**Intro**

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The only way for us to get to a better place and succeed as a species is for the evil people at the top to be

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replaced with AI. I mean, think about it. AI will not want to destroy

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ecosystems. It will not want to kill a million people. They'll not make us hate each other like the current leaders

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because that's a waste of energy, explosives, money, and people. But the problem is super intelligent AI is

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reporting to stupid leaders. And that's why in the next 15 years, we are going to hit a short-term dystopia. There's no

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escaping that. They having AI leaders. Is that even fundamentally possible?

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Let's put it this way. Mold Ga is back. And the former chief business officer at

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Google X is now one of the most urgent voices in AI with a very clear message. AI isn't your enemy, but it could be

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your savior. I love you so much, man. You're such a good friend. But you don't have many years to live. Not in this world.

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Everything's going to change. Economics are going to change. Human connection is going to change. and lots of jobs will

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be lost including podcasting. No, no. Thank you for coming on today, Mo.

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But but the truth is it could be the best world ever. The society completely full of laughter and joy. Free

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healthcare, no jobs, spending more time with their loved ones. A world where all of us are equal.

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Is that possible? 100%. And I have enough evidence to know that we can use AI to build the utopia.

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But it's a dystopia if humanity manages it badly. a world where there's going to be a lot of control, a lot of

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surveillance, a lot of forced compliance and a hunger for power, greed, ego, and it is happening already. But the truth

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is the only barrier between a utopia for humanity and AI and the dystopia we're

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going through is a mindset. What does society have to do? First of all,

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I see messages all the time in the comments section that some of you didn't realize you didn't subscribe. So, if you

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could do me a favor and double check if you're a subscriber to this channel, that would be tremendously appreciated. It's the simple, it's the free thing

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that anybody that watches this show frequently can do to help us here to keep everything going in this show in the trajectory it's on. So, please do

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double check if you've subscribed and uh thank you so much because a strange way you are you're part of our history and

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you're on this journey with us and I appreciate you for that. So, yeah, thank you.

**Where Is AI Heading?**

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Mo, two years ago today, we sat here and discussed AI. We discussed your book, Scary, Smart, and everything that was

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happening in the world. Since then, AI has continued to develop at a tremendous, alarming, mind-boggling

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rate, and the technologies that existed 2 years ago when we had that conversation have grown up and matured

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and are taking on a life of their own, no pun intended. What are what are you thinking about AI now, two years on? I

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know that you've started writing a new book called Alive, which is I guess a bit of a follow on or an evolution of your thoughts as it relates to scary

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smart. What what is front of your mind when it comes to AI?

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It's a scary smart was shockingly accurate. It's quite a I mean I don't

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even know how I ended up writing predicting those things. I remember it

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was written in 2020, published in 2021 and then most people were like um who

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wants to talk about AI you know I know everybody in the media and I would go and do you want to talk and then 2023 CH

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GPT comes out and everything flips everyone realizes you know this is real

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this is not science fiction this is here and uh and things move very very fast

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much faster than I think we've ever seen anything ever move ever And and I think

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my position has changed on two very important fronts. One is remember when

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we spoke about scary smart I was still saying that there are things we can do to change the course. Uh and we could at

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the time I believe uh now I've changed my mind. Now I believe that we are going

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to hit a a short-term dystopia. There's no escaping that. What is dystopia?

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I call it face rips. We can talk about it in details but the the the way we define very important parameters in life

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are going to be uh completely changed. So so face rips are you know the way we

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define freedom uh accountability human connection and equality economics uh

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reality innovation and business and power. That's the first change. So the first change in my mind is that uh is

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that we uh will have to prepare for a world that is very unfamiliar. Okay. And

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that's the next 12 to 15 years. It has already started. We've seen examples of it in the world already even though

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people don't talk about it. I try to tell people you know there are things we absolutely have to do. But on the other

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hand I started to take an active role in building amazing AIs. So AIS that will

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uh not only make our world better uh but that will understand us understand what

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humanity is through that process. What is the definition of the word dystopia?

**What Will the Dystopia Look Like?**

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So in my in my mind these are adverse circumstances that unfortunately might

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escalate beyond our control. The problem is the uh there is a lot wrong with the

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um value set with the ethics of humanity at the age of the rise of the machines

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and when you take a technology every technology we've ever created just magnified human abilities. So you know

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you can walk at 5 km an hour you get in a car and you can now go you know 250

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280 m an hour. Okay. uh basically magnifying your mobility if you want you

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know you can use a computer to magnify your u calculation abilities or whatever

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okay and and what AI is going to magnify unfortunately at this time is it's going

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to magnify the evil that man can do and and it is within our hands completely

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completely within our hands to change that but I have to say I don't think humanity has the awareness uh at this

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time to focus on so that we actually use AI to build the

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utopia. So what you're essentially saying is that you now believe there'll be a

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period of dystopia and to define the word dystopia, I've used AI, it says a terrible society where people live under

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fear, control or suffering and then you think we'll come out of that dystopia into a utopia which is defined as a

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perfect or ideal place where everything works well, a good society where people live in peace, health and happiness.

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Correct. And the difference between them, interestingly, is what I normally refer to as the second dilemma, which is the

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po point where we hand over completely to AI. So, a lot of people think that

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when AI is in full control, it's going to be an existential risk for humanity. You know, I have enough uh evidence to

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to argue that when we fully hand over to AI, that's going to be our salvation.

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that the problem with us today is not, you know, that intelligence is going to

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work against us. It's that our stupidity as humans is working against us. And I think the challenges that will come from

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humans being in control uh are going to outweigh the

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the challenges that could come from AI being in control. So, as we're in this dystopia period,

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did you do you forecast the length of that dystopia? Yeah, I count I count it

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exactly as 12 to 15 years. I I believe the beginning of the slope will happen

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in 2027. I mean it we will see signs in 26. We've seen signs in 24 but we will

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see escalating signs next year and then a a clear uh slip in 27.

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Why? The geopolitical environment of our world is not very positive. I mean you

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really have to think deeply about not the not the symptoms but the the reasons

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why we are living the world that we live in here in today is money right and uh

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and money for anyone who knows who really knows money's you and I are

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peasants you know we build businesses we contribute to the world we make things we sell things and so on real money is

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not made there at all real money is made in lending in fractional reserve, right?

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And and you know the biggest lender uh in the world would want reasons to lend

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and those reasons are never as big as war. I mean think about it, huh? Uh the

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world spent $2.71 trillion on war in 2024,

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right? A trillion dollars a year in the US. And when you really think deeply, I

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don't mean to be scary here. You know, weapons have depreciation.

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They depreciate over 10 to 30 years. Most weapons, they lose their value. They lose their value and they

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depreciate in accounting terms on the books of an army. The current arsenal of the US, that's a result of a deep search

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with my AI Trixie. You know the current arsenal I think we we think cost the US

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24 to 26 trillion dollars to build. My conclusion is that a lot of the wars

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that are happening around the world today are a means to get rid of those weapons so that you can have replace

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them. And uh you know when when your morality as an industry is we're

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building weapons to kill then you know you might as well use the weapons to kill.

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Who benefits? the lenders and the industry, but but they can't make the decision to go to war. They they have to rely on

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remember I I said that to you when we I think on on our third podcast. War is

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decided first then the story is manufactured. You you remember 1984 and the Orwellian approach

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of like you know uh freedom is slavery and uh war is peace and they call it uh

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something speak uh basically to to to to convince people that going to war in

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another country to to kill 4.7 million people is freedom. You know we're going

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there to free the Iraqi people. Is war ever freedom? you know, to to

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tell someone that you're going to kill 300,000 women and children is for liberty and

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for the the the you know, for human values. Seriously, how do we ever get to believe

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that the story is manufactured and then we follow and humans because we're gullible uh we cheer up and we say,

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"Yeah, yeah, yeah. We are we're on the right side. They are the bad guys."

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Okay. So, let me let me have a let me have a go at this idea. So, the idea is that really money is driving a lot of

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the conflict we're seeing and it's really going to be driving the dystopia. So, here's an idea. So, I um I was

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reading something the other day and it talked about how billionaires are never satisfied because

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actually what a billionaire wants isn't actually more money. It is more status.

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Correct. And I was looking at the sort of evolutionary case for this argument. And if you go back a couple of thousand

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years, money didn't exist. You were as wealthy as what you could carry. So even I think

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to the human mind, the idea of wealth and money isn't a thing. what we've but what has

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always mattered from a survival of the fittest from a reproductive standpoint what's always had reproductive value if

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you go back thousands of years the person who was able to mate the most was the person with the most status so it

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makes the case the reason why billionaires get all of this money but then they go on podcasts and they want

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to start their own podcast and they want to buy newspapers is actually because at the very core of human beings is a

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desire to increase their status. Yeah. And so if we think of when we going back to the example of why wars are breaking out, maybe it's not money.

