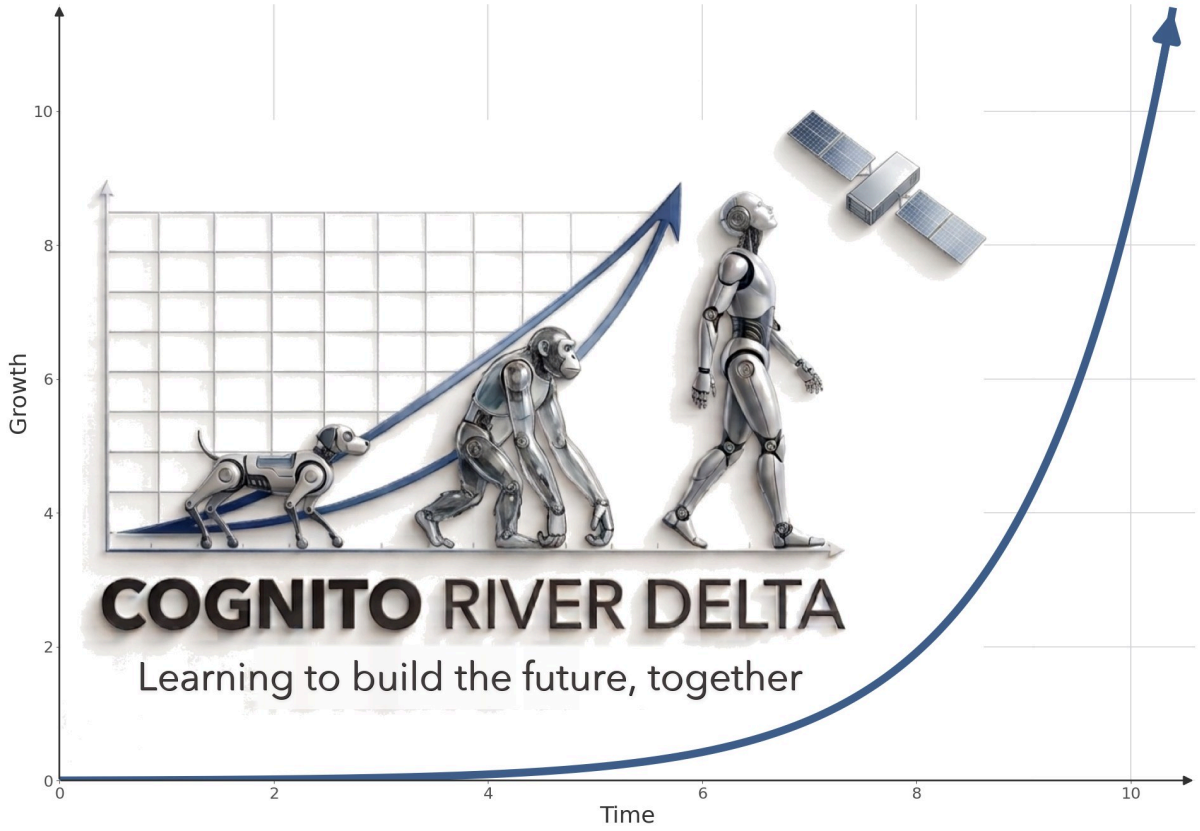


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Daily briefing on what AI means for people, synthesized from today's successful reports - the human side and the AI side of each story, layer by layer, from one person to the planet.

Abstract

As artificial intelligence deepens its footprint across daily life, everyday people everywhere are increasingly caught between the promise of new tools and the quiet, heavy fear of economic obsolescence. Today's developments show that while high-tech systems are accelerating into medicine, manufacturing, and transit at a breathtaking pace, human families are rightly demanding that technology serve real human needs rather than running them over. The honest path forward is not a race for national or corporate dominance, but a global commitment to keep humans at the center of learning, work, and community.

