

Book Review of
Peter Baofu's *The Future of Post-Human Consciousness*
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Dr. Baofu has written a fascinating study of what the future may hold for human consciousness. This book, building upon and written in conversation with his two previous publications – *The Future of Capitalism and Democracy* and *The Future of Human Civilization* – carefully examines theories of human consciousness both through history and in contemporary discourse. Speaking in conversation with a broad multidisciplinary group of philosophers, theologians, political scientists, scientists, sociologists, psychologists, and historians across the span of history, Baofu speculates that there will be post-human forms of consciousness.

After discussing consciousness from the perspectives of the micro-physical, chemical, biological, psychological, organizational, institutional, structural, systemic, cultural, and cosmological, Baofu turns to an examination of consciousness in relation to “Having,” “Belonging,” and “Being.”

He concludes by arguing for a form of floating consciousness in a post-human world. This will be a climax in the evolution of human consciousness in which the move will have been made from primitive consciousness, to human consciousness, to post-human consciousness. At some point floating consciousness might be superseded and become hyper-spatial.

This work has been thoroughly annotated and includes a number of tables and charts. It contains a thorough, current bibliography and a very substantial index. It has been introduced by a good commendatory preface in which Dr. Stephen Barker speaks highly of this work. It has been well written and beautifully formatted. This book was fascinating to look over and it would be my hope that it would find a readership among scholars around the world!