Human Soul and the Holy Quran

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The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:
"The best among you are those who learn the Quran and teach it (to others)."

(Sahih Al-Bukhari, Volume 6, Hadith 545)
Deep Blue
A billion suffering from neurosis
Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
The Id  
“I want chocolate”

The Ego

The Super-ego  
“You’re on a diet”

Eat a small bar of chocolate
Id or Nafs Amara

- Id functions entirely according to the pleasure-pain principle, its impulses either seeking immediate fulfillment
- The id supplies the energy for the development and continued functioning of conscious mental life
And I do call to witness the self-accusing soul, *that the Day of Judgment is a certainty.* (Al Quran 75:3)
And by the soul and its perfection —
And He revealed to it what is wrong for it and what is right for it —
He indeed truly prospers who purifies it.
And he who corrupts it is ruined.

(Al Quran 91:8-11)
Each day we lose 115 Americans to an opioid overdose —
That’s one person every 12.5 minutes
Quranic Metaphor of Sleep and Death

- Allah takes away the souls of human beings at the time of their death; and during their sleep of those also that are not yet dead. And then He retains those against which He has decreed death, and sends back the others till an appointed term. In that surely are Signs for a people who reflect. (Al Quran 39:43)
The types of sleep were discovered in 1950s.
REM is the dreaming sleep.
We go into a cycle of REM every 90 minutes.
Prospective versus Retrospective
Artificial intelligence could be "billions of times smarter" than human

- Artificial intelligence could be "billions of times smarter" than humans and people may need to merge with computers to survive, a futurist told CNBC.

- Ian Pearson, a futurist at Futurizon, said there will need to be a link between AI and a human brain.

- Elon Musk said last year that humans must merge with machines to not be irrelevant in the age of AI.

At least 94 movies on AI
And they ask thee concerning the soul. Say, ‘The soul is by the command of my Lord; and of the knowledge thereof you have been given but a little.’ (Al Quran 17:86)
Great Strides in the Understanding of Human Consciousness
Sir Roger Penrose

- Consciousness is part of our universe, so any physical theory which makes no proper place for it falls fundamentally short of providing a genuine description of the world.

- I would maintain that there is yet no physical, biological, or computational theory that comes very close to explaining our consciousness and consequent intelligence.
I actually think the prospects for a conscious AI are pretty remote. And I think this because my research is telling me that consciousness has less to do with pure intelligence and more to do with our nature as living and breathing organisms. Consciousness and intelligence are very different things.

His Ted Talk
Conscious experience presents a deep puzzle. On the one hand a fairly robust materialism must be true in order to explain how it is that conscious events causally interact with non-conscious, physical events. On the other hand, we cannot explain how physical phenomena give rise to conscious experience.

Levine concludes that in the foreseeable future consciousness will remain a mystery.
Mind Body Question

- Can there be millions of versions or real adult clones of you?
- That is the question!
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To be discussed next year

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  فَادْخُلِي فِي عِبَادِي
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