

### 3.4 Group 4: New Consciousness

This chapter presents the results of Group 4 on New Consciousness scenario.



The screenshot shows a news article from 'The Neo Carbon Times' with the tagline 'Expect the Work'. The date is Monday, May 12, 2025. The article is titled 'We the Post-Human' and features a photograph of a starry night sky. The article discusses the concept of post-humanity and the new consciousness movement.

**The Girl Who Would Live Forever**

Matheryn Naovaratpong was two years and two months old when she didn't wake up on the morning of April 19th, 2014. She was rushed to a hospital in Bangkok, where doctors discovered an 11 centimeter-long tumor in the left half of her brain. Matheryn—her family called her Einz for short—had ependymoblastoma, a rare form of brain cancer that afflicts the very young. The prognosis is exceedingly grim; at its highest, the five-year survival rate is 30 percent. Einz had fallen into a coma.

In that first surgery, doctors extracted half the tumor and drilled through Einz's skull to relieve the pressure on her brain. After it was over, they told her parents, both of whom are PhD-holding scientists, that she would probably never awaken. Even if she did, they said, the cancer was incurable—the hospital advised them to take Matheryn off life support.

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## We the Post-Human



"It is 2050 already, and many, for reasons I really cannot fathom, still linger to the idea of humanity dating back to at least the 16th century. I mean, it is barbaric!", cries out Scott, 35, a post-human. For those who have managed not to hear about this new notion of humanity, "post-human" refers to an exponentially strengthening movement which in recent years have quite convincingly argued that humanity is facing a change in consciousness altogether.

The new consciousness does not see humans as individuals separate from each other and from nature, but instead as deeply interconnected. According to Scott, this is not only a philosophical idea but concrete reality. "When I am constantly connected to the Network, how can I draw the line between my personality and the Hive Mind which I am part of? How can I say that I am somehow more important than a mouse, when 99 % of our genes are the same? And in the end, when everything from physics to genes to consciousness to the Network is information, aren't we all part of the same whole? I think we really have found the science of God!", Scott rallies on.

These thoughts indeed differ from what was so long understood to be a human, so it is little wonder why many people are finding hard to take the post-humans seriously. However, a staggering 75 % of people under 40 identify themselves as post-human. This new generation might end up saving the world. The modern view of separate, self-profit seeking individuals has been a major factor behind the global environmental catastrophe, as individuals pursued increasing material wellbeing and to satisfy their various needs. Now, as this notion of selfish individuals has begun to crumble, many believe the ecological crisis can finally be tackled and humanity step into a New Age.

Figure 16. Litany – Groups 4 and 5 studied the Litany of New Consciousness scenario.