

# From the Editor

If you find these stories intimidating to digest, just know I do this for a living, and I'm having the same struggles. Take a deep breath, use a highlighter, and read slow.

I believe great writing that expands your mind is 10 percent smarter than you currently are. These stories might be 15 percent smarter than me, but I love them all the same.

If you think the questions I wrote are asking the wrong questions, I encourage you to ask your own, post them online, and tag us. Candidly, I struggled to succinctly encapsulate the fundamental truths each was begging to be asked.

What does it mean to be conscious? Does it matter? How can you create a test to determine if emerging AI will protect humanity when AI is the very tool used to create the test? Is vigilante justice ever appropriate in a civil and just society? If we are the result of our life experiences, can anyone ever be evil? Can anyone ever be culpable? Read slow, use a highlighter.

In lighter news, after 3+ years running the magazine from all over the world, I'm returning to Arizona to get some plants and, probably, a dog. Sometimes symbolism and truth overlap. This shouldn't directly change the magazine, but it does mean it may change in subtle ways. We are, these stories remind me, the product of our experiences.

Kolby Granville – Editor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Granville', with a long, sweeping underline.