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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2013 3:52 PM  
**To:** Jeffrey Epstein  
**Subject:** Re:

Probably so!

But I will send you the "robot child IQ test" proposal today or tomorrow, which hopefully will NOT be too silly to discuss any further

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On Tue, Feb 12, 2013 at 8:56 AM, Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

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> On Tue, Feb 12, 2013 at 8:56 AM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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>> Hmm..

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>> That is interesting data.....

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>> And certainly, I would be willing to cut my hair for a lot of AGI

>> money ;p .... And Ruiting (wife) would rather see me with lots of AGI

>> funding, than see me with the hairstyle that turns her on most...

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>> However, I am wondering how much difference cutting my hair could  
>> actually make in the near term anyway.

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>> I mean, speaking practically: Supposing I cut my hair shorter  
>> tomorrow. So what? The Internet is still full of videos of me  
>> speaking with the classic long-haired "Ben Goertzel" look. And  
>> personality-wise, I'm always going to be somewhat of a hippie and an  
>> eccentric guy -- that's just who I am.... Changing my look is an  
>> option, but changing my "apparent personality" would require greater  
>> acting skills than I possess, even if I wanted to do it...

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>> If you organized some important meeting with major philanthropists  
>> about funding AGI, I'd of course be willing to cut my hair and buy a  
>> nice suit for the meeting, etc. ...

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>> But apart from that -- if I cut my hair tomorrow, what difference  
>> would it make? How would these philanthropists know? ;p ...

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>> I suppose that if I had short hair for a few years, then a critical  
>> mass of videos online would appear featuring the new cleaner-cut Ben,  
>> and my "image" would look different when people Googled me. But that  
>> would actually take quite a while, because the videos and online  
>> photos occur at conferences and other events which get scheduled at a

>> certain rhythm....  
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>> I'm there in the Ray Kurzweil movie "Transcendent Man" with long hair  
>> and a zebra-striped cowboy hat.... And Raj Dye, a guy in LA, is  
>> about to release an indie-film documentary called "Singularity or  
>> Bust", featuring me and Hugo de Garis in HK and Xiamen in 2009 ...  
>> again, with the classic long-haired Ben Goertzel.... He screened the  
>> film privately in LA last weekend, and is now trying to get it in the  
>> film festival circuit...  
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>> Would me having short hair in mid-2013 really matter, if searching  
>> for me online brings up a new film with the long-haired Ben playing  
>> with talking robots in China? (which I guess it will, once Raj's film  
>> makes it onto YouTube)  
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>> I know you have a lot of stuff do to in your life, so I do appreciate  
>> you taking time to talk with me about this somewhat silly (but, I  
>> admit, possibly relevant) topic!!! Obviously I have my own share of  
>> human peculiarities, existing in my brain alongside a lot of (IMO)  
>> really deep and potentially impactful AGI thinking...  
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>> I'm thinking about the "robot child IQ test" stuff this morning,  
>> btw.... Mainly, about what order it makes most sense to pursue the  
>> child IQ test milestones in, given their own relationships and also  
>> given the current state of OpenCog development...  
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>> On Tue, Feb 12, 2013 at 7:37 AM, Jeffrey Epstein  
>> <jeevacation@gmail.com>  
>> wrote:  
>>> I've spoken to more than five large philanthropists. on really getting  
>>> behind AI,, they have gone online , and unfortunately my bayesian  
>>> prediction, came true, there was real interest tempered by unanimous  
>>> comments on your disheveled 80s appearance. I hesitated to write  
>>> this, as  
>>> you should decide if your wife's likes/dislikes are your priority,  
>>> I fully support rebellious tendencies, but thought I should now  
>>> reiterate my spinach in the teeth of a friend metaphor.  
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