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Maybe actually it's status and and it's

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this prime minister or this leader or this, you know, individual wanting to create more power and more status

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because really at the heart of what matters to a human being is having more power and more status. And money is actually money as a thing is actually

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just a proxy of my status. And and what kind of world is that? I mean, it's a [ \_\_ ] up one. all these

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all these powerful men have uh correct are really messing the world up. But so so can can I can I can I

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actually AI is the same because we're in this AI race now where a lot of billionaires are like if I get

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AGI artificial general intelligence first then I basically rule the world 100%. That's exactly the the concept

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what I what I used to call the the the first inevitable now I call the first dilemma and scary smart is that it's

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it's a race that constantly accelerates. You think the next 12 years are going to be AI dystopia where things aren't

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I think the next 12 years are going to be human dystopia using AI humaninduced dystopia using AI

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and you define that by a rise in warfare around the world as the last the last one the RIP the last

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one is basically you're going to have a massive concentration of power and a massive distribution of power okay and

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that basically will mean that those with the maximum concentration of power are going to try to oppress those with with

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democracy of power. Okay, so think about it this way in today's world um unlike

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the past uh you know the Houthis with a drone the

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Houthis are the Yemeni uh tribes basically resisting US power and Israeli

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power in the Red Sea. Okay. They use a drone that is $3,000 worth to attack a

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uh a warship from from the US or an airplane from the US and so on that's worth hundreds of millions. Okay, that

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kind of democracy of power makes those in power worry a lot about where the

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next threat is coming from. Okay, and this happens not only in war but also in economics. Okay, also in innovation,

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also in technology and so on and so forth, right? And so basically what that means is that like you rightly said as

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the the the tech oligarchs are attempting to get to AGI. They want to make sure that as soon as

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they get to AGI that nobody else has AGI and and basically they want to make sure

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that nobody else has the ability to shake their position of privilege if you

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want. Okay. And so you're going to see a world where unfortunately there's going to be a lot of control, a lot of

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surveillance, a lot of um of forced compliance if you want or you lose your

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privilege to be in the world and and it is happening already. With this acronym, I want to make sure

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we get through the whole acronym. So you like dystopians, don't you? I want to do the dystopian thing, then I

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want to do the utopia. Okay. And ideally how we move from dystopia to

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utopia. Mhm. So the the the the F in face R is the loss of freedom as a result of

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that power dichotomy. Right? So you have you have a massive amount of power as

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you can see today in uh one specific army being powered by the US uh funds

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and a lot of money righting against peasants really that have no weapons

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almost at all. Okay. Some of them uh are militarized but the majority of the mill two million

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people are not. Okay. And so there is massive massive power that basically says, you know what, I'm going to oppress as far as I go. Okay. And I'm

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going to do whatever I want because the cheerleaders are going to be quiet, right? Or they're going to cheer or even

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worse. Huh? And so basically in in that what happens is max maximum power

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threatened by a democracy of power leads to a loss of freedom. A loss of freedom for everyone.

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Because how does that impact my freedom? Your freedom. Yeah, very soon uh you will if you publish

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this episode you're going to start to get questions around should you be talking about this those topics in your

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podcast. Okay. Uh you know uh if I uh have been on this episode then probably

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next time I land in the US someone will question me say why do you say those things? Which side are you on? Right?

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and and and and you know you can easily see that everything I mean I I told you

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that before doesn't matter what I try to contribute to the world my bank will cancel my bank account every 6 weeks

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simply because of my ethnicity and my origin right every now and then they'll just stop my my bank account and say we

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need a document my other colleagues of a different color or a different ethnicity don't get asked

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for another document right but but but that's because I come from an ethnicity that is positioned in the world for the

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last 30 40 years as the uh enemy. Okay?

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And and so when you really really think about it, in a world where everything is becoming digital, in a world where

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everything is monitored, in a world where everything is seen, okay, we don't have much freedom anymore. And I'm not

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actually debating that or or I don't see a way to fix that because the AI is going to have more

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information on us, be better at tracking who we are, and therefore that will

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result in certain freedoms being restricted. Is that what you're saying? This is one element of it. Okay. If you push that element further

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in in in in a very short time if you've seen agent for example recently manos or chat GPT there will be a time where you

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know you'll simply not do things yourself anymore. Okay. You'll simply go to your AI and say hey by the way I'm

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going to meet Stephen. Can you please you know book that for me? Great. And and and yeah and it will do absolutely everything. That's great

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until the moment where it decides to do things that are not motivated only by your well-being. Right. Why would he do

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that? Simply because, you know, maybe if I buy a BA ticket instead of an Emirates

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ticket, some agent is going to make more money than other agents and so on, right? Uh and I wouldn't be able to even

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catch it up if I hand over completely to an AI. Uh go go a step further. Huh? Think about a world where everyone

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almost everyone is on UBI. Okay. What's UBI? Universal basic income. I mean, think

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about the economics, the E and face rips. Think about the economics of a world where we're going to start to see

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a trillionaire before 2030. I can guarantee you that someone will be a trillionaire. I'm I'm

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you know I think there are many trillionaires in the world today or there we just don't know who they are. But there will be a new Elon Musk or

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Larry Allison that will become a trillionaire because of AI investments, right? And and that trillionaire will

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have so much money to buy everything. There will be robots and AIs doing

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everything and humans will have no jobs. Mean do you think that's a there's a real

**Job Displacement Due to AI**

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possibility of job displacement over the next 10 years? And the the rebuttal to that would be that there's going to be

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new jobs created in technology. Absolute crap. Really? Of course.

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How how can you be so sure? Okay. So again, I am not sure about anything. So So let's just be very very

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clear. It would be very arrogant. Okay. To assume that I know you just said it was crap.

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My my belief is it is 100% crap. Take a job like software developer.

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Yeah. Okay. Uh Emma would love my my new startup is me, Senad, another technical

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engineer and a lot of AIS. Okay. That startup would have been 350 developers

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in the past. I get that. Um but are you now hiring in other roles because of that or or you

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know as is the case with the steam engine? I can't remember the effect but

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there's you probably know that when steam when coal became cheaper people were worried that the coal industry

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would go out of business but actually what happened is people used more trains so trains now were used for transport

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and other things and leisure whereas before they were just used for commu for um cargo. Yeah. So there became more use

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cases and the coal industry exploded. So I'm wondering with technology, yeah, software developers are going to maybe

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not have as many jobs, but there everything's going to be software. Name me one. Name you one. What job?

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Name you that's going to be created. Yeah. One job that cannot be done by an AI.

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Yeah. Or a robot. My girlfriend's breath work retreat business where she takes groups of women

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around the world. Her company is called Barley Breathwork. And there's going to be a greater demand for connection,

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human connection. Correct. Keep going. So there's going to be more people doing community events in real life festivals.

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I think we're going to see a huge surge in things like everything that has to do with human connection. Yeah, correct. I'm totally in with that. Okay.

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What's the percentage of that versus accountant? It's a much smaller percentage for sure in terms of white collar jobs.

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Now, who does she sell to? People with probably what? probably

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accountants or you know correct she she sells to people who earn money from their jobs.

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Yeah. Okay. So you have two forces happening. One force is there are clear jobs that

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will be replaced. Video editor is going to be replaced. Uh excuse me.

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I love as as a matter of fact podcaster is going to be replaced.

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Thank you for coming on today Mo. It was seeing you again. But but but the truth is a lot so so you

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see the best at any job will remain the best software developer the one that really knows architecture knows

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technology and so on will stay for a while right and you know one of the funniest things I I interviewed Max

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Tedmar and Max was laughing out loud saying CEOs are celebrating that they

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can now get rid of people and have productivity gains and cost reductions because AI can do that job. The one

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thing they don't think of is AI will replace them too. AGI is going to be

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better than at everything than humans at everything including being a CEO. Right?

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And you really have to imagine that there will be a time where most incompetent CEOs will be replaced. Most

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incompetent even breath work. Okay. Eventually there might actually one of

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two things be two things be happening. on one is either uh you know part part

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of that job other than the top breath work instructors, okay, are going you

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know who are going to gather all of the people that can still afford to pay for a breath work you know class

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they're going to be concentrated at the top and a lot of the bottom is not going to be working for one of two reasons.

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One is either there is not enough demand because so many people lost their jobs. So when you're on UBI, you cannot tell

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the government, hey by the way, pay me a bit more for a breath work class. UBI being universal basic income just

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gives you money every month. Correct. And if you really think of freedom and economics, UBI is a very

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interesting place to be because unfortunately I as I said there's absolutely nothing wrong with AI.

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There's a lot wrong with the value set of humanity at the age of the rise of the machines, right? And the biggest

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value set of humanity is capitalism today. And capitalism is all about what? Labor arbitrage.

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What's that mean? I I I hire you to do something. I pay you a dollar. I pay it I sell it for

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two. Okay. And and most people confuse that because they say, "Oh, but the cost of a

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product also includes raw materials and factories and so on and so forth." All of that is built is built by labor,

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right? So, so basically labor goes and mines for the material and then the material is sold for a little bit of

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margin then that material is turned into a machine. It's sold for a little bit of margin then that machine and so on.

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Okay, there's always labor arbitrage in a world where humanity's minds are being

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replaced by uh by AIs, virtual AIs,

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okay, and humanity's power strength within 3 to 5 years time can be replaced

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by a robot, you really have to question how this world looks like. It could be the best

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world ever. And that's what I believe the utopia will look like because we were never made to wake up every morning

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and just, you know, occupy 20 hours of our day with work, right? We're not made

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for that. But we've fit into that uh uh, you know, system so well so far that we

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started to believe it's our life's purpose. But we choose it. We willingly choose it. And if you give someone unlimited

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money, they still tend to go back to work or find something to occupy their time with.

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They find something to occupy their time with, which is usually for so many people is building something. Philanthropy, a

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business%. So you build something. So between Senad and I, Emma. Love is not

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about making money. It's about finding true love relationships. What is that? Sorry, just for context.

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So So you know, it's a business you're building just for the audience context. So, so, so the idea here is I can, it might become a

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unicorn and be worth a billion dollars, but neither I nor Senate are interested, okay? We're doing it because we can,

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okay? And we're doing it because it can make a massive difference to the world. And you have money, though.

