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Editors' Introduction

This volume is by far the most futuristic approach to integrate Karl Jaspers into a variety of highly technological approaches that re-define human nature and make projections about the future of humanity. Gregory J. Walters, Professor at Saint Paul University in Canada, introduces the dialogue and asks about the future of humanitas and whether a posthuman possible Existenz is indeed possible. The essay by Max More, Founder and CEO of the Alcor Life Extension Foundation in Arizona leaves no doubt that the future of transhumanism has already started as he draws upon Michael J. Sandel and Leon Kass concerning human limitationism. Additional support to these views is given by Natasha Vita-More, Editor of Humanity+ who carefully argues the benefits of biological modification for extending human life. Francesca Ferrando, Professor at Columbia University unweaves the semantic and linguistic domains of various branches of the posthuman debate and demonstrates the wide range of discourse taking place in academe today.

John P. Sullins, Professor at Sonoma State University recognizes the apparent inevitability of biotechnological modifications of human life and reviews some core ethical questions that must be addressed in a posthuman society. Stephen A. Erickson, Professor at Pomona College, invokes the idea of prophetic philosophy and addresses the very occurrence of posthumanity and the consequences for education in general. An outspoken critic of any posthuman terrains is Dale Carrico, Professor at the University of California, Berkeley. He carefully maps what he perceives as major flaws in the debate. The volume closes with an observation by Michael Hauskeller, Professor at the University of Exeter, UK who finds the transhumanist debate to be contradictory in its core assertions about human nature.

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