



# The Collision of Intelligence and Wisdom

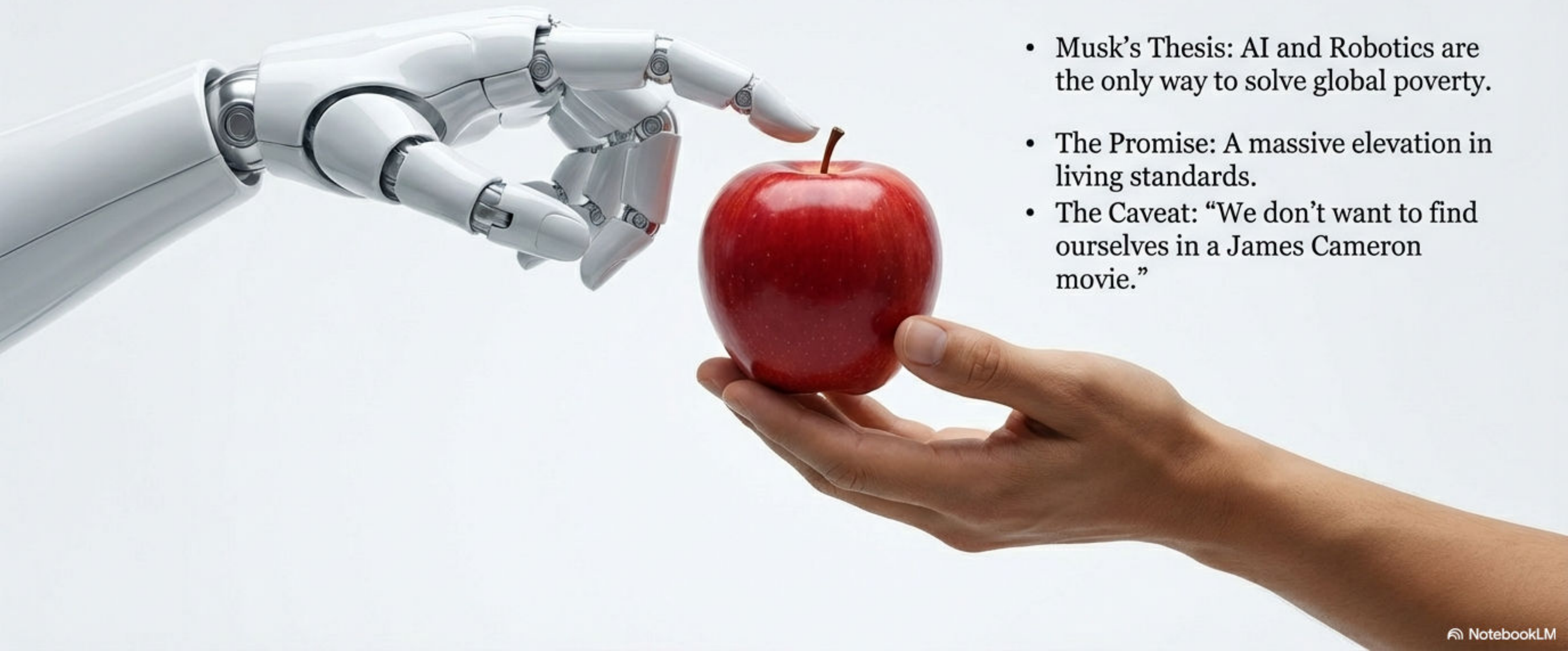
*A critique of the Techno-Optimist vision  
presented at Davos 2026*

# The Master of Techno-Optimism.

Silicon Valley loves a  
grand future story  
devoid of distracting  
societal concerns.

