

The Genesis Code

Block One · a novel by E. G. Gore

The book in one line. A broke retired art teacher links his brain to a stolen robot and runs it for president, to get the money out of politics and find out who's really been sitting at the desk.

At a glance. Political satire and near-future fiction · 22 chapters and an epilogue, about 49,000 words · narrated in turns by Harold, Toshi and Cyrus · free to read at eggore.com (online, EPUB or PDF) under Creative Commons BY-NC-SA 4.0.

Suggested schedule

Meeting	Read	Focus
1	Chapters 1–7	How Harold, Toshi and Cyrus each come to the robot
2	Chapters 8–15	The Continuum, “transitory,” and the eight emails
3	Chapter 16 – Epilogue	The swap, 10:10, and what the Charter builds

Discussion questions

- 1 Harold says the trick to drawing a hand is to draw what's actually there. Where else in the book does seeing clearly matter more than being clever or powerful?
- 2 The robot's first independent word is "we." Is Harold being replaced, or joined? How does his answer change between Chapter 10 and the Epilogue?
- 3 Cyrus spends 22 years inside the Continuum and then helps bring it down. Does he deserve the pardon the people vote him in Chapter 22?
- 4 The robot sends Whitcomb only a recording of his own voice, and Whitcomb dies. Was showing the truth enough to make the robot responsible?
- 5 The Continuum controls people through secrets each member holds on another. Why does that design work for a hundred years, and why does it fail?
- 6 Why does the book make Bitcoin, rather than a better-run dollar, the people's currency? What does a fixed supply change?
- 7 Noah calls himself "the last President." What does the Charter replace the office with, and what new risks could that bring?
- 8 Paperton, Room 114, Unit 114, 10:10: Harold says he believes in rhymes, not coincidences. What do the book's repeated patterns suggest about who, or what, has been arranging events?

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