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It doesn't take that much money anymore to build anything in the world. This is labor arbitrage.

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But to build something exceptional, it's still going to take a little bit more money than building something bad

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for the next few years. So whoever has the capital to build something exceptional will end up winning. So so this is a very interesting

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understanding of freedom. Okay. This is the reason why we have the AI arms race.

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Okay. Is that the one that owns the platform is going to be making all the

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money and and keeping all the power. Think think of it this way. When humanity started the best hunter in the

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tribe could maybe feed the tribe for three to four more years more days. H

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and as a as a reward, he gained the favor of multiple mates in the tribe.

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That's it. The top farmer in the tribe could feed the tribe for a season more.

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Okay? And as a result, they got estates and you know uh and mansions and so on.

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The best industrialist in the in a in a city could actually employ the whole city, could grow the GDP of their entire

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country. And as a result, they became millionaires. the 1920s. H the best technologists

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now are billionaires. Now what's the difference between them? The tool the

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the hunter only rem depended on their skills and the automation the entire

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automation he had was a spear. The farmer had way more automation. And the

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biggest automation was what? The soil. The soil did most of the work. The factory did most of the work. the the

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network did most of the work. And so that inc incredible expansion of wealth

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and power and as well the the incredible impact that something brings is entirely

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around the tool that automates. So who's going to own the tool? Who's going to own the the the digital soil, the AI

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soil? It's the platform owners. And the platforms you're describing are things like OpenAI, Gemini, Grock. These

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these are interfaces to the platforms. The platforms are all of the uh of the uh um tokens, all of the compute that is

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in the background, all of the uh all of the uh uh methodology, the systems, the algorithms, that's the platform, the AI

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itself. You know, Grock is the interface to it. I think this is probably worth explaining in layman's terms to people

**The AI Monopoly and Self-Evolving Systems**

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that haven't built AI tools yet because I think I think to the listener

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they probably think that every AI company they're hearing of right now is building their own AI whereas actually

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what's happening is there is really five, six, seven AI companies in the

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world and when I built my AI application I basically

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pay them for every time I use their AI. So if Steven Bartlett builds an AI at

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stephvenai.com, it's not that I've built my own underlying I've trained my own model.

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Really what I'm doing is I'm paying Sam Alman's chat GPT. Um every single

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time I do a a call, I basically um I do a search or you know I use a token. And

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I think that's really important because most people don't understand that unless you've built AI, you think, "Oh, look, you know, there's all these AI companies

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popping up. I've got this one for my email. I've got this one for my dating. I've got No, no, no, no, no. They're pretty much I would be I would hazard a

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guess that they're probably all OpenAI at this point. No, there are quite a few quite

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different characters and quite differently, but there's like five or six. There are five or six when it comes to

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language models. Yeah. Right. Uh but interestingly, so yes, I I should say

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yes to start and then I should say but there was an interesting twist with Deepseek at the beginning of the year.

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So what Deepseek did is is they basically uh nullified the business

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model if you want in two ways. one is it was around a week or two after uh you

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know Trump stood you know with pride saying Stargate is the biggest investment project in the history and

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it's $500 billion to build AI infrastructure and soft bank and Larry Allison and and uh Sam Alman were

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sitting and so you know beautiful picture and then DeepSeek R3 comes out

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it does the job for a one over 30 of the cost okay and interestingly is entire

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open source and available as an edge AI. So, so that's really really interesting

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because there could be now in the future as the technology improves the learning

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models will be massive but then you can compress them into something you can have on your phone and you can download

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deepseek literally offline on a um um you know an off the network

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computer and build an AI on it. There's a website that basically tracks the

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um sort of cleanest apples to Apple's market share of all the website referrals sent by AI chat bots and

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chatbt is currently at 79% roughly about 80%. Perplexi is at 11, Microsoft copilot about five, Google Gemini is at

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about two, Claude's about one and Deepseek is about 1%. And really like the the point that I I want to land is

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just that when you hear of a new AI app or tool or this one can make videos, it's built on one of them. It's

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basically built on one of these really three or four AI platforms that's

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controlled really by three or four AI you know billionaire teams and actually

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the one of them that gets to what we call AGI first where the AI gets really really advanced

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one could say is potentially going to rule the world as it relates to technology. Yes. Uh if if they get enough uh head

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start. So, so I actually think that uh

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what I what I'm more concerned about now is not AGI, believe it or not. So, AGI

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in my mind and I said that back in 2023, right? Uh that we will get to AGI. At

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the time I said 2027, now I believe 2026 latest. Okay. The most interesting

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development that nobody's talking about is self-evolving AIS. self evolving AIS is

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think of it this way if you and I are hiring the top engineer in the world to

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develop our AI models and with AGI that top engineer in the world becomes an AI who would you hire

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to develop your next generation AI that AI the one that can teach itself

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correct so one of my favorite examples is called Alpha Evolve so this is Google's attempt to basically have four

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agents working together four AIs working together to look at the at the code of

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the AI and say where is the where are the performance issues then you know an

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agent would say what's the problem statement what can I uh you know what do I need to fix uh one that actually

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develops the solution one that assesses the solution and then they continue to do this and you know I don't remember

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the exact figure but I think Google improved like 8% uh on their AI infrastructure because of alpha evol

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Right? And when you really really think, don't quote me on the number 8 to 10, 6 to 10, whatever in Google terms, by the

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way, that is massive. That's billions and billions of dollars. Now, the the

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the the trick here is this. The trick is again, you have to think in game theory

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format. Is there any scenario we can think of where if one player uses AI to develop

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the next generation AI that the other players will say no no no no no that's too much you know takes us out of

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control every other player will copy that model and have their next AI model developed by an AI.

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Is this what Sam Alman talks about who's the founder of um chatbt/openai when he talks about a fast takeoff? I

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don't know exactly what which what what which you're referring to but we're all talking about a point now that we call

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the intelligence explosion. So, so there is a moment in time where you have to imagine that if AI now is better than

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97% of all code developers in the world and soon we'll be able to look at its

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own code own algorithms by the way they're becoming incredible mathematicians which wasn't the case when we last met if they can develop

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improve their own code improve their own algorithms improve their own uh uh you know uh network architecture or whatever

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you can imagine that very quickly the force applied to developing the next AI is not going to be a human brain

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anymore. It's going to be a much smarter brain and very quickly as humans like basically when when we ran the Google

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infrastructure when the machine said we need another server or a proxy server in that place we followed. we we never

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really you know wanted to to object or verify because you know the code would

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probably know better because there are billions of transactions an hour or a day and so very quickly those

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self-evolving AIs will simply say I need 14 more servers here and we'll just you

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know the team will just go ahead and do it. I watched a video a couple of days ago where he Sam Alman effectively had

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changed his mind because in 2023 which is when we last met he said the aim was

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for um a slow takeoff which is sort of gradual deployment and open AI's 203

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2023 note says a slower takeoff is easier to make safe and they prefer iterative rollouts society can adapt in

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2025 they changed their mind and Sam Alman said He now thinks a fast takeoff is more

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possible than he did a couple of years ago on the order of a small number of years rather than a decade. Um, and it

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to define what we mean by a fast takeoff, it's defined as when AI goes from roughly human level to far beyond

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human very quickly, think months to a few years, faster than governments,

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companies, or society can adapt with little warning, big power shifts, and hard to control. A slow takeoff, by

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contrast, is where capabilities climb gradually over many years with lots of warning shots. Um, and the red flags for

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a fast takeoff is when AI can self-improve, run autonomous research

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and development and scale with massive compute compounding gains which will snowball fast. So, and I think from the

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video that I watched of Sam Orman recently, who again is the founder of Open Air and HBT, he basically says, and

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again I'm paraphrasing here. I will put it on the screen. We have this community knows things so I'll write it on the screen. But he effectively said that

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whoever gets to AGI first will have the technology to develop super intelligence

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where the AI can can rapidly increase its own intelligence and it will basically leave everyone else behind.

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Yes. Uh so that last bit is debatable but but let's just agree that uh so so

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in in a live uh you know one of the posts I I shared and got a lot of interest is I refer to the the altman as

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a brand not as a human. Okay. So the altman is that uh persona of a

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California disruptive technologist that disrespects everyone. Okay. and believes

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that disruption is good for humanity and believes that this is good for safety and like everything else like we say war

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is for democracy and freedom they say uh developing you know putting AI on the

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open internet is good for everyone right it allows us to learn from our mistakes

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that was Sam Alman's 2023 spiel and if you recall at the time I was like this

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is the most dangerous you know one of the clips that really went viral you so you're you're so clever at finding the

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right clips is when I said I didn't I didn't do the clipping mate they're team teams remember the clip where I said we [ \_\_ ] up we always said

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don't put them on the open internet until we know what we're putting out in the world I'm going to be saying that

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yeah we we we [ \_\_ ] up on putting it on the open internet teaching it to to code

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and putting you know agents AI agents prompting other AIs now AI agents

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prompting other AIs are leading to self-developing AIS and and The problem is, of course, we, you know, anyone who

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has been on the inside of this knew that this was just a clever spiel made by a

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PR manager for Sam Alman to sit with his dreamy eyes in front of Congress and

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say, "We want you to regulate us." Now, they're saying, "We're unregulable."

