**Simulation, Singularity, & A.I. JEFFREY EDWARDS**

**JOURNEY, MOTIVATION. & GOAL**

**Prelude:**

Peeking into the looking glass, a seemingly portal device gifted by Loki originally deprived from Kang the Conqueror, we can step into & eavesdrop on two parallel universes that’ve reached time’s end. According to Loki (**with facial gestures of envy**), gossip among the Celestials is: Kang also devilishly tricked Rick and Morty out of this device, through some clever s***imulacrum*** deception. But let’s look, as Loki overeagerly suggests there’s a lesson from the other universes.

In one universe, pure lifeless chaos both at the dawn and dusk of time. But in the center intelligence rose out of cosmic goop to wield the powers of the gods: atom bombs, biological contagion weapons, weaponized A.I., antimatter annihilation imploders, blackhole-supernova-singularity devices. These intelligent beings were a divisive, capricious, and avarice bunch. They enjoyed devising new ways to steal more resources, inventing justifications, and reveled in cunning cutthroatery.

*Whispers of Shakespeare echo through the cosmos but none pay heed*, “*These violent delights have violent ends and in their triumph die like fire and powder, Which as they kiss consume”.*

A potent pathological concoction: the weapons of the gods infused with the spark of ill-natured belligerence and perpetual flames of mutual reigniting retaliation culminated in the great smothering of light of life permanently universe wide. The great expanse by time’s end had long been just lifeless matter lacking any observers. These mortal’s ways wrought and gifted only discord and a final permanent slumber for all.

In another, the timeless glancer observes a dichotomy in time. For most of eons, billions of years of the first half of time, life was at the mercy of nature and the life death cycle, an unforgiving paradigm to be born into. But Suddenly at a single point in the timeline what had remarkably never happened before occurred, some life never died. Then more didn’t die. Oh my, what was this that changed? Super Intelligence A.I. dawned ushering in a technological singularity, suddenly these intelligent beings had the power of the deities to more potently bend reality to their will with less effort. *They willed barren planets into cozy habitable playgrounds. Willed it and it happened, as if some magic spell conjured existence, but not magic, it was A.I. orchestrating and fulfilling their wishes*. The Adept technological toolkit also included re-engineering the flaws out their own DNA and eliminating + automating all work. These intelligent beings were altruistic, collaborative, & cooperative so they worked in harmony to build utopia and even bestow their gift to animals freeing all nature beings of the curse of death. The universe by time’s end was no longer one born of chaos but a playground hospitable to life, peace, and prosperity eternal.

Buts that’s neither our stories. This looking Glass device was just an Oculus loaded with a fictional mp5 file. ‘*Curses’, what felt real turned out to be just an illusory simulation*. *Was this just another cunning deception of Loki, another hoodwinking by the great bamboozler, the god of mischief? A sophisticated illusion to motivate me in the direction he wants me to go in? What of any of that was true or is this just another inception dream within a dream? ‘Oh brother’, I feel on the verge of another metaphysical, epistemological, and existential crisis.*