



SESSION 06 / AI AND THE CHRISTIAN

Robotics Prosperity and Universal High Income

Greater production can reach the household while preserving freedom, private ownership, and a life of useful service.

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1 A person is worth more than a paycheck

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

GENESIS 1:27 | KJV

Our dignity comes from our Creator. The man whose job is replaced by a machine remains as valuable to God as when he clocked in.

I approach this as a conservative, free-market, almost libertarian Christian. **Private ownership, individual freedom, and personal responsibility** belong at the foundation. Those principles should guide how we enjoy tools that produce more with less human labor.

2 When the next career is automated too

An employer buys a useful result. Dependable automation at a lower total cost can reduce human hours. Equipment, energy, maintenance, supervision, safety, liability, and regulation enter that decision.

Professional work often leaves as a file. **Robotics gives AI hands**, reaching factories, farms, warehouses, construction, and repairs. Automating tasks changes jobs and may eventually eliminate them.

Consider a scenario: half or more of today's paid work is automated; imagine nine out of ten familiar careers becoming unnecessary over twenty-five years. These are scenarios, not measured forecasts.

Retraining helps when the next industry needs people. What if it uses the same tools? **More output with fewer paychecks raises a household question: how will the family afford what is produced?**

PRODUCTIVITY AND REAL RESOURCES

From productive gain to household prosperity

Greater output opens choices about wages, prices, profits, and time.

3 The earlier productivity dividend

Many nineteenth-century industrial workers knew long days and six-day weeks. Machinery, electricity, transport, capital, and organization increased output per hour. Some of that dividend became shorter hours and more family life.

Ford: factory workers moved to five days and forty hours in **May 1926**; office workers followed in August. Ford connected productive industry with time to enjoy and purchase its output.

The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938: for covered workers, the overtime threshold began at **44 hours**, fell to **42** after one year, then **40 in 1940**. Longer weeks carried at least time-and-a-half under the law's coverage rules.

Productivity, bargaining, and legislation each played a part. Another productive revolution could make more time beyond earning a living possible. Who enjoys that dividend matters.

My notes

4 The real limit is stuff

The **AI abundance hypothesis** is that better intelligence and robotics increase useful output in housing, food, energy, medicine, and transport. The abundance that matters is production delivered to people.

Modern Monetary Theory distinguishes currency users from issuers. Households obtain dollars before paying bills. A nation issuing its own nonconvertible currency, with obligations principally in that currency, has greater monetary flexibility. U.S. power operates through Congress, Treasury, and the Federal Reserve under law.

Spending can employ idle resources. Spending against scarce supply can raise prices. Give one hundred families more dollars while leaving one hundred loaves on the shelf, and they can bid more for the same bread. More ovens, power, flour, and dependable production allow more bread.

In the MMT account, taxes help create demand for dollars, withdraw purchasing power, and affect incentives and distribution. Treasury finances authorized payments through legal arrangements for receipts and borrowing.

My UHI proposal draws on the issuer-user distinction and the **real-resource test**. Payments must fit obtainable goods and services. Housing, power, care, and local supply need room to grow; saving, private credit, investment, imports, and currency confidence also affect purchasing power.

My notes

UNIVERSAL HIGH INCOME

An abundance dividend within a private economy

Broad access to privately produced prosperity is the purpose of the abundance dividend.

5 An abundance dividend within a private economy

Universal High Income is a regular individual payment capable, as abundance develops, of supporting a comfortable ordinary life without wage employment. “High” describes the standard of living it buys.

Eligibility: adult U.S. citizens beginning at eighteen, with U.S. residency and physical presence required. Two eligible spouses receive two payments. The payment belongs to the individual.

Production stays private. Entrepreneurs own, invest, compete, earn profits, and bear losses. Prices guide production, and new firms need a practical opportunity to enter. Government serves as **distributor, stabilizer, and referee** under public rules.

Competition can pass lower costs to customers. Wages, businesses, saving, and productive ownership remain channels of prosperity. UHI supplies a common foundation of purchasing power where those channels leave households behind.

Additional earnings remain above the floor. Work, investment, or business income does not end UHI. Wealthy eligible citizens receive the same basic payment. My proposal exempts UHI itself from personal income tax; other taxes retain their own rules.

My notes

Defend buying power and expand supply

Protect the established dollar payment while defending its buying power. Later increases follow dependable productive capacity. When excess demand needs restraint, use progressive taxes on other income, restraint of other public spending, and monetary policy together. When more circulating money is needed, taxes on additional income can fall, potentially to zero.

Remove barriers to homes, reliable energy, machinery, and competing suppliers. Qualifying public investment addresses a documented shortage through measurable milestones and independent review; productive ownership remains private.

Count that investment as government spending first. Under my proposed rule, every dollar of the **remaining fiscal surplus is permanently extinguished**. Those dollars leave future use. Existing debt obligations remain payable through lawful financing. The purpose is to withdraw excess spending power and protect the payment's value.

Build in phases as supply can sustain it. Establish lawful financing, payment administration, tax rules, and independent oversight. Match the payment to demonstrated supply and observe results as it grows. Continue necessary transition assistance and support for exceptional needs.

My notes

FREEDOM AND USEFUL WORK

Prosperity and a worthwhile life

Preserve the individual's freedom to own, worship, dissent, and serve.

6 Prosperity must leave the citizen free

A political class joined to protected firms can control income, production, and access. A government check can become **hush money** when the citizen loses freedom to own, compete, and dissent.

He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.

1 SAMUEL 8:17 | KJV

Samuel warned Israel about the king it wanted. Concentrated power can turn the people who sustain a government into its servants. Build protections from the beginning:

Public-law entitlement: published eligibility independent of party, belief, employment, or official approval. **Due process:** notice, reasons, accessible appeals, and corrective courts. **Privacy:** limited necessary data and enforceable boundaries against surveillance.

Private ownership and competition: freedom to own, start businesses, change suppliers, and challenge exclusion. **Religious liberty and church-state separation:** churches keep their doctrine, mission, voluntary service, and freedom to criticize government.

Accountable administration: public assumptions, independent audits, representative oversight, and expiring emergency powers. Inflation discipline, expanding supply, and continuing enforcement protect purchasing power and freedom.

For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

1 TIMOTHY 2:2 | KJV

7 The work of living will remain

Useful work reaches beyond paid employment.

Adam worked before the Fall (Genesis 2:15).

Homemakers, caregivers, and retired people demonstrate responsibility beyond a paycheck.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

EPHESIANS 2:10 | KJV

Paul addresses believers' purpose in Christ. Freedom from wage necessity gives more room for good works.

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:10 | KJV

Paul rebukes unwillingness and disorder. Seeking work where fewer employees are needed differs from refusing responsibility.

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

EPHESIANS 4:28 | KJV

Labor provides and enables generosity. Secure income can release time for teaching, care, hospitality, ministry, craft, and enterprise. Families and churches teach truth, cultivate responsibility, and call people to serve.

If earning a living took less of your life, whom would you help with the time?