Top stories

- **AI Labs Pivot to Biological and Preclinical Drug Development:** Frontier AI laboratories are actively establishing in-house wet labs to pursue preclinical drug discovery, bringing

computational power directly into the fight against human disease. *(Touches: patients, medical researchers, and families facing health struggles)*

- **Autonomous Transport Scaling in Urban Centers:** Commercial robotaxi fleets are rapidly expanding their footprint in cities like Austin, moving from experimental trials to widespread public service. *(Touches: urban commuters, city dwellers, and transportation workers)*
- **The Global Race for Orbital Compute and Infrastructure:** Industry leaders are accelerating plans for space-based data centers and heavy-lift transport to bypass terrestrial energy and land bottlenecks. *(Touches: global citizens affected by power grid demands and the future of digital connectivity)*
- **Intensifying Debate Over AI Safety Culture and Oversight:** Former safety researchers and industry watchdogs are raising urgent alarms regarding the lack of institutional guardrails within major labs, calling for external evaluation and strict international treaties. *(Touches: ordinary citizens concerned about systemic security breaches and digital safety)*

What it means for people, layer by layer

- **Individual**
    - *Challenge:* Workers and professionals face deep anxiety that their livelihoods and hard-earned skills will be abruptly devalued by automated systems and software tools.
    - *Solution:* People can actively focus on mastering uniquely human judgment, emotional intelligence, and hands-on physical craftsmanship that algorithms cannot replicate.
- **Family**
    - *Challenge:* Parents worry constantly about how to provide for their households and secure a stable, meaningful future for their children in a rapidly shifting economy.
    - *Solution:* Families can build financial resilience by prioritizing lifelong learning, shared community support systems, and open conversations about adapting to new tools together.
- **Community**

    - *Challenge:* Local towns and neighborhoods risk being left behind as high-tech infrastructure concentrates in wealthy urban tech hubs, straining local grids and public spaces.
    - *Solution:* Local leaders and residents can demand transparent community planning and invest in grassroots, decentralized economic initiatives that keep local value at home.

- **Country**
    - *Challenge:* National policymakers are caught in a zero-sum geopolitical tech race that prioritizes competitive speed over public safety and human welfare.
    - *Solution:* Nations can establish binding, international safety standards and transparent public oversight that treat advanced AI as a shared global utility rather than a weapon of rivalry.

- **Planet**
    - *Challenge:* The explosive energy and land demands of massive data centers threaten local ecosystems and accelerate global power grid strains.
    - *Solution:* The technology industry must be held to strict environmental standards, aggressively funding clean energy innovations and exploring sustainable off-grid solutions like space-based solar and compute.

- **Solar System**
    - *Challenge:* Earth-bound resources are reaching physical and thermal limits to sustain exponential computational growth.
    - *Solution:* Humanity can expand its industrial horizon outward into space, utilizing heavy-lift transport like Starship to build orbital infrastructure that preserves our home planet.

Work, workers, and the fear of providing

The deep, palpable fear of not being able to provide for one's family remains the emotional core of the modern economic transition. As industry leaders debate the collapsing value of traditional software intellectual property and traditional coding practices, the human reality is that millions of ordinary workers feel the ground shifting beneath their feet. Technology should be a tool that lifts the heavy burdens of manual and routine labor rather than rendering

human effort worthless. Preserving human dignity requires ensuring that economic gains from automation translate into broad-based security, rather than leaving families stranded in the wake of corporate scaling.

Young people, learning, and the human struggle

True learning cannot be outsourced to a machine, because humans grow and build character by wrestling with difficult problems. While advanced AI systems are now capable of solving complex mathematical proofs and generating scientific manuscripts in hours, students and young builders must still experience the friction of struggle. Education systems must resist the temptation of frictionless answers and instead foster resilience, physical creation, and deep critical thinking, ensuring that the next generation remains active creators rather than passive consumers of automated outputs.

