through biological manipulation or genetic engineering or by the creation of cyborgs, part organic part non-organic," the Telegraph quoted Harari as saying. "It will be the greatest evolution in biology since the appearance of life. Nothing really has changed in four billion years biologically speaking. But we will be as different

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6 ASTRONAUTS Nasa's Robonaut2 is equipped with a wide array of sensors and dexterous five-fingered hands and can help clean the space station and assist humans in space operations



2 FACTORY WORKERS ROBOTS COME AT A CHEAPER PRICE AND CAN WORK WITHOUT TAKING BREAKS. A FIRST ROBOTS-ONLY FACTORY IS ALREADY BEING BUILT IN CHINA



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8 DRIVERS Google's self-driving cars are already making waves and the tech giant is testing how well they can handle bad weather, heavy traffic and varied terrain

10 BABYSITTERS A Japanese company introduced a four-foot-tall yellow-and-white robot at a store in 2008 whose job is to babysit children while the adults shop. A Hello Kitty robot can even tell jokes, give quizzes, and can track children using a radio-frequency identification chip

3 FINANCIAL MIDDLE MEN Blockchain, Bitcoin's computer program, can automatically process transactions and create a perfect, reliable digital record. Recently, Nasdaq said it will use blockchain to keep transaction records in its pre-IPO market

4 LAWYERS Non-litigation lawyers could soon be replaced by online form-based services like LegalZoom that can carry out simple tasks like trademark applications, wills and even divorce

5 PHARMACISTS The UCSF Medical Center in California recently launched a robotics-controlled pharmacy at two UCSF hospitals

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9 SOLDIERS Drones and other machines are increasingly being used in reconnaissance and combat missions. MAARS (Modular Advanced Armed Robotic System) provided armed robots in Iraq. It is equipped with a GPS monitor; it can be programmed to differentiate between fire and no-fire zones, to open doors, and even to drag out injured bodies