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Rick Rosner: The truly disruptive effects are yet to come. They will come via the dislocation of humans and normal forms of human society as the peak creatures and the cultural arbiters on the planet. The disruptors will be humans plus AIs. Weird combinations of such, and—individual agents, augmented humans, and also powerful agglomerations of humans plus AI working in thought clouds.

The future hellspawn on social media. Where everybody is super plugged in all of the time and shooting thoughts at each other all of the time, and it is a creepy thought blob that is spreading across the face of the Earth, that will disrupt—you name a human institution and it will be disrupted. Pair-wise marriage was the norm. It used to be that long-term relationships were sanctioned via marriage.

Now, if you look at all of the cohabitating couples in the U.S., all of the couples living together in the U.S., the percent married may have dropped below 50%. When I say traditional 1-on-1 marriage, I am meaning gay and straight marriage, as long as it is between 2 people. Right now, that is still 99%+ of all long-term romantic relationships. They are between two people versus between these poly people.

They are trying to pull of 3-way and 4-way relationships. So right now, we are 99%+. 20 years from now, we will still be 98%+. 50 years from now, 96%+/95%+, I am taking wild guesses. But 80 to 100 years from now, we may be at 80% or less as people enter into all sorts of augmented relationships with a man, and a man, and their sexy AI robot friend. Or a man and a woman, and remotely in Iceland another man who is linked via telepresence 5 hours a day with a couple.

Or some experiment in communal linked thought 85 years from now, where you have 5 people in some kind of pentad relationship. Where they are both physically and intimately mentally linked via some social media app gone wild, that helps them share their thoughts in a more thorough way than just conversation does now.

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