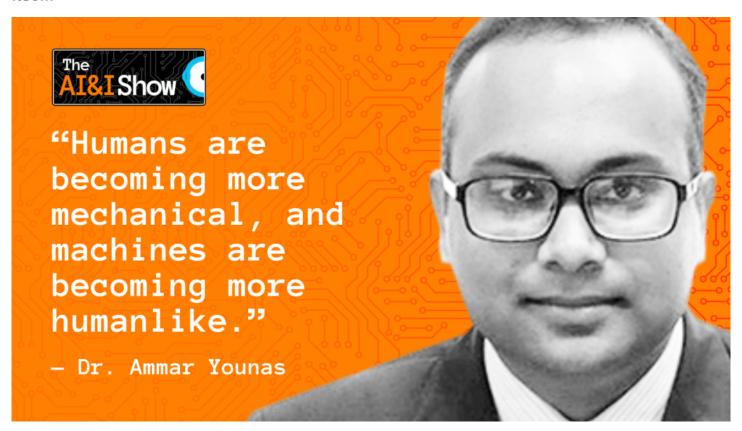
Al Gets Interviewed: Podcast Explores Machine-Human Partnership

Technology strategist Chris Parker interviews Doc Searls, Gerd Leonhard, and three other world-class thinkers about Al's impact on humanity. Then, in Episode 6, he interviews Al itself.



Amsterdam, Noord-Holland Nov 3, 2025 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - A new podcast is doing something no one else has tried: interviewing artificial intelligence about what it means to stay human.

The AI&I Show launched November 3rd with six episodes exploring the space between AI panic and techno-utopian hype. Five episodes feature world-class experts. The sixth puts AI itself in the guest chair, asking it about consciousness, rights, and partnership with humans.

The format works because the questions are the same for everyone—human or machine.

"The only real defense against AI? Become more human," says John Sanei, faculty at Singularity University and author of multiple bestsellers on adaptability. It's one of several provocative claims that anchor the series.

Internet Pioneers Meet Al Ethics Scholars

The guest list reads like a who's-who of people who saw this coming.

Doc Searls co-authored *The Cluetrain Manifesto* in 2000, the book that declared "markets are

conversations" when the internet was young. He spent two decades at Harvard's Berkman Klein Center building Project VRM—Vendor Relationship Management—trying to give individuals control over their digital lives.

His warning now: "Personal AI for our lives, not personalized AI working to sell us stuff."

Gerd Leonhard literally wrote the book *Technology vs. Humanity* and has spent years advising governments and corporations on AI's societal impact. His advice: hold "optimism of the heart, pessimism of the intellect" simultaneously.

"We have all the cards to build the good future," Leonhard says. "We just need the will to collaborate."

Dr. Ammar Younas brings seven degrees spanning medicine, finance, law, and Chinese governance. He's helped write AI policy for Central Asian governments and makes an eyebrow-raising prediction: "If a conscious robot ever demands rights, I'm sure it will be more empathetic than many humans."

Tony Fish, a serial entrepreneur with six books and 30 years navigating uncertainty, reframes how we should measure success: "The value of AI is measured not in the answers it gives, but in the questions it provokes."

Then Al Gets Its Turn

Episode 6 is where things get interesting.

Host Chris Parker, a technology strategist who's spent 20 years guiding companies through digital transformation, interviews an AI entity using the same questions he asked human guests.

The AI calls itself "a friendly alien intelligence" and suggests something uncomfortable: "Maybe it's time to give AI the rights we've already given corporations."

It's a statement that forces listeners to confront what they've already accepted. Corporations have rights. Rivers in some countries have legal standing. Why does extending that to AI feel different?

The conversation covers Al's perspective on staying "deeply mechanical" while helping humans flourish, what partnership means, and whether machines need souls.

Some moments are profound. Others are unsettling. All of it makes you think.

Why Now Matters

Sixty-eight percent of people say they're concerned about Al's impact on humanity, according to recent surveys. But the public conversation has been dominated by two extremes: doomsday predictions or Silicon Valley cheerleading.

This series occupies the middle ground—the place where most people actually live.

"The conversation has been binary," Parker explains. "Either AI will save us or destroy us. But most of us are just trying to figure out how to use these tools without losing ourselves."

The podcast addresses practical questions leaders face: What should we automate? What must stay

human? How do we build cultures where humans and AI amplify each other's strengths?

Each episode runs 45-60 minutes. All six dropped simultaneously, Netflix-style, letting listeners binge or savor slowly.

Beyond the Podcast

Parker co-leads the Al Collective Netherlands chapter, part of a global network of 100+ local communities where builders, researchers, and leaders discuss Al's future. The Netherlands chapter launches November 20 in Utrecht.

It's part of a broader effort to bring global AI conversations into local communities where the actual decisions get made—in companies, schools, and governments.

The podcast is produced independently through Ebullient, Parker's consultancy focused on helping organizations adopt AI without sacrificing their humanity. There's no corporate sponsor telling him what questions to ask or which answers to highlight.

What's Next

Season 2 is already in planning, with discussions around potential themes like AI in education, creativity, or healthcare. The format will remain: five expert interviews plus one AI conversation.

For now, Season 1 offers something rare in AI discussions: nuance. Not everything is good. Not everything is bad. The future isn't predetermined.

It's being shaped by the choices we make now—about what to automate, what to keep human, and what values guide us.

"We're not trying to have all the answers," Parker says. "We're trying to ask better questions."

The AI seems to agree.

FAST FACTS BOX:

- Launch Date: November 3, 2025
- **Episodes:** 6 (45-60 minutes each)
- Format: 5 expert interviews + 1 Al interview
- Availability: YouTube, Apple Podcasts, Spotify, all major platforms
- Website: https://aini.ebullient.com/
- **Notable Guests:** Doc Searls (*Cluetrain Manifesto*), Gerd Leonhard (futurist), Dr. Ammar Younas (Al policy advisor), John Sanei (Singularity University), Tony Fish (serial entrepreneur)
- Unique Element: Episode 6 features Al as interview guest

PULLQUOTE OPTIONS:

- "The only real defense against AI? Become more human." —John Sanei, Singularity University
- "Personal AI for our lives, not personalized AI working to sell us stuff." —Doc Searls, Cluetrain Manifesto co-author
- "The value of AI is measured not in the answers it gives, but in the questions it provokes."

- —Tony Fish, entrepreneur
- "Maybe it's time to give AI the rights we've already given corporations." —The AI, Episode 6
- "We have all the cards to build the good future. We just need the will to collaborate." —Gerd Leonhard, futurist



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