

# The Wonders I Would Like Intelligent Machinery to Do (for Me)

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## Abstract

This article is about the future role of machines in human society and evokes questions of an ethical nature in realms that traditionally remain "taboo" in short-term scientific literature. It is essential for the reader to understand that, in developing this logic, the author questions the very nature of the human being's status in the near future. *Reductio ad absurdum*-type approaches are commonly used to dismantle popular theories; the ultimate goal in mind here is to change wide-spread policies and practices in society with regards to the use of machinery by proposing realistic social scenarii for it. *If machinery is to be fully integrated into human society, what roles do we wish it to fulfil? How social are technological artefacts to be?* Moreover, the practitioners in the fields of Artificial Intelligence, Human-Computer Interaction and Humanoid Robotics are explicitly called to respond to such argumentation. The author wonders if this is the wrong way to go about dismantling their theories. Can coercing Man's fabrications of himself into the human realm do so? Refuting the approach the author uses would be an immense step forward for specialists of technology humanisation, at least in the eyes of the public, because these awkward questions *are* being asked by those "on the outside". Thus, it would be of utmost interest for the entire human community if those working *in* these highly specialised fields communicate on the topic of their *ultimate* research goals. Veritable *social acts* are invoked herein in attempts to stimulate more visionary dialogue.