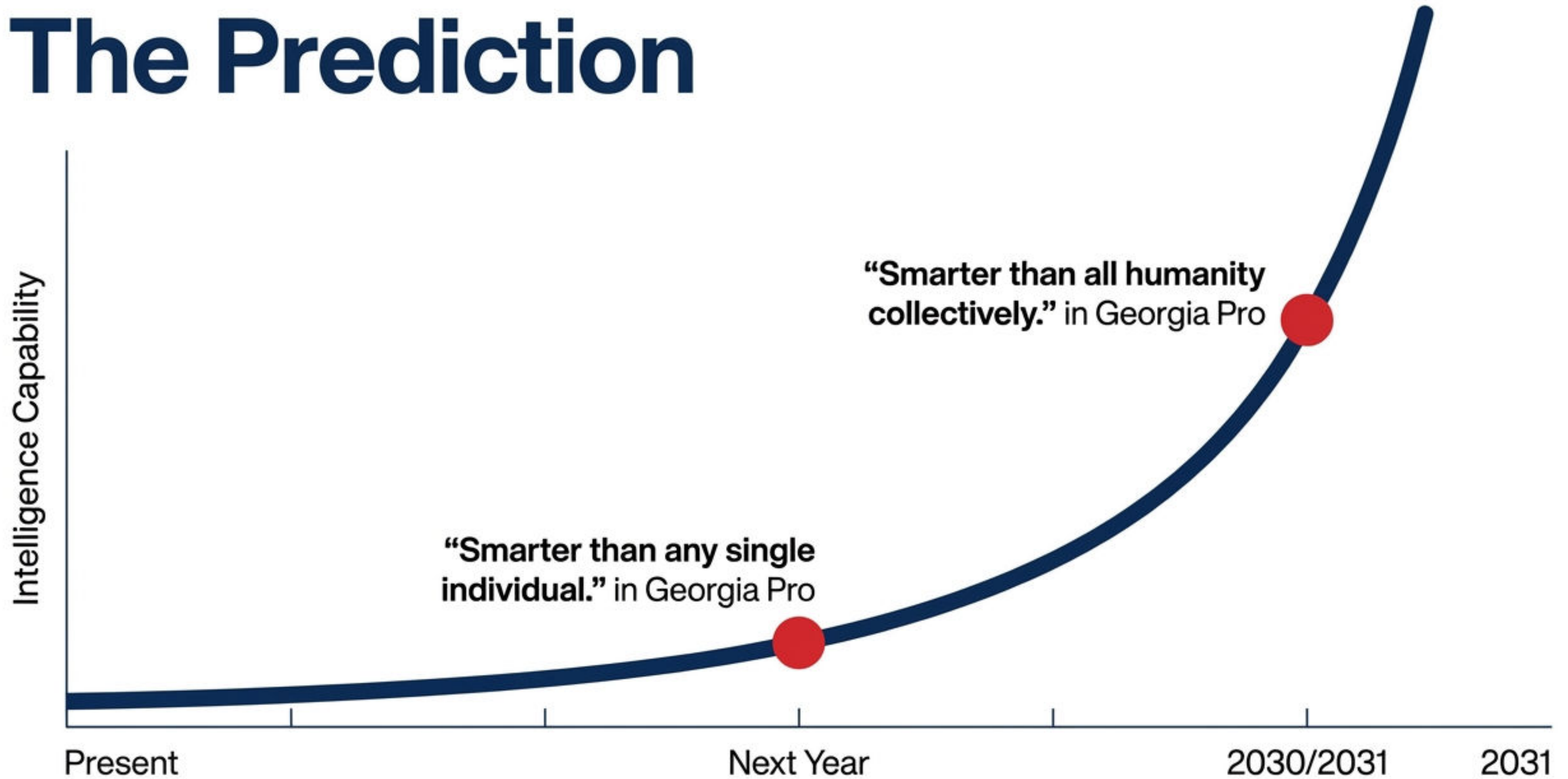
*“Clean, fast, and  
friction-free.”*

# The Path to Abundance.



- Musk's Thesis: AI and Robotics are the only way to solve global poverty.
- The Promise: A massive elevation in living standards.
- The Caveat: "We don't want to find ourselves in a James Cameron movie."

# The Prediction



The rate at which AI is progressing is seductive.

