14. Transhumanism

Christopher Hook, *The Techno Sapiens are Coming* (Christianity Today)

1. List the ways technology augments you and your performance as a human. [Paul C]

2. If you could get a reliable, safe brain implant that would let you interface with a computer and “beam” information into your brain from the computer, would you? Why or why not? [Tyler D]

3. What is your opinion on the key questions Hook says that churches and theologians will have to address regarding technological augmentation?
   a. Is it appropriate for [Christians] to engage in alterations that go beyond therapy and are irreversible? [Colin G]
   
   b. Is it just to do so in a world already deeply marked by inequities? [Grant E]
   
   c. What does it mean that our Lord healed and restored in his ministry—never enhanced? [Lydia G]
   
   d. Is it significant that the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, love, patience, kindness—cannot be manufactured by technology? [Sarah H]
   
   e. How would the transformation from *homo sapiens* to *techno sapiens* affect our identity as bearers of the image of God? [Jacob H]
   
   f. If Christians should conclude that such enhancements are not appropriate for them to receive, should they oppose their use by others? [Eun Sung K]