
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 5:09 PM
To: jeffrey E.
Subject: Re:
Attachments: Goertzel_Harrigan_Bach_Black_Foundation_Proposal_2014.pdf

BTW to ease your potential re-reading, here is a re-send of the proposal Joscha and I made for you last year ;)

--ben

On Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 1:01 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

> yes IU would like to be put in touch, yes i will re read . gino is still

> an unkknown

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> On Mon, Jun 15, 2015 at 12:58 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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>> Hi Jeffrey,

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>> Good to hear from you!

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>> BTW -- We have not yet been able to install our software on your

>> Virgin Islands server as requested, because the sys-admin there,

>> Jermaine, has not yet opened a port in the router there to let us

>> access the machine remotely. I wonder if he doesn't know how to do

>> that? (but it's a very basic thing....).... Anyhow we have emailed

>> and asked him to do this several times...

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>> I like the idea of a machine that can ask questions...! Actually the

>> logic of questions is dual to the logic of answers, see

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>> <http://www.gatsby.ucl.ac.uk/aistats/fullpapers/246.pdf>

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>> Making OpenCog ask questions to fill in gaps in its knowledge is one

>> of our current priorities, in fact....

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>> I'm glad to hear you have decided to fund Joscha for another year.

>> He is really enjoying his time in Boston and getting a lot out of the

>> various contacts he's making there. I wonder if you'd like to

>> reconsider funding the proposal Joscha and I sent you some months ago,

>> for work on intelligent/simply-conscious virtual animals? Or did

>> that happen not to float your boat? We have discussed many other

>> possibilities for collaboration, e.g. application of OpenCog

>> +MicroPsi to mathematical theorem-proving (via grounding mathematics

>> in embodied experience, along the lines that Lakoff and Nunez

>> discussed in "Where Mathematics Comes From")

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>> Gino Yu told me he met you recently. He's a fun guy who helped me

>> get started here in Hong Kong. His wife's family is very wealthy and

>> influential here (though his wife, while head of the Hong Kong
>> Chamber of Commerce, got busted for insider trading and spent 1.5
>> years in jail here... really a bummer for Gino's kids... but anyway
>> she's been out a while now and is back in business...)
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>> As for Rupert Sheldrake, yes I know him.... He's not a super-close
>> friend but I visited his house in London in 2012, and have emailed
>> with him a few times since then. Also he had a paper in a book on
>> psi that I co-edited last year, see
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>> <http://www.amazon.com/Evidence-Psi-Thirteen-Empirical-Research/dp/0786478284>
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>> or see
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>> http://goertzel.org/Evidence_for_Psi_PREPRINT.pdf
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>> Rupert has found various private funders for his experiments in the
>> past, but I'm sure he would be happy to have more funding for more
>> experiments.
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>> If you're in an especially open-minded mood, you might enjoy my
>> speculative thoughts on a potential physics foundation for Rupert's
>> morphic field idea, see
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>> <http://multiverseaccordingtoben.blogspot.hk/2014/09/morphic-fields-me>
>> mory-psi-unified.html
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>> Shall I put you in touch with Rupert by email?
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>> I would be interested to try to figure out an experiment that would
>> probe the quantitative nature and "laws" of putative morphic fields
>> more precisely. I think his idea is deep and fascinating, yet too
>> slippery for my taste.... His email and telephone telepathy
>> experiments are fascinating and I think could be developed to give
>> further information. For instance, he finds that this sort of
>> telepathy typically takes places between members of groups who share
>> social or emotional bonds. So, I wonder if this could be quantified.
>> If we measure social and emotional bonds using psychosocial survey
>> instruments, can we then use this information to probabilistically
>> predict the degree of email or telephone telepathy? This could tell
>> us something about the information-theoretic nature of the patterns

>> that "morphic fields" (whatever they really are) pay attention to....
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>> Of course, he may have even better ideas for new experiments....
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>> Yours,
>> Ben
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>> On Mon, Jun 15, 2015 at 4:47 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
>>> hi, I have begun funding some AI to the minus one. . answers are
>>> not as interesting as great questions. i want a machine that can
>>> ask quesitons.?
>>> In my scouting I saw you supported rupert sheldrakes right to speak.
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>>> you met him. Id like to fund something . if controls adequate
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