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To:	Jeffrey Epstein
Subject:	Interesting people, funds etc

Dear Jeffrey,

I hope this finds you well!

You mentioned that I should point out interesting folks to you: David =alrymple has managed to drop out of two PhD programs, at MIT and =arvard respectively, before he was 21. I got to know him by repeatedly =umping into him during conferences. Peter Thiel gave him a grant to =tudy nematodes, and he dropped out of the resulting institute two years =ater, to join Twitter. He realized that he did not find optimizing =heir software satisfying, finished the project and left Twitter for a =oneymoon journey. His current calling is to radically reinvent the way =perating systems work, but he seems to feel so guilty for his past =ailures to deliver on being a prodigy that he seriously wants to waste = few years as a AI developer for Google to earn enough money to be =orally allowed to work on it, which in my view would be a shame. Once =e figures himself out, he will do great things.

A fascinating and very sparkling intellect worth inviting to PED =iscussions might be Scott Aaronson; you probably know him already. He =s a computational physicist working at MIT.

Some interesting folks in the AI community (I met many of them at the =IPS conference in Montreal): Demis Hassabis is the one who started =eepMind, and he has ideas beyond Deep Learning. The god fathers of the =ield are currently Geoff Hinton, Yann LeCun and Yoshua Bengio: =specially Bengio is an interesting person to talk to. Jürgen =chmidhuber seems to have a difficult personality, but IMHO that makes =im a lot of fun. He heads the Swiss Institute for AI in Lugano, =enerates theories about the universe and everything, and has =o-invented a bunch of important neural network types. (Other Great Old =en are Jeff Dean, from MIT, currently leading an AI team at Google, =ndrew Ng, who went from Stanford to Baidu, Peter Norvig: Google, and =tuart Russel.)

Generally, the current generation of AI folks do not tend to big =niversal scholars (like Minsky and Chomsky). People that left a strong =mpression on me due to the breadth of their thinking were the German =sychologist Dietrich Doerner, the Italian Artificial Intelligence =aestro Cristiano Castelfranchi, and the sharp and acerbic emotion =esearcher Andrew Ortony. All were socialized in the age of cybernetics.

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My personal funds are currently depleted again, could you please help me =ut again? (Still embarrassed to ask.)

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With best wishes for what mortals consider to be the holidays,

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