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AI Buddhas and Other Delusions along the Techno-Enthusiast Path to the Future

Can artificial general intelligence attain a degree of complexity sufficient to become conscious? Might machines one day be properly recognized as ethical agents? Drawing insights from within a Theravada Buddhist theoretical framework, I argue that there are good reasons to think that neither consciousness nor virtue can be instantiated in a machine environment--even in principle--and that there are very serious collective dangers in thinking otherwise.

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