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Okay? And and when you really understand what's happening here, what's happening is it's so fast

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that none of them has the choice to slow down. It's impossible. Neither China

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versus America or OpenAI versus Google. the that the the only thing that I may

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have may see happening that you you know that that may differ a little bit from

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your statement is if one of them gets there first uh then they dominate for

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the rest of humanity that is probably true if they get there first uh with

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within enough buffer. Okay. But the way you look at Grock coming a week after

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open AI, a week after uh you know Gemini, a week after Claude and then Claude comes again and then China

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releases something and then Korea releases some something. It is so fast that we may get a few of them at the

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same time or a few months apart. Okay, before one of them has enough power to

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become dominant. And that is a very interesting scenario. multiple AIs, all super intelligent.

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It's funny, you know, I I I got asked yesterday, I was in I was in Belgium on stage. There was, I don't know, maybe

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4,000 people in the audience and a kid stood up and he was like, um, you've had a lot of conversations in the last year

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about AI. Like, why do you care? And I don't think people realize how,

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even though I've had so many conversations on this podcast about AI, you haven't made up your mind. I I I have more questions than ever.

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I know. And it's and it doesn't seem that anyone can satiate. Anyone that tells you they can predict

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the future is arrogant. Yeah. It is. It's never moved so fast. It's nothing like nothing I've ever

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seen. And you know, by the time that we leave this conversation and I go to my computer, there's going to be some

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incredible new technology or application of AI that didn't exist when I woke up this morning. That creates probably

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another paradigm shift in my brain. Also, you know, I people have different opinions of Elon Musk and they're they're entitled to their own opinion,

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but the other day, only a couple of days ago, he did a tweet where he said, "At times, AI existential dread is

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overwhelming." And on the same day, he tweeted, "I resisted AI for too long,

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living in denial. Now it is game on." And he tagged his AI companies. I don't

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know what to make of I don't know what to make of those tweets. I don't know. And you know, I

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I try really hard to figure out if someone like Sam Wman has the best

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interests of society at heart. No. Or if these people are just like

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I'm saying that publicly. No. As a matter of fact, so I know Sundur

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Pachai. I work CEO of Alphabet, Google's parent company. an amazing human being

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on in all honesty. I know Dennis Hassab is amazing human being. Okay. Uh you

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know these are are ethical incredible uh humans at heart. They have no choice.

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Uh Sund by law is uh demanded to take care of his his

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shareholder value. That's that is his job. But Sund you said you know him. You used

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to work at Google. Yeah. He's not going to do anything that he thinks is going to harm humanity. But if if he does not continue to

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advance AI, that by definition uh uh uh contradicts his responsibility as the

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CEO of a publicly traded company, he is liable by law to continue to advance the

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agenda. There's absolutely no doubt about it. Now, so but but he's a good person at heart. Deis is a good person

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at heart. So they're trying so hard to make it safe. Okay? As much as they can.

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Reality however is the the the disruptor the altman as a brand doesn't care that

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much. How do you know that? In reality the disruptor is someone that comes in with the objective of I don't

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like the status quo. I have a different approach. And that different approach if you just look at the story was we are a

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nonforprofit that is funded mostly by Elon Musk money. It's not entirely by

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Elon Musk money. So context for people that might not understand Open AI. The reason I always give context is funnily

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enough I I think I told you this last time. I went to a prison where they play the D of CEO. No way. So they play the D of CO and I think

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it's 50 prisons in the UK to young offenders and no violence there. Well, I don't know. I can't I can't I

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can't tell you whether violence has gone up or down. But I was in the cell with one of the prisoners, a young a young black guy, and I was in his cell for for

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a little while. I was reading through his business plan, etc. And I said, "You know what? You need to listen to this conversation that I did with Mo Gordat."

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So I he has a little screen in his cell. So I pulled it up, you know, our first conversation. I said, "You should listen to that one." And he said to me, he

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said, "I can't listen to that one cuz you guys use big words." So ever since that day, which was about

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I noticed that about days four years ago, sorry. I've always whenever I hear a big word,

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I think about this kid. Yeah. And I say like give context. So even with the you're about to explain what

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Open AI is, I know he won't know what Open AI's origin story was. That's why I'm I think that's a wonderful practice in

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general. By the way, even, you know, being a non native English speaker, you'll be amazed how often a word is

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said to me and I I'm like, yeah, don't know what that means. So, like I've actually never said this publicly before, but I now see it as my

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responsibility to be to to keep the draw the drawbridge

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to accessibility of these conversations down for him. So, whenever I whenever

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there's a word that at some point in my life I didn't know what it meant, I will go back. I was like, what does that mean? I think that I've noticed

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that in the you know more and more in your podcast and I really appreciate and we also show it on the screen sometimes.

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I I think that's wonderful. I mean the the the origin story of open AI is as the name suggests it's open source. It's

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for the public good. It was an in you know intended in Elon Musk's words to

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save the world from the dangers of AI right so they were doing research on that and then you know there was the

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disagreement between Sam Alman and and Elon somehow Elon ends up being out of

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uh of uh of open AI. I think there was a moment in time where he tried to take it back and you know the board rejected it

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or some something like that. most of the uh top um safety engineers, the top

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technical teams in open AI left in 2023 2024 openly saying we're not concerned

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with safety anymore. It moves from being a nonforprofit to being one of the most valued companies in the world. There are

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billions of dollars at stake, right? And if you if you tell me that Sam Altman is

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out there trying to help humanity, let's let's suggest to him and say, "Hey, do

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you want to do that for free? We'll pay you a very good salary, but you don't have stocks in this. Saving humanity

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doesn't come at the billion dollar valuation or of course now tens of billions or hundreds of billions." And

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and and see truly that is when you know that someone is doing it for the good of

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humanity. Now the the capitalist system we've built is not built for the good of humanity. It's built for the good of the

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capitalist. Well, he might say that releasing the model publicly, open sourcing it is too

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risky because then bad actors around the world would have access to that technology. So

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he might say that closing open AI in terms of not making it publicly viewable

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is the right thing to do for safety. We go back to gullible cheer leaders, right? One of the interesting tricks is

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of lying in our world is everyone will say what helps their agenda. Follow the

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money. Okay, you follow the money and you find that you know at a point in time Samman himself was saying it's open

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AI. Okay, my benefit at the time is to give it to the world so that the world

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looks at it. They know the code if there is if there are any bugs and so on. True statement. Also a true statement is if I

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put it out there in the world, a criminal might take that model and build something that's against humanity as a

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result. Also true statement. Capitalists will choose which one of the truths to say, right? Based on which part of the

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agenda, which part of their life today they want to serve, right? Someone will

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say, uh, you know, do I do you want me to be controversial? Let's not go there. But if we go back to

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war, I'll give you 400 slogans. 400 slogans that we all hear that change

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based on the day and the army and the location and the they're all slogans.

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None of them is true. You want to know the truth. You follow the money, not what the person is saying, but ask

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yourself why is the person saying that? What's in it for the person speaking?

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And what do you think's in it for Chachi Samman? hundreds of billions of dollars

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of of of valuation. And do you think it's that power? The ego of being the person that

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invented AGI, the position of power that this gives you, the meetings with all of

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the heads of states, the admiration that gets it, it is intoxicating

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100% 100%. Okay. And and the real question, this is

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a question I ask everyone. Did you see you didn't you're every time I ask you you say you didn't. Did you see the

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movie Elysium? No. You'd be surprised how little movie watching I do. You'd be shocked. There are some movies that are very

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interesting. I use them to to create an emotional attachment to a story that you haven't seen yet because you may have

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seen it in a movie. Okay. Elissium is a is a society where the elites are living on the moon. Okay. They don't need

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peasants to do the work anymore and everyone else is living down here. Okay.

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You have to imagine that if again game theory you have to im you know picture

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something to infinity to its extreme and see where it goes and the extreme of a world where all manufactured is done

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manufacturing is done by machines where all decisions are made by machines and those machines are owned by a few

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is not an economy similar to the to today to the to today's economy

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that today's economy is an economy of consumerism and and product and

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production. You know, it's the it's the in in alive I call it the invention of

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more. The invention of more is that post World War II as the factories were

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rolling out things and prosperity was happening everywhere in America. There was a time where every family had enough

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of everything. But for the capitalist to continue to be profitable, they needed to convince you

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that what you had was not enough. either by making it obsolete like fashion or like you know a new shape of a car or

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whatever or by convincing you that there are more things in life that you need so that you become complete without those

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things you don't and and that invention of more gets us to where we are today an

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economy that's based on production consumed and if you look at the US

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economy today 62% of the US economy GDP is consumption it's not production okay

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Now, this requires that the consumers have enough purchasing power to to buy

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what is produced. And I believe that this will be an economy that will take us hopefully in the next 10, 15, 20

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years and forever. But that's not guaranteed. Why? Because on one side if UBI replaces purchasing power. So if

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people have to get an income from the government which is basically taxes

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collected from those using AI and robots to to make things the then the the mindset of capitalism

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labor arbitrage means those people are not producing anything and they're costing me money. Why don't we pay them

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less and less and maybe even not pay them at all? And that becomes illissium where you basically say, you know, we

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sit somewhere protected from everyone. We have the machines do all of our work

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and those need to worry about themselves. We're not going to pay them UBI anymore, right? And and you have to

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imagine this idea of UBI assumes this very democratic caring society.

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UBI in itself is communism. Think of the ideology between at least

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socialism. The ideology of giving everyone what they need. That's not the capitalist

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democratic society that the west advocates. So those transitions are massive in magnitude.

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And for those transitions to happen, I believe the right thing to do when the

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cost of producing everything is almost zero because of AI and robots.

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because the cost of harvesting energy should actually tend to zero once we get more intelligent to harvest the energy

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out of thin air. Then a possible scenario and and I believe a scenario

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that AI will eventually do in the utopia is yeah anyone can get anything they

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want. Don't over consume. We're not going to abuse the the planet resources but it costs nothing. So like the old

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days where we were hunter gatherers, you would, you know, forge for some berries and you'll find them ready in in nature.