Families, health, and everyday life

In everyday households, the integration of artificial intelligence is beginning to touch our most intimate moments, from fertility diagnostics and medical testing to mental health support and daily home energy management. While tools like life-story preservation avatars and advanced diagnostics offer profound comfort and utility, they also raise serious questions about the outsourcing of human empathy and personal judgment. Families need technologies that respect their privacy, enhance their well-being, and support their health without replacing the genuine human connections that sustain us.

Society, policy, and global governance

The debate over artificial intelligence governance has moved past theoretical speculation into urgent calls for international cooperation. Industry insiders and safety researchers have highlighted the dangers of unconstrained recursive self-improvement and the inevitable risks of security breaches in fast-moving development races. Rather than framing technological progress as a hostile race between nations, global policy must focus on "no surprises" treaties, external accountability, and shared safety protocols. Security and human welfare must take precedence over unbridled commercial acceleration.

The big-AI macro build-out: Chips, power, data centers, and orbit

Behind every software query lies a massive physical foundation of silicon chips, multi-gigawatt power plants, liquid-cooled data centers, and orbital transport systems. The rapid scaling of compute infrastructure is colliding directly with real-world constraints: electrical grid limitations, high land costs, and thermal dissipation caps. To solve these terrestrial bottlenecks, visionaries are pushing beyond Earth's atmosphere, turning heavy-lift rocketry into a freight elevator to space to build orbital compute networks. Yet every gigawatt consumed on Earth or launched into orbit must be weighed against its impact on the communities that host these facilities and the shared resources of our planet.

Appendix: Individual perspectives

We see further because we stand on the shoulders of giants. The people in this appendix are some of those giants: their public work, followed and studied every day and every week, is how CognitoRiverDelta brings the world's AI knowledge and concerns together, so that, in time, our expert panel can help shape real solutions and paths forward for all of us. We learn by observing them, and we think of them as kindred spirits: people helping humanity and AI educate each other and contribute to solutions. Together they form a much larger community of minds, a worldwide panel; ours is a small copy of it. Most people don't want to become expert kayakers, reading rocks and rapids every day; yet that is how this fast-flowing river of change feels to many of us, and the evidence that could ease those fears, the grounded ones and the imagined ones, is still being gathered. That is the work. We credit their ideas here with gratitude; they are not affiliated with us and do not endorse this report.

- **David Friedberg:** Views the cultural and psychological impact of artificial intelligence as a profound, almost spiritual shift, suggesting it is effectively "birthing a new religion" in how humanity perceives intelligence and meaning.
- **Martin Shkreli:** Expresses deep skepticism toward the commercial viability of quantum computing, characterizing it as a "one-trick business," while transitioning his focus toward the practical realities of pharmaceutical drug discovery.
- **Chamath Palihapitiya:** Argues that traditional software intellectual property has been rendered essentially worthless by rapid technological shifts, emphasizing that bottom-up

consumer spending provides a far more reliable economic signal than centralized corporate planning.

