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**Open Letter to Elon Musk, Sam Altman and Bill Gates**

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Attention: Elon Musk, Sam Altman and Bill Gates

Gentlemen,

We write to you with deep respect for your remarkable achievements and your ability to strongly influence the future.

As fellow citizens, we feel compelled to share a serious concern. While your recent public comments about AI focus on abundance and eliminating work, we believe this vision misses something vital.

You possess a wonderful creative gift, what the ancients called the Yetzer. This God-given ability to imagine and bring new realities into existence is very powerful. We are concerned that this power is currently being used to envision a future that leaves out God, meaning, and humanity's deeper purpose.

We believe AI should be a tool that helps people fulfill their calling, whether as doctors, designers, engineers, or creators: rather than replacing their reason for being. A future without spiritual awareness risks becoming cold and hollow, no matter how materially abundant it appears.

We respectfully urge you to consider a different path, one that seriously addresses the spiritual and moral dimensions of the world you are helping to create.

Respectfully,  
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