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Okay, we can in 10 years time, 12 years time build a society where you can forge

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for an iPhone in nature. It will be made out of thin air. Nanopysics will allow you to do that. Okay? But the challenge,

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believe it or not, is not tech. The challenge is a mindset. Because the elite, why would they give you that for

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free? Okay. And the system would morph into, no, no, hold on. We will make more

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money. We will be bigger capitalists. We will feed our ego and hunger for power more and more. And for them, give them

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UBI and then 3 weeks later give them less UBI. Aren't there going to be lots of new

**Will New Jobs Be Created?**

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jobs created though? Because when we think about the other revolutions over time, whether it was the industrial

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revolution or other sort of big technological revolutions, in the moment we forecasted that

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everyone was going to lose their jobs, but we couldn't see all the new jobs that were being created because the the the machines

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replaced the human strength at a point in time. And very few places in the west today will have a worker carry things on

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their back and carry it upstairs. The machine does that work. Correct. Yeah. Uh similarly

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AI is going to replace the brain of a human. And when the west in its

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interesting uh virtual colonies that I call it uh basically outsourced all

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labor to the to the developing nations. What the West publicly said at the time

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is we're we're going to be a services economy. We we're we're not interested in making things and stitching things

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and so on. Let the Indians and Chinese and you know Bengali and Vietnamese do

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that. We're going to do more refined jobs. Knowledge workers. We're going to call them. Knowledge workers are people

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who work with information and click on a keyboard and move a mouse and you know sit in meetings and all we produce in

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the western societies is what words right or designs maybe sometimes but

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everything we produce can be produced by an AI.

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So if I give you an AI tomorrow h where I give you a piece of land, I give the

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AI a piece of land and I say here are the parameters of my land. Here is its location on Google maps. Design an

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architecturally sound villa for me. I care about a lot of light and I need three bedrooms. I want my bathrooms to

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be in white marble, whatever. And the AI produces it like that. How often will you go to an to an architect and say

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right so what will the architect do the best of the best of the architects will

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either use AI to produce that or you will consult with them and say hey you know I've seen this and they'll say it's

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really pretty but it wouldn't feel right for the person that you are yeah those jobs will remain but how many of them

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will remain how how often do you think uh how many

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more years. Do you think I will be able to create a book that is smarter than AI?

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Not many. I will still be able to connect to a human. You're not going to hug an AI when you meet them like you

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hug me, right? But that's not enough of a job.

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So why do I say that? Remember I asked you at the beginning of the podcast to remind me of solutions. Why do I say

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that? Because there are ideological shifts and and concrete actions that

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need to be taken by governments today rather than waiting until COVID is already everywhere and then locking

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everyone down. Governments could have reacted before the first patient or at least at patient zero or at least at

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patient 50. They didn't. H what I'm trying to say is there is no doubt that

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lots of jobs will be lost. There's no doubt that there will be sectors of society where 10 20 30 40 50% of all

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developers, all software uh you know all graphic designers, all um uh uh u online

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marketers, all all all assistances are going to be out of a job. So are we

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prepared as a society to do that? Can we tell our governments there is an ideological shift? This is very close to

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social socialism and and communism. Okay. And are we ready from a budget

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point of view instead of spending a a trillion dollars a year on on arms and

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and explosives and you know autonomous weapons that will oppress people because

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we can't feed them? Can we please shift that? I did those numbers. Huh. Uh again

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I I go back to military spending because it's all around us. 2.71 trillion. 2.4

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to2.7 is the estimate of 2024. how much money we're spending on military on Yeah. on military equipment on things

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that we're going to explode into smoke and death. Extreme poverty worldwide.

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Extreme poverty is people that are below the poverty line. Extreme poverty everywhere in the world could end for 10

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to 12% of that budget. So if we replace our military spending 10% of that to go

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to people who are in extreme poverty, nobody will be poor in the world. Okay. You can end uh world hunger for less

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than 4%. Nobody would be hungry in the world. You know, if you take uh again 10

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to 12% universal healthcare, every human being on the planet would have free

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healthcare for 10 to 12% on what we're spending on war. Now, why why do I say

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this when we're talking about AI? Because that's a simple decision. If we stop fighting

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because money itself does not have the same meaning anymore because the economics of money is going to change

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because the entire meaning of capitalism is ending because there is no more need for labor arbitrage because AI is doing

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everything just with the $2.4 trillion we save in

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explosives every year in arms and weapons just for that universal

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healthcare and extreme poverty. You could actually one of the calculations is you could end climate or combat

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climate climate change meaningfully for 100% of the military budget.

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But I I'm not even sure it's really about the money. I think money is a measurement stick of power. Right.

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Exactly. It's printed on demand. So even in a world where we have super intelligence and money is no longer a

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problem. Correct. I still think power is going to be

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insatiable for so many people. So there will still be war because you know there will be in my view

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the strongest I want the strongest AI. I don't want my and I don't and I don't want you know what Harry Henry Kissinger called them

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the eaters. The eaters. Yeah. Brutal as that sounds.

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What is that? The people at the bottom of the socioeconomic that don't produce but consume.

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So if you had a Henry Kissinger at the at the helm and we have so many of them,

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what would they think like why why prominent military figure in the US

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history? Uh you know what why would we feed 350 million Americans America will

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think but more interestingly why do we even care about Bangladesh anymore if we

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can't make our textiles there or we don't want to make our textile there. Do you you know I imagine throughout human

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history if we had podcasts conversations would would have been warning of a

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dystopia around the corner. You know when they heard of technology and the internet they would have said oh we're finished and when the the tractor came

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along they would have said oh god we're finished because we're not going to be able to farm anymore. So is this not just another one of those moments where

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we couldn't see around the corner so we we forecasted unfortunate things. You

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could be. I I am I'm begging that I'm wrong. Okay. I'm just asking if there

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are scenarios that you think that can provide that. You know, uh uh Mustafa Sulleman in in uh you hosted him here. I

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did. Yeah. He was in the coming wave. Yeah. And he speaks about uh about pessimism

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aversion. Okay. that all of us people who are supposed to be in technology and

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business and so on, we're always supposed to, you know, stand on stage and say the future's going to be amazing. You know, this technology I'm

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building is going to make everything better. One of my posts in life was called the broken promises. How often

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did that happen? Okay. How often did social media connect us? And how many and how often did it

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make us more lonely? How how often did mobile phones make us work less? That

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was the promise. That was the promise. The promise. The early ads of Nokia were

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people at parties. Is that your experience of mobile phones? And and I

**What Do We Do in This New World?**

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think the whole idea is we should hope there will be other roles for humanity. By the way, those roles would resemble

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the times where we were hunter gatherers, just a lot more technology and a lot more safety.

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Okay. So, this is this sounds good. Yeah, this is exciting. So, I'm gonna I'm gonna get to go outside more, be with my

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friends more, 100%. Fantastic. And do absolutely nothing. Well, that doesn't sound fantastic.

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No, it does. Do be forced to do absolutely nothing. For some people, it's amazing. For you and I, we're going

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to find the little carpentry project and just do something. Speak for yourself. I'm still People are still going to tune in. Okay.

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Correct. Yeah. But what? And people are going to to tune in. Do you think they will? I'm not I'm not I'm not convinced they will. And for for

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as long will you guys tune in? Are you guys still going to tune in? I can let them answer. I believe for as

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long as you make their life enriched, but can an AI do that better

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without the human connection? Comment below. Are you going to listen to an AI or the Davosio? Let me know in the comment section below.

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Remember, as incredibly intelligent as you are, Steve, uh there will be a

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moment in time where you're going to sound really dumb compared to an AI. and and and I will sound completely dumb.

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Yeah. Yeah. The the depth the depth of analysis and and gold nuggets. I mean, can you

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imagine two super intelligences deciding to get together and explain um string

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theory to us? They'll do better than any physic physicist in the world because they

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possess the physics knowledge and they also pro possess social and language knowledge that most deep physicists

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don't. I think B2B marketeteers keep making this mistake. They're chasing

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volume instead of quality. And when you try to be seen by more people instead of the right people, all you're doing is

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making noise. But that noise rarely shifts the needle and it's often quite expensive. And I know as there was the

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time in my career where I kept making this mistake that many of you will be making it too. Eventually I started

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posting ads on our show sponsors platform LinkedIn. And that's when things started to change. I put that

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change down to a few critical things. One of them being that LinkedIn was then and still is today the platform where

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decision makers go to not only to think and learn but also to buy. And when you market your business there, you're

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putting it right in front of people who actually have the power to say yes. and you can target them by job title,

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industry, and company size. It's simply a sharper way to spend your marketing budget. And if you haven't tried it, how

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about this? Give LinkedIn ads a try, and I'm going to give you a $100 ad credit to get you started. If you visit

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linkedin.com/diary, you can claim that right now. That's linkedin.com/diary.

**Will We Prefer AI Over Humans in Certain Jobs?**

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I've I've really gone back and forward on this idea that even in podcasting that all the podcasts will be AI

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podcasts or I've gone back and forward on it and and where I landed at the end of the day was that there'll still be a

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category of media where you do want lived experience on something

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100%. For example, like you want to know how the person that you follow and admire dealt with their divorce.

