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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Artificial Intelligence as a Moral Phenomenon: Rethinking the Ethical Neutrality of Algorithmic Systems through Rousseau.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision Yes

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*).....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		yes		
Techn. Quality		yes		
Clarity		yes		
Significance		yes		

Reviewer'sID: JPR- Dr. Bharti Bisht

Detailed Reviewer's Report

The manuscript, “*Artificial Intelligence as a Moral Phenomenon: Rethinking the Ethical Neutrality of Algorithmic Systems through Rousseau*,” addresses a highly relevant and important question in contemporary AI ethics by challenging the widely held assumption that artificial intelligence is merely a neutral tool whose moral significance depends solely on human use. The paper’s central argument—that AI systems are already morally constituted through the values, assumptions, priorities, and judgments embedded within their design, training data, algorithms, and deployment contexts—is both compelling and timely. The attempt to interpret AI through the philosophical framework of Jean-Jacques Rousseau is particularly interesting and offers a potentially original contribution to debates in AI ethics, philosophy of technology, and algorithmic governance. The manuscript successfully highlights how AI not only reflects human values but also shapes the social environments in which moral decisions are made, thereby influencing institutions, practices, and human interactions. However, the paper requires substantial revision before publication. The engagement with Rousseau remains largely interpretive and would benefit from a deeper analysis of key concepts from Rousseau’s primary works, particularly concerning moral formation, social institutions, dependency, freedom, and the general will. The manuscript should also more clearly define central concepts such as “ethical neutrality,” “moral phenomenon,” and “moral constitution,” as these terms are foundational to the argument but currently lack sufficient conceptual precision. Furthermore, the article would be strengthened by a more extensive engagement with existing scholarship in AI ethics and philosophy of technology, including discussions of value-sensitive design, technological mediation, information ethics, and algorithmic governance, in order to better position its contribution within the existing literature. While the conceptual approach is appropriate, the argument would become more persuasive through the inclusion of concrete examples such as predictive policing systems, hiring algorithms, credit-scoring technologies, or generative AI applications that demonstrate how moral assumptions become embedded in technical systems and subsequently influence social behavior. Some sections are repetitive and could be streamlined to improve clarity and coherence. Overall, the manuscript presents a promising and thought-provoking thesis with significant potential to contribute to contemporary discussions on AI ethics, but it requires major revisions to strengthen its theoretical foundation, conceptual clarity, scholarly engagement, and practical illustration before it can be considered suitable for publication.

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