

Review of: "Beyond the Physical Self: Understanding the Perversion of Reality and the Desire for Digital Transcendence via Digital Avatars in the Context of Baudrillard's Theory"

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I would like to commend the efforts of the author on this laudable scholarly work. The paper surgically shows (with various examples) the dynamics of the digital world and their influence on the real world and underscores the aftermath of the blurring effects of these dichotomous but seemingly inseparable realms or worlds. However, the following observations, comments, and suggestions may be apposite to the improvement of the quality of the paper:

- ... Such as **AI**, **VR**, and **AR**, through the lens of...- These acronyms need to be put in full forms, especially at the inception of this treatise for every reader to know what they connote. The acronyms might be used subsequently in other parts of the work.
- ... (Mirocha, 2018, Fitria, 2023, Slater et al., 2020) – there should be consistency in the patterns of citations, whether in ascending or descending patterns. The same applies to these citations: Wolny, 2017, Baudrillard, 1994, Meissner, 2023)
- How many theories underpin this study? Baudrillard's Theory or theories, which one is appropriate? The author could take a second look at the editorial issues in the work and make necessary adjustments.
- ... the concepts of simulacra, simulation, and hyperreality. – are these concepts or theories? The author needs to show clarifications in this area. Are there differences between the theories and concepts? I do not think the two are the same or could be used interchangeably.
- **Augmented Reality Augmented Reality (AR)** – there is a need for the author to critically observe the needed mechanical accuracies and punctuations lacking in this section of the write-up.

6. The Perversion of Reality: Exploring the Impact of Digital Transcendence Dualism in the Context of the Experience Machine

- **This chapter aims** Is this a section in the treatise or a chapter? It is incumbent on the author to do the editorials of this section and ward off any form of ambiguity.