

# Breakthroughs in Space Craft, 5G, and Artificial Intelligence (AI): Pathways Toward a Digital Dictatorship

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*“That is the secret of happiness and virtue—liking what you’ve got to do. All conditioning aims at that: making people like their unescapable social destiny.” – Aldous Huxley, Brave New World [1]*

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The technological achievement conceived once upon a time as pulp science fiction stories in the 1950s and 60s is now becoming everyday life realities in the early 2020s.

SpaceX rockets putting in place Starlink satellites have already launched 1,800 into orbit. And the company plans to launch 12,000 more. Amazon and OneWeb similarly plans to send up thousands of satellites, all intended to be part of a network providing high speed internet service for remote and rural communities. [2]

Last July, the multi-billionaire investor, magnate and author Richard Branson flew himself and a crew into the edge of space on board a commercial spaceflight signaling a giant leap for civilian space exploration. Billionaire buds Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos are following in heels of Branson into this new wild frontier. [3]

The 5G mission, part of the new generation of internet technology, is said to launch connectivity to such a degree as to make [autonomous self-driving cars](#), [remote surgery](#) and [‘smart cities’](#) possible. And the new brand of Artificial Intelligence is advancing to the point that [virtual tutors using facial recognition technology](#) could discern a student’s emotional state, determine who in the class is struggling and direct human instructors how to best attend to their individual needs.

These and other breakthroughs of science may elevate us to the kind of optimistic future

imagined by the writers of Star Trek or The Jetsons. Or it could hyper-relay us down the chute to tomorrows more like Aldous Huxley's Brave New World or George Orwell's 1984.

The horrors of climate change were almost certainly remote from the minds of people whose embracing the fossil fuel industry in the early days. Will this hi-tech innovation primarily benefit the masses, or a tiny fraction of technophilic elites? This question will be at the forefront on this week's investigation of the Global Research News Hour.

Our first guest, Bruce Gagnon, focuses his attention on the militarization of space, and how the billionaire gold rush in space and the 5G deployments actually assist in this endeavor. He will also briefly talk about the Keep Space for Peace Week events taking place this coming Saturday October 2. (See details [here](#).)

Our next guest, Patrick Wood, expands the conversation around 5G. He will also talk about social credit, AI, and the fleet of individuals known as technocrats who may achieve absolute power once their goal is achieved.

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