

Doing Justice
Being Peace

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AI for Good

In his New Year's message, UN Secretary-General António Guterres sees 2024 as a year to build trust and hope. He notes the current scarcity of trust in our world, marked by wars, hate speech, and conflicts. He champions unity as our greatest strength, highlighting the pivotal role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in achieving this.

What is AI? It is the fusion of human-like thinking and learning with the precision and speed of machines. AI's capabilities are vast – from complex data processing to voice recognition and operating vehicles.

As AI has become more sophisticated and widespread, its capabilities have been used to mislead. Deepfakes are highly realistic videos and images that create false stories. These range from benign parodies to deceptive portrayals of public figures. Misinformation is a threat to democracy because it erodes the public's trust in media sources.

The UN [interim report](#) recommends global AI regulation to address these risks and leverage AI's potential for enhancing global well-being and progress. Online [feedback](#) on the report is open to the public until March 31, 2024. Click the blue links to participate.



Artificial Intelligence and Peace

WORLD DAY OF PEACE 2024

In his 2024 [World Day of Peace](#) message, Pope Francis examines the complex role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in shaping global justice and peace.

He acknowledges AI's potential for enhancing international stability, yet warns against its risks – surveillance, privacy breaches, social control, misinformation, and human rights violations.

Francis expresses concern about AI in warfare, especially lethal autonomous weapons, which contribute to an “even more cold and detached approach to the immense tragedy of war.”

AI's impact extends to critical social functions as well – from mortgage approvals to seeking political asylum and acquiring social aid. He cautions against letting algorithms undermine the “essential human values of compassion, mercy and forgiveness.”

Despite these challenges, the Pope sees AI's promise and reminds us that peace stems from relationships that respect inherent human dignity, saying “artificial intelligence ought to serve our best human potential and our highest aspirations, not compete with them.”



For peace is the fruit of relationships that recognize and welcome others in their inalienable dignity. – Pope Francis

Consider a fruitful relationship in your life. What key moments allowed the relationship to develop into a space of acceptance, warmth, and respect?

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