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III.2.12. *Artificial Intelligence*.   Artificial intelligence (AI) is a rapidly developing technology that enables computers and machines to simulate human learning, comprehension, problem-solving, decision-making, creativity, and agency.[1,2] Already embedded in our lives (e.g., medicine, research, writing, communications, robotics, entertainment, education, homes, and workplaces), AI is having pervasive positive and negative impacts on society. Even experts are unable to fully understand how AI systems process information and make decisions. Experts have also sounded alarms about whether humans will be able to control autonomous AI systems. Therefore, AI policymaking must be continuously probing, nimble, anticipatory, and protective.

As Quakers, we seek to safeguard truth, knowledge, and discernment guided by the Spirit. It is essential that federal legislation and regulatory frameworks ensure AI applications are ethical and protect the public, especially children and other vulnerable populations, from AI misuse. Those responsible for training AI systems must work to prevent harmful bias. Any AI system must protect privacy and intellectual property, be universally available, and be affordable. Our democracy must be protected from AI manipulation. AI products must be clearly identified as such and be subject to all civil and criminal liability. We support efforts to mitigate the negative effects of AI on jobs, incomes, and the economy. We oppose autonomous AI weapons. We also oppose AI's excessive demands on energy, water, and land.

[1] https://www.ibm.com/think/topics/artificial-intelligence

[2] Reference resource page