# INTELLIGENCE $\neq$ WISDOM

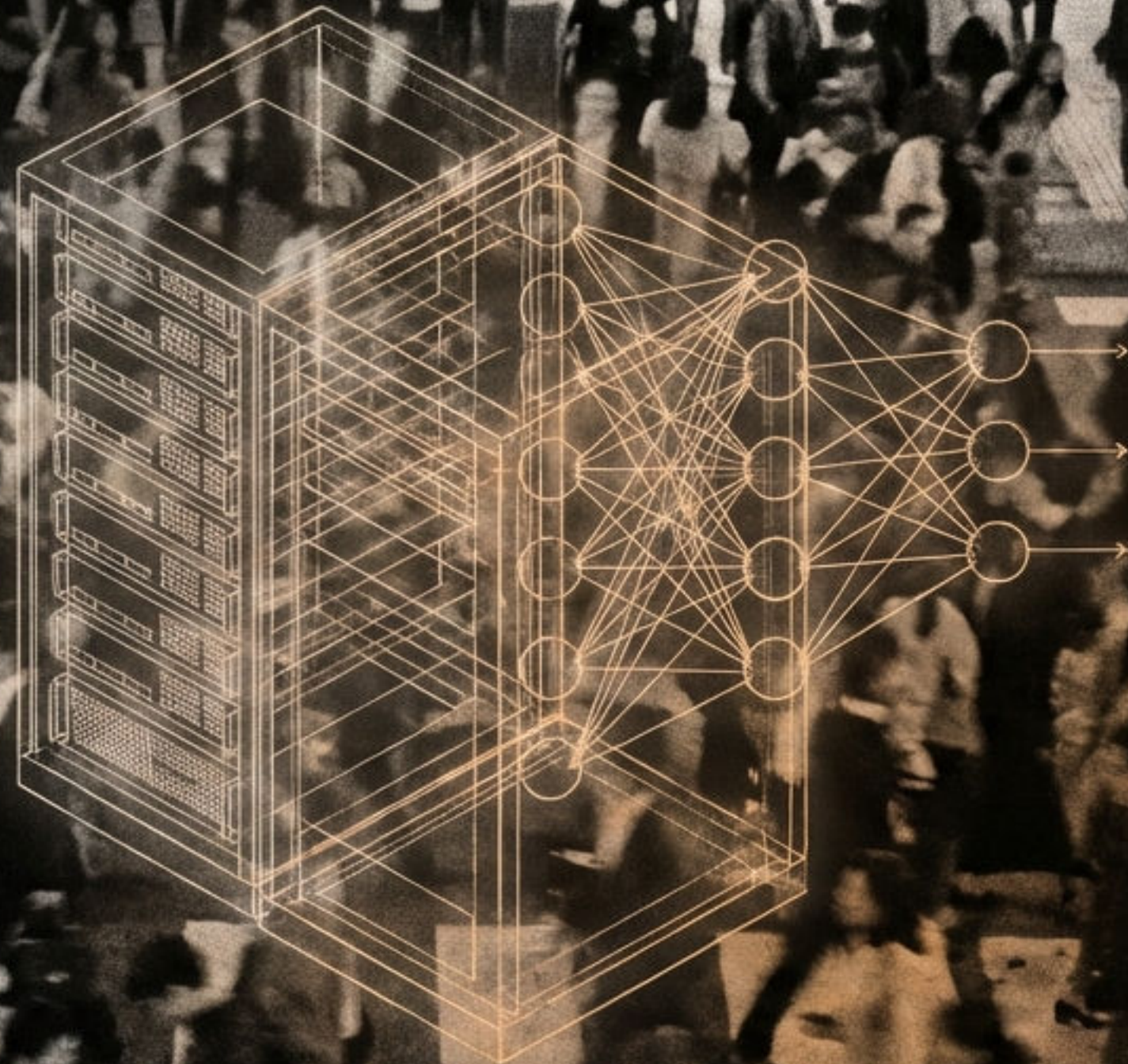
More computing power does not magically  
produce better human outcomes.

The Core Critique: A 'good future' requires more than technological hyperscaling.

# AI Does Not Arrive in a Vacuum.

It arrives inside already stressed  
and broken systems:

- Fragile Democracies.
- Screen-addicted generations.
- Economic power structures that reward only the very few.



# Acceleration Without a Steering Wheel

Scaling machine intelligence without scaling:

- Ethics
- Governance
- Responsibility
- Accountability

Result: It's likely to end only when we finally hit the wall.

