

**Finding Adam**  
**Advancing Commonsense Reasoning as a**  
**Potential Step towards**  
**Artificial General Intelligence,**  
**Artificial General Superintelligence, and**  
**Artificial Consciousness**

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