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to hide it. Then he casually walked away like nothing had happened.

“Nothing to see here Mommy,” he seemed to be saying.

I think, though, that Gracie had just not been trained much and hadn’t interacted with other dogs very much before we got her. She is starting to show off a lot of smarts and I think it’s come from watching and copying Tucker.

For starters, Tucker is an expert at begging for food. If you are eating anything, it doesn’t matter what, Tucker will sit as close to you as he can and just stare at you with his big brown eyes. Who can say no to that big, furry Muppet? Well, I can, but some others can’t...no need to name names here. Gracie, who is a little piggy when it comes to food, used to try to jump on you and take food straight off your plate. That never got her much of anything except stern reprimands. Now, though, she’s more subtle. She’ll try to ambush your plate if you aren’t looking, but she’s getting to where she more often sits near you and stares at you. She, like Tucker, has also realized that it’s a waste of time to sit and stare at me, so she focuses on Ashley and any visitor who might be eating in our house.

Gracie was only kind of house-trained when we got her and seemed a little hardheaded about learning the proper way to do her business. Sometimes she would go to the back door and do her thing right there. Sometimes when she was let out, instead of going to the back yard, which is sort of a big doggie bathroom, she’d take a step or two onto the deck and relieve herself there. Now, though, following her big brother’s lead, she’s learned to go to the back door when she has to use the bathroom, quickly goes into the yard, leaves her deposit, then quickly comes back to the door and taps it with her paw to be let back in.

Even once she learned the finer points of bathroom etiquette, Gracie didn’t go about doing it properly. When she had to poop, she’d just stand there and do it, meaning it got on her hind end and sometimes her back legs. I had no idea how to go about teaching her to hunch over a little bit, but she recently, out of nowhere, started doing so, I guess by watching Tucker. When I take them for walks, she’d often end the digestive cycle in people’s yards or in the middle of the road. Tucker had learned, over time, to go in a little strip near a cow pasture that is approved for doggie business. Now she does the same.

Gracie has even adopted some of Tucker’s temperament, learning that just sitting in the floor is perfectly acceptable behavior and that constant moving, yelping and flitting around isn’t necessary. She formerly did not cry or whine to get her way, but now she does. She’s even copied the way Tucker sits, with one front leg outstretched and the other semi-folded and tucked up. I guess dogs are a lot like people in that they need someone older to teach them and show them the right way to do things.

It should also be noted that Tucker is as devoted to my wife as anyone or anything I’ve ever seen. He follows her around, he always wants to be near her, he cries and carries on if she’s on the other side of a shut door from him and so on. Gracie seemed to take more of a liking to me initially, but following Tucker’s lead, she’s at least as interested in and attentive to Ashley as she is me, maybe more so. Someone would rather be around my wife than me? Wow. Those are two really smart dogs.

BEVERLEY

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feed out information from our brains fast enough to interface with AI (Artificial Intelligence/Intellect) – There is also a concern about the need for humans to “evolve” so that we can interface ourselves via a “new layer of a brain.”

You may think to yourself, “No need to worry, humans have not and do not evolve – we don’t believe in evolution.” That may be well and good but the scientists and engineers who are intent on making these technologies work - DO BELIEVE IN HUMAN EVOLUTION. And we have now come to a point where our knowledge enables us to DIRECT OUR EVOLUTION. That directed evolution will be in the form of DNA modifications (Triple Helix and CRISPR – genetic modifications) and BCI – the Brain Computer Interface that has been in use for years. (President Obama announced a couple of years ago the plans to add additional funding for BCI – in an effort to help PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) sufferers get relief by inserting a “chip” into the brain and using that chip to turn off negative emotions and feelings that might otherwise overwhelm an individual. At first blush – that probably sounds like a GREAT idea.

But pause and consider for a moment, the kinds of things that could go wrong – unintentionally and otherwise. If such a device is to be used to control emotions and “bad thoughts” – how is it that it cannot cause such things to increase? OH! That would never happen... but, as usual, I digress.

We were supposed to be talking about how and why you might not eat, without getting a transhuman upgrade. More and more – private companies and government institutions are moving to using AI in their daily operations. AI is used in decision making and for controlling manufacturing processes. You may have seen the recent H&R Block commercials proudly proclaiming how they

are now using IBM’s WATSON (an Artificial Intelligence technology) to do your taxes? Did you also know that the U.S. Military is using AI to make targeting decisions instead of regular ‘ol humans? Here’s a piece on that called “Artificial Intelligence giving weapons greater autonomy” <https://defensesystems.com/articles/2017/02/09/chinait.aspx> - according to DARPA – China and Russia are creating weapons that are autonomous – meaning – that they pick who they will kill or destroy without human intervention! McDonald’s is promising to “make ordering fun” by moving to a “self-serve” industry: <http://kioskindustry.org/mcdonalds-makes-ordering-fun/> --- The delivery company DHL – is migrating to using automated forklifts and much of its supply chain will be automated by AI –

(We have driverless cars now – remember?) <http://fleetowner.com/fleet-management/dhl-artificial-intelligence-will-remold-logistics-world> – SO – In the past few sentences we have eliminated jobs in the tax services industry, military, fast food and supply chain industries all by leveraging the much faster and efficient ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE technologies. And don’t think that other jobs will be created to repair the newer AI related technologies. AI is being used to repair AND CREATE the newer technologies. Computers are making computers. Seriously. I heard one engineer state that not even the computer engineers understand how the latest chips work – because they were all made by an AI digital algorithm. It seems that we cannot keep up with the technological advances being created by AI – as the old adage goes: If you can’t beat ‘em - join ‘em. It seems that the only way to remain competitive in the work-force is to be digitally enhanced – therefore giving you the edge over the competition – which is a world-wide, interconnected computer that has instant access to all knowledge. Unless you become a part of the third

industrial revolution and “plug-in” – you won’t eat.

**Important note:** While I was drafting this column, a piece was published on a BAYLOR SCHOOL OF MEDICINE website titled; “Of Man and Machine: The Evolution of Transhumanism” - <https://blogs.bcm.edu/2017/03/22/man-machine-evolution-transhumanism/>

And another piece on the Huffington Post by Zoltan Istvan (yes – that is really his name) [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/zoltan-istvan/can-transhumanism-overcom\\_b\\_7433108.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/zoltan-istvan/can-transhumanism-overcom_b_7433108.html)

I can imagine that many of you are thinking that I copped my information from one of the new TV series like “HUMANS” (on AMC) or “West World.” It’s just way, too

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