

SCIENCE FICTION, THE MYTHOLOGY OF OUR SCIENTIFIC AGE

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From Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* to *Star Trek*, science fiction has probed in books and on screen what it means to be human in an age of scientific knowledge and technological power: will we conquer the universe and translate ourselves to a higher realm of being, or download ourselves to computers, or alternatively be annihilated in nuclear holocaust, ecological disaster, alien invasion or revolt of the intelligent machines we ourselves have created? Science fiction is the literature of our age, questioning human origins, destiny and our relationship to what is not us, be it the universe, aliens, animals or the mechanical. In a "world without God", will humans themselves become gods?

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