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Dear Jeffrey,

Thank you!

The Canonical Computation in Brains and Machines symposium (here at NYU) =s really worth it, the highlight was Yann LeCun today, explaining how =earning is mostly not working on actual real-world data but on =redictive simulations (so we anticipate being hit by a car and learn =rom that, instead having to try it).

Yesterday's highlight was a coffee break conversation with Jean-Remi =ing, a member of Dehaene's lab, about consciousness. They have a very =ober perspective, neither the misidentification of descriptive brain =cans with the processes that must be implemented, nor the bright lunacy =f the Hameroff crowd.

Regardless, last year's Science of Consciousness conference triggered a =umber of insights for me. Especially, I began to understand what =enrose and Hameroff and Tagg and Tononi are trying to achieve. Their =rojects are doomed, I think, because they all make mechanistic theories =f a domain that they consider to be not computational (consciousness =annot be mechanical they think), but I see why they have no choice but =o try anyway. No computational model can explain consciousness =appening in real-time and actuality, so they must be looking for a meta =omputational system, which unfortunately also must be outside the realm =f formal theorizing, I think. Conversely, Dehaene, Frankish, Dennett, =raziano and Drescher (and me) don't think that consciousness does =appen in actuality, but is essentially just a memory of experiences =hat did not necessarily happen, so it is much easier to explain.

I got invited to participate in a panel on this year's Science of =onsciousness in Tucson, and they also accepted my talk on meta =omputation. Are you planning to come this year?

– Joscha

> On Mar 18, 2018, at 10:37, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

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> you can purchase tickets for him just not for his family

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> On Sun, Mar 18, 2018 at 10:33 AM, Lesley Groff <[REDACTED]> =rote:

> Below from Joscha Bach Re we will not be purchasing him tickets to =onference in Tucson:

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> No problem at all. Was he opposed to me presenting at the Science of =onsciousness Conference?

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