

## **Scholarship Weekend**

### **Science, Technology, and the Future of Humankind**

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This seminar will discuss the meaning of the 21st century as a transitional period in human civilization. Students will discuss topics such as new energy sources, AI, the genomic revolution, space exploration, nanotechnology, fusion of humans and machines, singularity, and transhumanism. The reading will assume basic scientific literacy but no level of expertise in these fields, and an anthropological interest in such questions as: What is a human, really? Where do we wish to go? What will be our future values? How do we move beyond our present problems? Who will benefit from what technologies?

**READING: Please read Ch. 4-5 (pages 96-140) at the link below**

<http://www.brautech.co.za/info/FuturePhysics.pdf>