

Ancient Greek Symposium

Prometheus, Technology, and the creation of the self

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Merging of Technology & The Human

- Prosthetic devices
- Virtual Reality
- New Technologies wired directly to brain that allow for enhanced capacities

Prometheus Myth

- Other creatures given something that defines and protects them
- Humans are last and nothing is left to give them
- Prometheus steals fire and gives to humankind
- Fire/technology defines human being

Technology & Future of Humankind

- History of humankind is history of technology
- Changes in technology alter humankind
- Changes in human being alter technology

Technology & Future of Humankind

- Gradual merging of the human and the technical has been occurring for thousands of years
- This merger is speeding up
- We need to think critically about what this pace of merger means for human being