

REVIEWS OF THE BOOK  
***I.A.: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OR AUTOMATED IMBECILITY?  
CAN MACHINES THINK AND FEEL?***

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Translation from Portuguese by V.W. Setzer:

I read very carefully the beginning of the book. First of all, Valdemar has impeccable English that makes reading fun. Then I can say that I agree with the idea regarding the ability of computers to carry out programmed activities, but that they do not have the capacity to elaborate the next thoughts, while the human being is capable of doing it. The example of Searle's Chinese Room that he cites is excellent, with the difference between syntax and semantics. Secondly, I believe that Valdemar wished to show the spiritual part of the human being, something that, in the last 300 years since the beginning of the industrial revolution, was not considered by Newtonian science. A Computer does not have this spiritual characteristic. It clearly shows the importance of meditation that brings us to a special state of consciousness and that any distractions bring us back to the past, recalling the influences that we have had at various stages of life, and that surface continually.

Anyway, the beginning of the book is very interesting and I am sure it will be very appreciated by the public.