

STANFORD UNIVERSITY Research Information Sheet

Protocol Director: Ari Kelman

Protocol Title: Good Faith Tech?

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DESCRIPTION: You are invited to participate in a **research study** about how people experience and think about technology, including artificial intelligence, and how these experiences may relate to religion and spirituality. If you agree to participate, you may be asked to take part in a conversation or interview about your experiences and perspectives on these topics. The interview may be formal or informal and may take place in person, by phone, or online. With your permission, the interview may be audio or video recorded to assist with accurate transcription and analysis. If you do not wish to be audio or video recorded, you may still participate in the study.

With your permission, researchers may also observe you or the activities around you in relevant field settings, such as conferences, events, houses of worship, or other sites related to the study. These observations may include researchers taking handwritten or typed field notes. If researchers would like to connect observations about you with your interview or other information you provide, they will ask for your permission.

With your permission, researchers may also collect records, including photos or videos, of relevant spaces, artifacts, activities, rituals, or other materials to better contextualize your interview or the field setting. Researchers may also ask your permission to photograph or video record you, or an artifact, activity, or ritual associated with you. You may decline to be photographed or video recorded and still participate in other parts of the study. Researchers may also take photographs or videos of spaces or group activities where individuals are not identifiable. If someone is incidentally captured in a photograph or video and has not given permission to be photographed or video recorded, researchers will, when possible, delete the image or recording, take another version without identifiable individuals, or remove identifying information, such as by blurring faces or other identifying features.

Recordings, photographs, videos, field notes, and other study materials will be used for research purposes only. Identifiable recordings, photographs, or videos will not be publicly shared without your additional explicit permission. Study materials will be stored securely. Identifiable audio and video recordings will be deleted within one year after the completion of the study.

TIME INVOLVEMENT: Your participation will take approximately 45–90 minutes for an interview. If you participate in multiple sessions, total participation time will not exceed approximately 12 hours over the course of the study. Observation or field-based participation, if applicable, may occur during events or activities you are already attending or participating in.

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RISKS AND BENEFITS:

The risks associated with this study are minimal. Some questions may involve personal beliefs, religious or spiritual experiences, experiences with technology or artificial intelligence, workplace or community experiences, mental health, loneliness, grief, distress, or other sensitive topics. These questions could cause discomfort. You may skip any question or stop participation at any time.

There is also a possible risk of loss of confidentiality. If information you share were disclosed outside the research context, it could create social, reputational, professional, employability, or community-related harms. For example, others might react negatively to information about your religious or spiritual beliefs, your experiences with artificial intelligence, your workplace or community experiences, or other personal matters.

The research team will take steps to reduce these risks. Study data will be stored securely, in compliance with Stanford University standards. Researchers will conduct interviews or conversations in private or semi-private settings when possible, limit the collection of identifying information, and de-identify notes, transcripts, publications, and presentations by default unless you give explicit permission to be identified. You may decline to answer any question, decline to be recorded or photographed, or stop participating at any time.

The benefits which may reasonably be expected to result from this study are primarily societal, namely that this research may contribute to broader understanding of how people engage with emerging technologies. **We cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this study.**

PAYMENTS: You will not receive payment for your participation.

PARTICIPANT'S RIGHTS: If you have read this form and have decided to participate in this project, please understand your **participation is voluntary** and you have the **right to withdraw your consent or discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. The alternative is not to participate.** You have the right to refuse to answer particular questions. The results of this research study may be presented at scientific or professional meetings or published in scientific journals. Your individual privacy will be maintained in all published and written data resulting from the study. In accordance with scientific norms, the data from this study may be used or shared with other researchers for future research (after removing personally identifying information) without additional consent from you.

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

Questions: If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about this research, its procedures, risks and benefits, contact the Protocol Director, Ari Y Kelman, aykelman@stanford.edu, (650) 723-0792.

Independent Contact: If you are not satisfied with how this study is being conducted, or if you have any concerns, complaints, or general questions about the research or your rights as a participant, please contact the Stanford Institutional Review Board (IRB) to speak to someone independent of the research team at 650-723-2480 or toll free at 1-866-680-2906, or email at irbnonmed@stanford.edu.

With your permission, the interview or conversation will be audio recorded. If you do not wish to be audio recorded, please indicate this to the researcher. You may still participate without being audio recorded.

With your permission, the interview or conversation will be video recorded. If you do not wish to be video recorded, please indicate this to the researcher. You may still participate without being video recorded.

With your permission, researchers may take field notes during or after an interview, conversation, observation, or field visit. These notes may be used for research purposes. If researchers would like to connect observations about you with your interview or other information you provide, they will ask for your permission.

With your permission, researchers may photograph or video record you, or artifacts, activities, rituals, or spaces associated with your participation. If you do not wish to be photographed or video recorded, please indicate this to the researcher. You may still participate in other parts of the study.

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With your permission, identifiable recordings, photographs, or videos from this study may be used for research presentations or educational purposes. If you do not agree with this, please indicate this to the researcher.

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