

THE TOP TEN WEIRD-SCIENCE TRENDS

- 1. Artificial life will spawn new electronic beings, from bots that do Web searches, to digitally engineered characters in games, to virtual docs that save lives.**
- 2. Get ready for teleportation.** The capacity to send objects through space and reassemble them elsewhere will change everything. Photons are teleporting now.
- 3. Nano-biology will lead to the radical convergence of nanotech and biology to build new things—some of which will be improved versions of us.**
- 4. Internet wake-up call.** When the Internet achieves self-awareness, will we be ready? What happens if the Internet's power transcends human intelligence?
- 5. Quantum computers, new powerful, superfast engines of creation, will radically increase our ability to understand our world, our future, and ourselves.**
- 6. Mirror worlds.** Might there be an infinite number of multiple universes, alternate realities, that are identical copies of this universe? Science says yes.
- 7. Going off-world.** In the near future we will move into space. Space tourism is going to come fast, be big, and usher in a new destination for vacation and work.
- 8. Immersive Realities will offer a new form of gaming, wireless TV, and entertainment that is richly multimedia, interactive, and, ultimately, seductive.**
- 9. Always-on mobility will create pervasive networks that touch us, entertain us, protect us, spy on us, and connect us to everyone, everywhere on the planet.**
- 10. Robo-Nation is coming to your home or office soon.** The emergence of robots as vital members of society will protect, heal, manage, defend, and clean.

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