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Bishop issues '10 commandments of Artificial Intelligence'

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The tablets may not be made from stone but they still cover the same areas.

Steven Croft, who as bishop of Oxford sits on the House of Lords' artificial intelligence committee, has published a list of ten commandments on AI, warning that 'the autonomous power to hurt or destroy should never be vested in artificial intelligence'.

The proposals say that AI 'should operate on principles of transparency and fairness' and must be 'directed toward the most urgent problems facing humanity'.



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Bishop Croft is the Church of England's lead on AI has previously warned that 'every development in Artificial Intelligence raises new questions about what it means to be human'.

He wrote in a [blog post](#) ⁽⁵⁾: 'The tools offered by AI are immensely powerful for shaping ideas and debate in our society. Christians need to be part of that dialogue, aware of what is happening and making a contribution for the sake of the common good.'

The bishop chaired a discussion on trust, ethics and cybersecurity at a Westminster eForum event on AI, according to the [Internet of Business](#) ⁽⁶⁾ website, and laid out his ten priorities.



Steven Croft is the Bishop of Oxford and sits on the House of Lords Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence | Diocese of Oxford

The 10 Commandments of AI

AI should be designed for all, and benefit humanity.

AI should operate on principles of transparency and fairness, and be well signposted.

AI should not be used to transgress the data rights and privacy of individuals, families, or communities.

The application of AI should be to reduce inequality of wealth, health, and opportunity.

AI should not be used for criminal intent, nor to subvert the values of our democracy, nor truth, nor courtesy in public discourse.

The primary purpose of AI should be to enhance and augment, rather than replace, human labour and creativity.

All citizens have the right to be adequately educated to flourish mentally, emotionally, and economically in a digital and artificially intelligent world.

AI should never be developed or deployed separately from consideration of the ethical consequences of its applications.

The autonomous power to hurt or destroy should never be vested in artificial intelligence.

Governments should ensure that the best research and application of AI is directed toward the most urgent problems facing humanity.