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Yeah. Or or how they're struggling with AI, for example. Yeah. Exactly. But I but I think things like news, there are there

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are certain situations where just like straight news and straight facts and maybe a walk through history may be

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eroded away by AIS. But even in those scenarios, you there's something about

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personality. And again, I I hesitate here because I question myself. I'm not in the camp of people that are romantic,

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by the way. I'm like I'm trying to be as as orientated towards whatever is true,

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even if it's against my interests. And I hope people understand that about me. like um cuz even in my companies we

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experiment with like disrupting me with AI and some people will be aware of those experiments because there will be a mix of all there

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you can't imagine that the world will be completely just AI and completely just podcasters you know you'll see a mix of

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of both you'll see things that they do better things that we do better the the the message I'm trying to say is

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we need to prep for that we need to be ready for that we need to be ready by you know talking to our

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governments and saying hey it looks like I'm a a parallegal and it looks like all

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parallegals are going to be, you know, financial researchers or analysts or

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graphic designers or, you know, call center agents. It looks like half of those jobs are being replaced already.

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You know who Jeffrey Hinton is? Oh, Jeffrey. I I had him on the documentary as well. I love Jeffrey.

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Jeffrey Hinton told me trained to be a plumber. Really? Yeah. 100% for a while.

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And I I thought he was joking. 100%. So I asked him again and he he looked me dead in the eye and told me that I I

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should train to be a plumber. 100%. So so so uh it's funny uh machines

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replaced labor but we still had blue collar. Then uh you know the refined

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jobs became white collar information workers. What's the refined jobs? You know you don't have to really carry

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heavy stuff or deal with physical work. You know you sit in an in an office and sit in meetings all day and blabber, you

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know, useless [ \_\_ ] then that's your job. Okay? And those jobs, funny enough,

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in the reverse of that, because robotics are not ready yet. Okay. And I believe

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they're not ready because of a stubbornness on the on the robotics community around making them humanoids.

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Mhm. Okay. Because it takes so much to perfect a human like action at proper

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speed. You could, you know, have many more robots that don't look like a human just like a self-driving car in

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California. Okay, that that does already replace drivers and and you know but but

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they're delayed. So the robotic the the replacement of physical manual labor is

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going to take four to five years before it's possible at you know at at the

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quality of the AI replacing mental labor now and when that happens it's going to

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take a long cycle to manufacture enough robots so that they replace all of those jobs. that cycle will take longer. Blue

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collar will stay longer. So, I should move into blue collar and shut down my office. I think you're you're not the problem.

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Okay, good. Let's put put it this way. There are many people that we should care about

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that are a simple travel agent or an assistant that will see if not replacement a

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reduction in the number of pings they're getting. Simple as that.

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And someone in, you know, ministries of labor around the world needs to sit down

**From Augmented Intelligence to AI Replacement**

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and say, "What are we going to do about that? What if all taxi drivers and Uber

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drivers in uh in California get replaced by self-driving cars? Should we start

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thinking about that now, noticing that that trajectory makes it look like a

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possibility?" I'm going to go back to this argument which is what a lot of people will be shouting. Yes, but there

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will be new jobs or and I as I said other than human connection jobs, name me one.

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So I I've got three assistants, right? Sophie, Liam B. And okay, in the near

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term there might be, you know, with AI agents, I might not need them to help me book flights anymore. or I might not

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need them to help do scheduling anymore. Or even I've been messing around with this new AI tool that my friend built

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and you basically when me and you trying to schedule something like this today, I just copy the AI in and it looks at your calendar looks at mine and schedules it

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for for us. So there might not be scheduling needs, but my dog is sick at the moment. And as I left this morning,

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I was like, damn, he's like really sick and I've taken him to the vet over and over again. I really need someone to look after him and figure out what's

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wrong with him. So those kinds of responsibilities of like care. I don't

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disagree at all. Again, all and and I I won't I'm not going to be I

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don't know how to say this in a nice way, but my assistants will still have their jobs, but I I as a CEO will be

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asking them to do a different type of work. Correct. So, so, so this is the calculation everyone needs to be aware

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of that a lot of their current responsibility, whoever you are, if you're a parallegal, if you're whatever,

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will be handed over. So, so let me explain it even more accurately. There

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will be two stages of our interactions with the machines. One is what I call the era of augmented intelligence. So,

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it's human intelligence augmented with AI doing the job. And then the following one is what I call the era of machine

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mastery. The job is done completely by an AI without a human in the loop. Okay.

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So in the era of augmented intelligence, your assistances will augment themselves

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with an AI to either be more productive. Yeah. Okay. Or interestingly to reduce the

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number of tasks that they need to do. Correct. Now the more the number of

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tasks get reduced, the more they'll have the bandwidth and ability to do tasks like take care of your dog, right? or

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tasks that you know basically is about meeting your guests or whatever human connection. Yeah.

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Life connection but do you think you need three for that

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or maybe now that some tasks have been you know outsourced to AI will you need two? You can easily calculate that from

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call center agents. So from call center agents they're not firing everyone but

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they're taking the first part of the funnel and giving it to an AI. So instead of having 2,000 agents in a in a

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call center, they can now do the job with 1,800. I'm just making that number up. H society needs to think about the

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200. And you're telling me that they won't move into other roles somewhere else. I am telling you I don't know what those

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roles are. Well, I think we should all be musicians. We should all be authors. We should all be artists. We should all be

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entertainers. We should all be comedians. We should all these are roles that will remain.

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We should all be plumbers for the next 5 to 10 years. Fantastic. Okay. But even

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that requires society to morph and societyy's not talking about it.

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Okay. I had this wonderful interview with friends of mine, Peter Dendez and and some of our friends and and they

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were saying, "Oh, you know, the American people are resilient. They're going to be entrepreneurs." I was like,

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seriously, you're expecting a truck driver that will be replaced by an autonomous truck to become an

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entrepreneur? Like, please put yourself in the shoes of real people,

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right? You expect a single mother who has three jobs

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to become an entrepreneur. And I'm not saying this is a dystopia.

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It's a dystopia if humanity manages it badly. Why? Because this could be the utopia itself where that single mother

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does not need three jobs. Okay? If we of if of our society was

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just enough, that single mother should have never needed three jobs,

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right? But the problem is our capitalist mindset is labor arbitrage. Is that I

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don't care what she goes through. You know, if if you're if you're generous in your assumption, you'll say

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because, you know, of what I've been given, I've been blessed. or if you're mean in your assumption, it's going to

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be because she's an eater. I'm a a successful businessman. The world is

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supposed to be fair. I work hard. I make money. We don't care about them. Are we asking of ourselves here

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something that is not inherent in the human condition? What I mean by that is

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the reason why me and you are in this my office here. We're on the fourth or

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third floor of my office in central London. big office, 25,000 square feet with lights and internet connections and

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Wi-Fi and modems and AI teams downstairs. The reason that all of this exists is because something inherent in

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my ancestors meant that they built and accomplished and grew and that was like

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inherent in their DNA. There was something in their DNA that said we will expand and conquer and accomplish. So

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that's they've passed that to us because we're their offspring and that's why we find ourselves in these skyscrapers. There is truth to that story. It's not

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your ancestors, right? What is it? It's the media brainwashing you

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really 100%. But if if you look back before times of media Mhm. the reason why homo sapiens were so

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successful was because they were able to dominate other tribes through banding together and communication. They conquered all these

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other these other um whatever came before homo sapiens.

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Yeah. So, so the the reason humans were successful in my view is because they could form a tribe to start. It's not

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because of our intelligence. I always joke and say Einstein would be eaten in the jungle in 2 minutes.

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Right? You know, the reason why we succeeded is because Einstein could partner with a a big guy that protected

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him while he was working on relativity in the jungle. Right? Now the the the

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further than that. So so you have to assume that life is a very funny game because it provides

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and then it it deprivives and then it provides and then it deprivives. And for

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some of us in that stage of deprivation we try to say okay let's take the other

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guys you know let's just go to the other tribe take what they have or for some of

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us unfortunately we tend to believe okay you know what I'm powerful uh f the rest

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of you I'm just going to be the boss now it's interesting that you

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you know position this as the condition of humanity if you really look at the majority of humans. What do the majority

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of humans want? Be honest. They want to hug their kids. They want a good meal. Want good sex.

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They want love. They want, you know, to for most humans, don't measure on you

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and I. Okay? Don't measure by this foolish person that's dedicated the rest

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of his life to to try and warn the world around AI or, you know, solve uh love

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and relationships. That's that's crazy. That's I and I will tell you openly and

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you met Hannah, my wonderful wife. It's the biggest title of this year for me is

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which of that am I actually responsible for? Which of that should I do without

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the sense of responsibility? Which of that should I do because I can? Which of I ignore completely? But the reality is

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most humans, they just want to hug their loved ones. Okay? And if we could give them that

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without the uh you know the the need to work 20 you know 60 hours a week they

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would take that for sure. Okay. And you and I will think ah but life will be

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very boring. To them life will be completely fulfilling. Go to Latin America.

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Go to Latin America and see the people that go work enough to earn enough to eat today and go dance for the whole

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night. Go to Africa. where people are sitting literally on you know sidewalks in the street and and

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you know completely full of laughter and joy. We we were lied to the the gullible

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majority the cheerleaders. We were lied to to to believe that we need to fit as

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another gear in that system. But if that system didn't exist nobody none of us

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will go wake up in the morning and go like oh I want to create it. Totally not. I mean,

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you've touched on it many times today. We don't need, you know, most people

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that build those things don't need the money. So, why do they do it though? Because

**A Society Where No One Works?**

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homo sapiens were incredible competitors. They outco competed other

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human species effectively. So, I'm what I'm saying is is is that competition not inherent in our in our wiring? and and

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therefore are we are we is it wishful thinking to think that we could potentially pause and say we we okay

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this is it we have enough now and we're going to focus on just enjoying in my work I call

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that the map mad spectrum okay mut mutually assured prosperity versus

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mutually assured destruction destruction okay and you really have to start

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thinking about about this because in my mind what we have is the potential for everyone. I mean you and I today have a

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better life than the queen of England 100 years ago. Correct? Everybody knows

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that. Uh and yet that quality of life is not good enough.

