# thinking with AI

the self is made, not found*

* The voice you are mourning was always made - by the books you read, the teachers you had, the languages you spoke, the centuries that made yours possible. There was no unmediated self before the mediation. The mediation was where the self came from.

So the question was never authenticity. It is which mediations sustain you, and which simulate you – offer the shape of the act without the act, the look of thinking with no one inside it.

The problem is not AI. The problem is not doing the work.

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