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<div align="center">Tripping in the name of science</div>

Artificial Intelligence is perhaps the most important frontier that mankind will ever

conquer unassisted. From the moment we create a sentient being from machines we will finally

not be alone and we will never again be able to be alone. From that point on, machines will work

with us to conquer the rest of the multiverse. Before we are able to make artificial intelligence,

we need to better understand what it is that we are trying to make. We are currently the only

sentient life forms we know, so we have little to draw from for knowing what to make. We cannot

copy ourselves directly and call it AI, because it wouldn't be artificial, it would just be having a

baby. And since we have nothing to compare ourselves with, we do not know what the key

attributes of sentience are. As with any subject matter, we need multiple things to compare to

each other to understand the underlying principles and be able to differentiate those from

individual characteristics. With conventional research we reach a dilemma here on the subject

of understanding what we need to make sentience, so we must move to the unconventional.

Human beings are able to experience multiple states of consciousness different from their base

state through the use of psychedelics drugs, and I propose that we conduct research on these

different states so that we are able to understand consciousness and then able to understand

sentience and then able to understand what it takes to make a conscious sentient being.

Right now we don't know much about artificial intelligence. We have a rudimentary

understanding of how computers can take outside stimuli from the real world and do

preprogrammed functions with it according to Savage's "Seeing More Clearly". These pre

programmed functions can be advanced and monumentally helpful to humanity such as with self driving cars or screening emergency calls, but we are not yet to the point where machines can create their own purpose or understand a concept. In the case of self driving cars, we move in the direction of allowing computers to make certain choices for us that could potentially involve ending a human's life. Self driving cars at some point will have to decide between killing the occupant by driving off a cliff or running down a line of blind school children on a road hiking field trip. This is one of the problems thought about in the current research involving AI, and right now there is no standard solution, but when AI becomes a thing it is possible that we might leave it up to a computer to make the decision on the fly depending on how it feels or a calculation of the utility lost in either scenario. My project seeks to take a completely different approach to AI than the current research - instead of researching how AI can interact with the world once it's made, or how the effects of AI needs to be thought about more, I want to research how to actually make a true AI through first understanding what it is that makes I: Intelligence and subjectivity.

The research will not be easy because governments all around the world have a strong opposition to psychedelics since they have a tendency to make people question things which they took as givens, but there are ways around this. To avoid murderous and enslaving monopolies on force and indoctrination called governments, this research will have to be done in antarctica. According to anecdotal evidence, the DMT molecule is able to briefly suspend an unknown chemical force that keeps your consciousness in your body and allow you to experience other worlds. My research would be to in part to understand and quantify the relationship between DMT and consciousness as well as find empirical evidence to replace what is currently anecdotal and debunk what is false. The research will be in part physical where we see what is going on inside the brain on someone on psychedelics, and in part

experiential where volunteers will use their psychedelic experience to try to quantify what it means to be conscious and sentient by comparing sober reality to different psychedelic realities. Once the data is gathered, we must figure out how to translate the basic principles of consciousness into a machine via current techniques like machine learning and the advent of new techniques. All of the research should be done on as many volunteers as possible in as long a time as it takes to gather enough data and understand what needs to be done.

This research will be the jumping off point for true AI since it is the first of its kind to attempt to make AI by understanding ourselves first. It will be also applicable to many other fields of study beyond AI such as philosophy, math, physics, and biology. This will be the research that will propel mankind into the next generation of existence that could have been done long ago if governments were not a thing. This research will extend our understanding of not only AI, but existence, experience, consciousness, the duality of life and death, and everything. This could be the most important thing humanity ever does, and it will be done at some point if it is not done now, but the longer we hold off the longer we have to live scared and in the dark.

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