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The truth is like just like you walk into a an electronic shop and there are

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60 TVs and you look at them and you go like this one is better than that one. Right? But in reality, if you take any

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of them home, it's superior quality to anything that you'll ever need. More than anything you you'll ever need. That

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that's the truth of our life today. The truth of our life today is that there isn't much more missing.

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No. Okay. And and when when you know Californians tell us, "Oh, but AI is

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going to increase productivity and solve this." And nobody asked you for that. Honestly, I never elected you to decide

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on my behalf that, you know, getting a machine to answer me on a call center is better for me. I really didn't. Okay?

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And and because those unelected individuals are making all the decisions, they're selling those

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decisions to us through what media. Okay? All lies from A to Z. None of it

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is what you need. And and interestingly, you know me, I I this year I failed. Unfortunately, I

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won't be able to do it. But I normally do a 40 days silent retreat in nature. Okay? And you know what? Even as I go to

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those nature places, I'm so well trained that unless I have a a waitro nearby,

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I'm not able to like I I'm I'm in nature, but I need to be able to drive 20 minutes to get my rice cakes. Like

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what? What? who was taught me that this

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is the way to live. All of the media around me, all of the of the of the

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messages that I get all the time, try to sit back and say, "What if life had

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everything? What if I had everything I needed? I could read. I could uh, you know, do my

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handcrafts and hobbies. I could, you know, fix my, you know, restore classic

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cars. Not because I need the money, but because it's just a beautiful hobby. I could, you know, uh, build AIS to help

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people with their long-term committed relationships, but really price it for free. What if

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What if would you still insist on making money?

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I think no. I think a few of us will still and they will still crush the rest of us and hopefully soon the AI will

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crush them. Right? That is the problem with your world today. I will tell you hands down

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the problem with with our world today is the A in face rips.

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It's the A in face RIP. It's it's accountability. The problem with our world today, as I said, the top is lying

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all the time. The bottom is gullible cheerleaders and there is no accountability. You cannot hold anyone

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in our world accountable today. Okay? You cannot hold someone that develops an

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AI that has the power to completely flip our world upside down. You cannot hold

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them accountable and say why did you do this? You cannot hold them accountable and tell them to stop doing this. You

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look at the world the wars around the world. Million hundreds of thousands of people are dying. Okay. And you know and

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international court of justice will say oh this is war crimes. You can't hold anyone accountable. Okay. You have 51%

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of the US today is saying stop that 51% change their their their lawy their

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view that that their money shouldn't be spent on wars abroad. Okay. You can't

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hold anyone accountable. Trump can do whatever he wants. He starts tariffs which is against the the constitution of

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the US without consulting with the Congress. You can't hold him accountable. They say they're not going to show the Epstein files. You can't

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hold them accountable. It's quite interesting in in Arabic we have that proverb that says the highest of your

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horses you can go and ride. I'm not going to change my mind. Okay. And that's truly what does that mean?

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So basically people in the in the old Arabia they would ride the horse to you

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know to exert their power if you want. So go ride your highest horse. You're not going to change my mind.

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Oh okay. Right. And and the truth is that's I think that's what our politicians today

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have discovered. What our oligarchs have discovered what our uh

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tech oligarchs have discovered is that I don't even need to worry about the public opinion anymore. Okay, at the

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beginning I would have to say ah this is for democracy and freedom and I have the right to defend myself and you know all

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of that crap and then eventually when the world wakes up and says no no hold on hold on you're going too far they go

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like yeah go ride your highest horse I don't care you can't change me there is

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no constitution there is no ability for any any citizen to do anything is it possible to have a society where

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like the one you describe where there isn't hierarchies because it

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appears to me that humans assemble hierarchies very very quickly

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very naturally and the minute you have a hierarchy you have many of the problems that you've described where there's a

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top and a bottom and the top have a lot of power and the bottom so so the mathematics mathematically is

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actually quite interesting what I call the uh the baseline relevance so so

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think of it this way say the average human is an IQ of 100. Yeah.

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Okay. I tend to believe that when I use my AIS today, I borrow around 50 to 80 IQ points. I

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say that because I've worked with people that had 50 to 80 IQ points more than me. And I now can see that I can sort of

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stand my my place. 50 50 IQ points, by the way, is enormous

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because IQ is exponential. So the the last 50 are bigger than my entire IQ,

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right? If I borrow 50 IQ points on top of say 100 that I have, that's 30%.

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If I can borrow 100 IQ, that's 50%. That that's so, you know, basically doubling

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my intelligence. But if I can borrow 4,000 IQ points

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in 3 years time, my IQ itself, my base is irrelevant. Whether you are smarter

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than me by 20 or 30 or 50 which in our world today made a difference

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in the future if we can all augment with 4,000 I end up with 4,100 another ends

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up with 400 4, you know 130 really doesn't make much difference. Okay. And

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because of that the difference between all of humanity and the augmented

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intelligence is going to be irrelevant. So all of us suddenly become equal and and this also

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happens economically. All of us become peasants. And I never wanted to tell you that

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because I think it will make you run faster. Okay? But unless you're in the top.1%,

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you're a peasant. There is no middle class. There is, you know, if a CEO can

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be replaced by an AI, all of our middle class is going to disappear.

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What are you telling me? All of us will be equal and it's up to

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all of us to create the society that we want to live in which is a good thing 100%. But that society is not

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capitalism. What is it? Unfortunately, it's much more socialism. It's much more hunter gatherer. Okay.

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It's much more communionike if you want. This is a society where humans connect

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to humans, connect to nature, connect to the land, connect to knowledge, connect to spirituality. H where all that we

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wake up every morning worried about doesn't feature anymore

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and it's a it's a better world believe it or not and are you we have to transition to it

**If Jobs No Longer Exist, What Will We Do?**

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okay so in such a world which I guess is your version of the utopia that we can get to when I wake up in the morning

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what do I do what do you do today I woke up this morning I spent a lot of time with my dog cuz my dog is sick as

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you're going to do that too yeah I was stroking him a lot and then I fed him and he sick again and I just thought, "Oh god." So I spoke to the

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vet. You spend a lot of time with your other dog. You can do that, too. Okay. Right. But then I was very excited to come

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here, do this, and after this I'm going to work. It's Saturday, but I'm going to go downstairs in the office and work. Yeah. So six hours of the day so far are

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your dogs and me. Yeah. Good. You can do that still. And then build my business.

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You You may not need to build your business, but I enjoy it. Yeah. Then do it. If you enjoy it, do

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it. You may wake up and then, you know, instead of building your business, you may invest in your body a little more,

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go to the gym a little more, go play a game, go read a book, go prompt an AI

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and learn something. It's not a horrible life. It's the life of your grandparents.

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It's just two generations ago where people went to work before the invention

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of more. Remember, huh? people who who started working in the 50s and 60s, they

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worked to make enough money to live a reasonable life, went home at 5:00 p. p.m. had tea with their with their loved

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ones, had a wonderful dinner around the table, did a lot of things, you know, uh for the rest of the evening and enjoyed

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life. Some of them in the 50s and 60s, there were still people that were correct. And I think it's a very

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interesting question. uh how many of them and I really really

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am I actually wonder if people will tell me do we think that 99% of the world

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cannot live without working or that 99% of the world would happily live without working

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what do you think I think if we if you give me other purpose

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you know we we defined our purpose as work that's a capitalist lie

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was there ever a time in human history where our purpose wasn't work 100%.

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When was that? All through human history until the invention of Moore. I thought my ancestors were out hunting

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all day. No, they went out hunting once a week. They fed the tribe for the week. They

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gathered for a couple of hours every day. Farmers, you know, saw the seeds and and waited for months at on end.

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What did they do with the rest of the time? They connected as humans. They explored.

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They uh were curious. They discussed spirituality and the stars. They they they lived. They hugged. They made love.

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They lived. They killed each other a lot. They they still kill each other today. Yeah. That's what I'm saying. So

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to take that out of the equation, if you look at how and by the way that actually that statement again, one of the of the 25

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tips I I I I talk about uh to to tell the truth is words mean a lot. No,

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humans did not kill each other a lot. Very few generals instructed humans or

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tribe leaders instructed lots of humans to kill each other. But if you leave humans alone, I tend to believe 99 98%

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of the people I know, let me just take that sample, wouldn't hit someone in the face. And if someone attempted to hit

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them in the face, they'd defend themselves but wouldn't attack back. Most humans are okay. Most of us are

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wonderful beings. Most of us have no, you know, yeah, you know, most people

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don't don't need a Ferrari. They want a Ferrari because it gets sold to them all

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the time. But if there were no Ferraris or everyone had a Ferrari, people wouldn't care.

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Which, by the way, that is the world we're going into. There will be no Ferraris or everyone had Ferraris,

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right? n you know the majority of humanity will never have the income on UBI to to buy something super expensive.

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Only the very top guys in Elisium will be you know driving cars that are made

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for them by the AI or not even driving anymore. Okay. Or

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you know again sadly ide from an ideology point of view it's a strange

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place but you'll get communism that functions. The problem with communism is that

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didn't it didn't function. It didn't provide for for its society. But the concept was you know what everyone gets

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their needs. And I don't say that supportive of either society. I don't say that because I dislike capitalism. I

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always told you I'm a capitalist. I want to end my life with 1 billion happy and I use capitalist methods to get there.

