



## Abstract



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## Future generations among humans and posthumans

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As we begin to ride the wave into human redesign and cyberspace, the destination is still largely unknown. But despite all the unanswered questions, we have a number of clues that can help us speculate as to what future human and posthuman life forms will be like – including the striking acknowledgement that in all likelihood not just one type of posthuman awaits us, but several.

We will reengineer our biological constitutions and introduce silicon, steel, and microchips into ourselves. Some may choose to reside in computers as conscious wave patterns, while others will convert themselves into durable robots and venture out into space. Simultaneously, we will create entirely new forms of life, including artificial intelligence and perhaps even a global consciousness.

Humanity's monopoly as the only advanced sentient life-form on the planet will soon come to an end, supplemented by a number of posthuman incarnations. Moreover, how we reengineer ourselves could fundamentally change the ways in which our society functions and raise crucial questions about our identities and moral status as human beings.