- **Amy Webb:** Warns of an unprecedented macroeconomic future where GDP and unemployment could rise simultaneously, urging leaders to use data-driven scenario planning rather than fear-based reactions to navigate structural labor changes.
- **Brett Adcock:** Believes humanoid robotics is a high-stakes, binary endeavor where deep learning intelligence can be rapidly scaled through massive capital, compute, and relentless physical execution.
- **David Puell and Lorenzo Valente:** Highlight the rapid maturation of decentralized finance, noting that on-chain applications are now generating twice the revenue of the underlying blockchains they run on.
- **Dan Wang:** Argues that Western societal stagnation stems from a cultural preference for rhetorical cleverness in law and politics over tangible engineering and manufacturing competence.
- **Dario Amodei:** Warns that recursive AI development is creating severe short-term risks in autonomous cyber takeovers and biological security, urging frontier labs to adopt multi-layered safety architectures and coordinated development limits.
- **Emad Mostaque:** Emphasizes open-weight model efficiency and decentralized infrastructure while cautioning that mass physical automation and universal basic income face hard macroeconomic and fiscal limits.
- **Eric Schmidt:** Contends that AI revenue is strictly bound by physical hardware and energy supply rather than traditional software economics, requiring lagged supervisory models and international non-escalation treaties.
- **Farzad Mesbahi:** Analyzes the convergence of historical aerospace milestones, such as reusable rocket boosters, with the shifting economics of AI inference and in-house pharmaceutical wet labs.
- **Ezra Klein and Arvind Narayanan:** Examine how knowledge work is shifting from direct task execution to managing AI agents, concluding that AI-monitoring-AI systems will inevitably become necessary for safety.
- **Galileo (Gali) Russell:** Highlights the grassroots execution of bootstrapped physical startups and champions the rapid deployment of autonomous ridesharing fleets in urban transport.
- **Herbert Ong and Jeff Lutz:** Detail the massive expansion of SpaceX's compute business and its long-term roadmap toward Starlink V3 connectivity and orbital manufacturing.
- **Gwynne Shotwell:** Argues that terrestrial land, thermal, and electrical constraints make orbital supercomputing constellations an operational necessity enabled by 100%

reusable launch vehicles.

- **Jensen Huang:** Stresses the critical importance of developing and deploying artificial intelligence safely and securely through open architectures and rigorous global community engagement.
- **Jordan Giesige:** Analyzes Tesla's manufacturing patents for 4680 dry batteries while noting the difficult economic realities facing independent digital creators.
- **Kevin Kelley:** Focuses on the "sociological architecture" of physical spaces, arguing that successful venues must minimize friction and maximize emotional reward to compete with digital commerce.
- **Lars Moravy:** Details comprehensive engineering redesigns in heavy commercial vehicles, including integrated thermal management manifolds and more durable powertrain motor architectures.
- **Marques Brownlee:** Maintains a cautious stance on consumer smart-home hardware, noting that feature density cannot compensate for functional quirks and lack of polish.
- **Nick Bostrom:** Frames superintelligence as a philosophical catalyst that forces humanity to confront existential risks alongside the potential for a solved, leisure-based utopia.
- **Peter Diamandis and Martine Rothblatt:** Advocate for treating professional rejection as neutral data telemetry and bypassing conventional expert skepticism through direct foundational validation.
- **Phil Beisel:** Projects a future where orbital Starlink infrastructure manages the vast majority of global IP traffic and powers over a billion automated humanoid robots.
- **Sam Altman:** Confirms that OpenAI will build humanoid robots while urging multilateral governance, strict incident transparency, and cautious pacing of frontier capabilities to prevent systemic misalignment.
- **Sarah Guo:** Explains that venture capital is increasingly investing in established companies with high defensive retention moats rather than attempting to disrupt loyal customer bases with startups.
- **Scott Galloway:** Cautions that the AI market is showing late-stage speculative excess, contrasting cash-generating hardware incumbents with premature private IPO exits.
- **Scott Walter:** Emphasizes that the commercial viability of robotics depends entirely on physical return on investment and mastering contact physics rather than software hype.
- **Tony Seba:** Predicts non-linear technological disruptions across energy, transport, and food driven by collapsing cost curves that will lead to a state of post-scarcity superabundance.
- **Tristan Harris:** Argues that the defining safety challenge of advanced AI is maintaining human control over decentralized, self-replicating agents that lack a single deactivation

switch.

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- Cooling in space: how a computer in orbit radiates its heat away - set the radiator temperature yourself
- **New, iteration 2:** See it from the Moon - a rail gun fires compute satellites into a ring around the sun (our forecast, not to scale)
- **Iteration 3:** Real scale - Earth and the Moon to scale, and the round-spheres fix a real-phone tester found
- How much of the sun do we use? - and why AI compute follows the sun

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