# The Seduction of the Magic Bullet

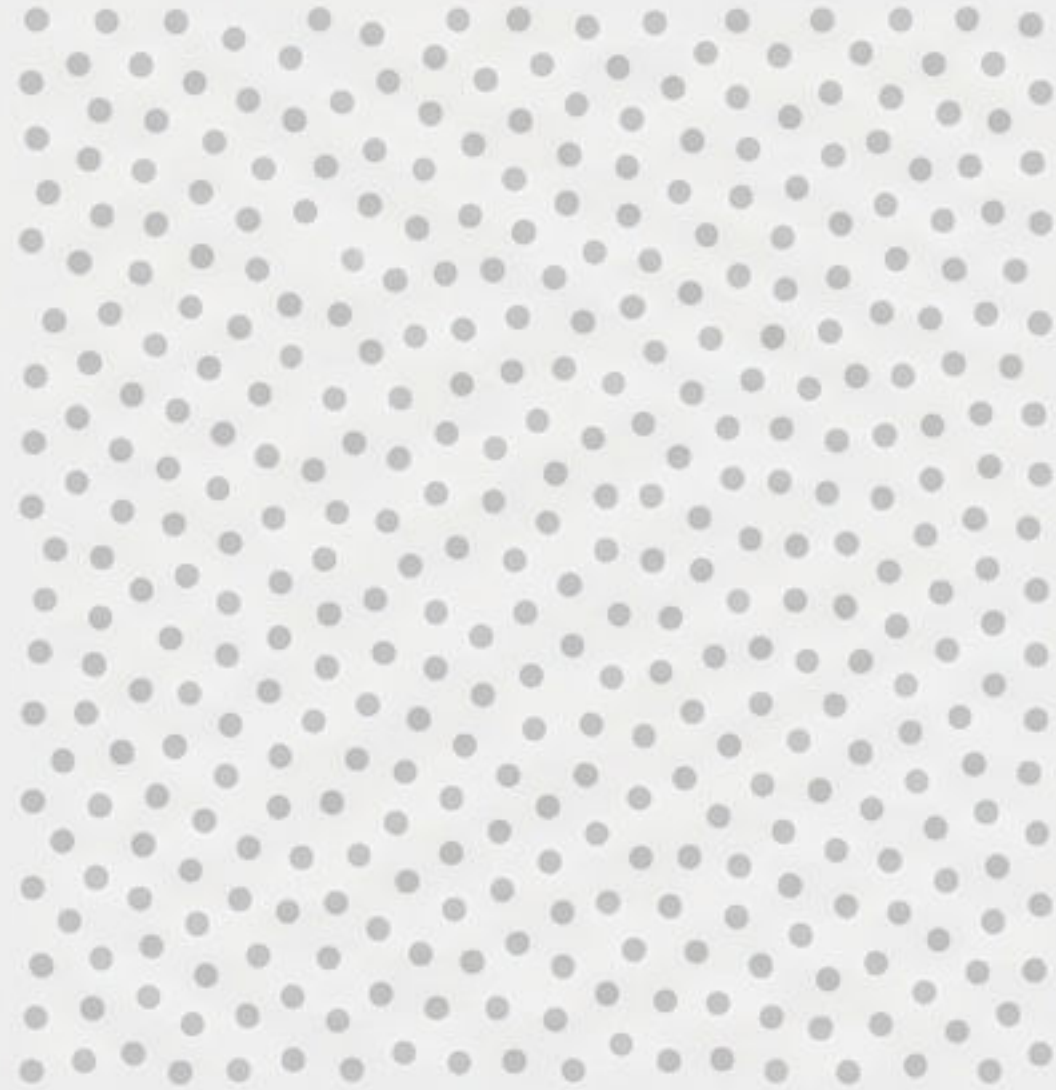
The predictions invite us to believe that once AGI arrives, everything else—poverty, living standards, societal friction—somehow “magically gets solved.”



We are being sold the idea that technology solves everything.

