„Human-God Interfaces“

**The „Human-God Interfaces“ project by the archdiocese Cologne, in collaboration with the Industrial Design department of the University of Wuppertal revealed at a human-technology interaction conference**

How does it physically feel to be forgiven one’s sins? How can others benefit from one’s prayers? How much are we worth to God, and how can we feel that? These and other questions were taken on by students of the Industrial Design course at the University of Wuppertal in a project funded by the Catholic Educational Institution Bonn. The results are being presented at the „Mensch und Computer“ (Human and Computer) conference, taking place online September 6-9, 2020.

Guided by Prof. Dr. Fabian Hemmert, an expert for designing human-machine interactions, and Dr. Dr. Andreas Bell, who works with the Catholic Educational Institution Bonn, the students identified theological topics that were to be turned into haptic, physical experiences. The students then took on traditional Catholic rituals from an Industrial Design perspective, bringing them to modern aesthetics. Abstract elements of belief were thus turned into concrete experiences, making them palpable also for those who do not regularly attend church.

Besides the prototypes (which, due to the coronavirus situation, cannot be exhibited publicly yet), the students produced videos. These can now be retrieved from the project’s website:

<https://www.humangodinterfaces.com/>

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