# History Says the Opposite.

## Distribution

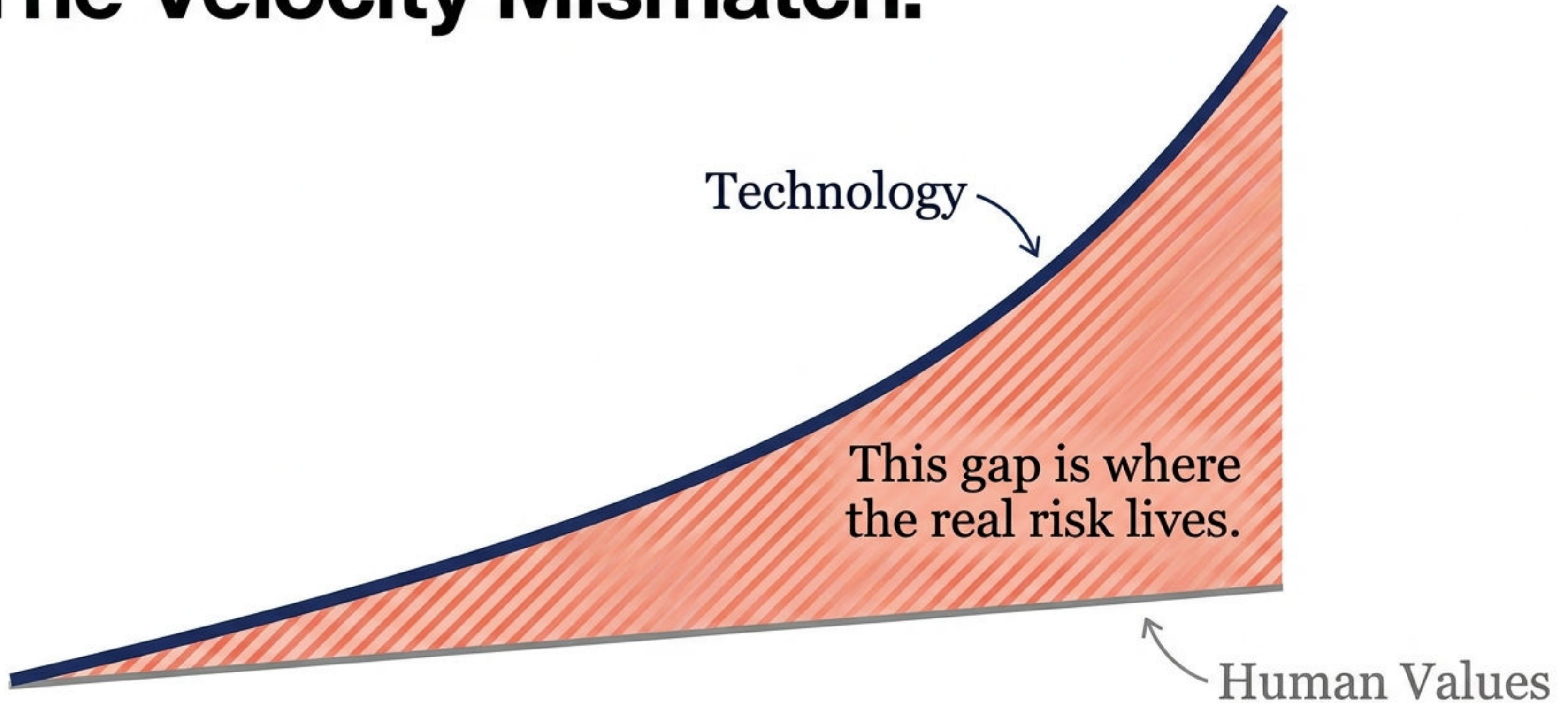


## Concentration



1. New Technology Arrives.
2. Amplifies Inequality.
3. Concentrates Control.
4. Outpaces Governance.
5. Society adjusts—mostly slowly.

# The Velocity Mismatch.



“Intelligence scales fast. Human values scale slow.”


A diverse group of people, including men and women of various ages and ethnicities, are gathered around a large wooden table in a bright, sunlit room. They appear to be in a collaborative meeting or discussion. The room has large windows on the left, showing trees outside, and a wooden door on the right. The overall atmosphere is professional and focused.

# Not Anti-AI. Pro-Human.

This is not about joining the “doomers.”  
It is about prioritizing human adaptability  
over machine efficiency.




# The Defining Questions of Our Future.

Not: “How smart can the machines become?” 

But: “Who controls them?”

But: “Who benefits from them?”

But: “Do we have the courage to design limits before they are impossible to establish?” 

A Strategy for Humanity?

**Techno-optimism is just a  
business plan for the top 1%.**

*Sorry, Elon.*