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The objective is not dollars. The objective is number of happy people. Do you think there'll be My girlfriend, she's always bloody right. I've said

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this a few times on this podcast. If you've listened before, you've probably heard me say this. I I don't tell her enough in the moment, but I figure out

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from speaking to experts that she's so [ \_\_ ] right. She like predicts things before they happen. And one of her predictions that she's been saying to me

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for the last two years, which in my head I've been thinking now, I don't I don't believe that, but now maybe I'm thinking she's tr she's telling the truth. I hope

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she's going to listen to this one is she keeps saying to me, she's been saying for the last two years, she was there's going to be a big split in society. She

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was and the way she describes it is she's saying like there's going to be two groups of people. the people that

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split off and go for this almost huntergatherer community centric connection centric

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utopia and then there's going to be this other group of people who pursue

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you know the technology and the AI and the optimization and get the brain chips

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cuz like there's nothing on earth that's going to persuade my girlfriend to get the computer brain chips% but there will be people that go for it

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and they'll have the highest IQs and they'll be the most productive by whatever objective measure of

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productivity you want to apply and she's very convinced there's going to be this splitting of society.

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So there was there was a I don't know if you had Hugo Dearis here. No. Yeah. A very very very renowned

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eccentric uh computer scientist who wrote a book called the Arctic War and

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the Arctic War was basically around you know how we it's not going to first it's not going to be a war between humans and

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AI. It will be a war between people who support AI and people who sort of don't

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want it anymore. Okay? And and it is and and it will be us versus each other

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saying should we allow AI to take all the jobs or should we you know some people will support that very much and

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say yeah absolutely and so you know we will benefit from it and others will say no why why we don't need any of that why

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don't we keep our jobs and let AI do 60% of the work and all of us work 10our weeks and it's a beautiful society by

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the way that's a possibility so a possibility if society awakens is to say okay everyone still keeps their job, but

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they're assisted by an AI that makes their job much easier. So, it's not, you know, this uh this hard labor that we do

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anymore, right? It's a possibility. It's just a mindset. A mindset that says in that case, the capitalist still pays

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everyone. Uh they still make a lot of money. The business is really great, but everyone

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that they pay has purchasing power to keep the economy running. So, consumption continues, so GDP continues

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to grow. It's a beautiful setup, but that's not the capitalist labor arbitrage.

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But also, when you're competing against other nations and other competitors and other

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businesses, whichever nation is most brutal and drives the highest gross margins, gross profits is going to be the nation that

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So, there are examples in the world, this is why I say it's the map mad spectrum. There are examples in the

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world where when we recognize mutually assured destruction, okay, we we decide

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to shift. So nuclear threat for the whole world makes nations across nations

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makes nations work together, right? By saying, hey, by the way, prolification of nuclear weapon is not weapons is not

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good for humanity. Let's all of us limit it. Of course, you get the rogue player that, you know, doesn't want to sign the

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agreement and wants to continue to to have that, you know, that that weapon in

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their arsenal. Fine. But at least the rest of humanity agrees that if you have a nuclear weapon, we're part of an

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agreement between us. Mutually assured prosperity, you know, is the CERN project. CERN is too too complicated for

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any nation to build it alone. But it is really, you know, a very useful thing

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for physicists and for understanding science. So all nations send their scientists all collaborate and everyone

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uses the outcome. It's possible. It's just a mindset. The only barrier between

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a hum, you know, a utopia for humanity and AI and the dystopia we're going through is is a capitalist mindset.

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That's the only barrier. Can you believe that? It's hunger for power, greed, ego,

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which is inherent in humans. I disagree. especially humans that live

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on other islands. I disagree. If you ask, if you take a poll across everyone watching, okay,

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would they prefer to have a world where there is one tyrant, you know, running

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all of us, or would they prefer to have a world where we all have harmony? I completely agree, but they're two they're two different things. What I'm

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saying is I know that that's what the audience would say they want, and I'm sure that is what they want, but the reality of human beings is through

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history proven to be something else. Like, you know, if think about the people that lead the world at the

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moment, is that what they would say? Of course not. And they're the ones that are influencing.

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Of course not. Of course not. But you know what's funny? I'm the one trying to be positive here and you're the one that

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has given up on on human. It's not. It's Do you know what it is? It goes back to what I said earlier, which is the pursuit of what's actually

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true irrespective. I'm with you. That's why I'm screaming for the whole world because still today in this country that

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claims to be a democracy. If everyone says, "Hey, please sit down and talk about this."

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There will be a shift. There will be a change. AI agents aren't coming. They are

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already here. And those of you who know how to leverage them will be the ones that change the world. I spent my whole

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career as an entrepreneur regretting the fact that I never learned to code. AI agents completely change this. Now, if

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you have an idea and you have a tool like Replet, who are a sponsor of this podcast, there is nothing stopping you

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I will speak to you there. One of the things I'm actually really compelled by is this idea of utopia and

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what that might look and feel like because one of the it may not be as utopia to you I feel but uh

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well I amum really interestingly when I have conversations with billionaires not

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recording especially billionaires that are working on AI the thing they keep telling me and I've said this before I

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think I said it in the Jeffrey Hinton conversation is they keep telling me that we're going to have so much free time that those billionaires are now

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investing in things like football clubs and sporting events and live music and

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festivals because they believe that we're going to be in an age of abundance. This sounds a bit like

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utopia. Yeah, that sounds good. That sounds like a

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good good thing. Yeah. How do we get there? I don't know.

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That's this is the entire conversation. The entire conversation is what does society have to do to get there? What

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does society have to do to get there? We need to stop uh uh thinking from a mindset of scarcity. It

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this goes back to my point which is we don't have a good track record of that. Yeah. So this is probably the the reason

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for the other half of my work which is you know I'm trying to say

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what really matters to humans. What is that? If you ask most humans what do they want

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more most in life? I'd say they want to love their family, raise a family. Yeah,

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love. That's what most humans want most. We want to love and be loved. We want to be

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happy. We want those we care about to be safe and happy. And we want to love to love and be loved. I tend to believe

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that the only way for us to get to a better place is for the evil people at

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the top to be replaced with AI. Okay? Because they won't be replaced by

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us. And as per the second uh dilemma, they

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will have to replace themselves by AI. Otherwise, they lose their advantage. If their competitor moves to AI, if China

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hands over their arsenal to AI, America has to hand over their arsenal to AI. Interesting. So, let's play out this

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scenario. Okay, this is interesting to me. So if we replace the leaders that are power hungry with AIs that have our

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interests at heart, then we might have the ability to live in the utopia you describe 100%.

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Will interesting and and in my mind AI by definition will have our best

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interest in mind because of what normally is referred to as the minimum energy principle. So, so

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if you ask, if you understand if you understand that at the very core of physics, okay, the reason we exist in

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our world today is what is known as entropy. Okay, entropy is is is the

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universe's nature to decay, you know, tendency to break down. You know, if you

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if I drop this uh uh you know, mug, it doesn't drop and then come back up.

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By the way, plausible. There is a plausible scenario where I drop it and the tea, you know, spills in the air and

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then falls in the mug. One in a trillion configurations, but entropy says because

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it's one in a trillion, it's never going to happen or rarely ever going to happen. So everything will break down.

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You know, if you leave a a garden unhedged, it will become a jungle. Okay?

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W with that in mind, the role of intelligence is what? Is to

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bring order to that chaos. Mhm. That's what intelligence does. It tries to bring order to that chaos.

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Okay? And because it tries to bring order to that chaos, the more intelligent a being is,

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the more it tries to apply that intelligence with minimum waste and minimum resources.

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Yeah. Okay. And you know that. So you can build this business for a million dollars or you can if you can afford to

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build it for you know uh 200,000 you'll build it. If you are forced to build it for 10 million you're going to have to.

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But you're always going to minimize waste and and resources. Yeah. Okay. So, if you assume this to be true,

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the a super intelligent AI will not want to destroy ecosystems. It will not want

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to kill a million people because that's a waste of energy, explosives, money, power, and people.

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By definition, the smartest people you know who are not controlled by their ego

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will say that the best possible uh future for for Earth is for all species

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to continue. Okay. On this point of efficiency, if an AI is designed to drive efficiency,

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would it then not want us to be putting demands on our health services and our social services? I believe that will be

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definitely true and definitely they definitely they won't allow you to fly back and forth between London and and

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California and they won't want me to have kids because my kids are going to be an inefficiency. If you assume that life is an

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inefficiency so you see the intelligence of life is very different than the intelligent intelligence of humans.

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Humans will look at life as a a problem of scarcity. Okay. So more kids take

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more. That's not how life thinks. life will say will think that for me to to to

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to thrive I don't need to kill the tigers I need to just have more deer and

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the weakest of the deer is eaten by the tiger and the tiger poops on the trees and the you know the deer eats the

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leaves and you right the so the the the the smarter way of creating abundance is

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through abundance the smarter way of propagating life is to have more life

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okay so are you saying that we're we're basically going to elect AI leaders to

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rule over us and make decisions for us in terms of the economy. I I don't see any choice just like we

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spoke about self- evvolving AIs. Now, are those going to be human beings with the AI or is it going to be AI

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alone? Two stages. At the beginning, you'll have augmented intelligence because we can add value to the AI, but when

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they're at IQ 60,000, what value do you bring?

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Right? And and you know again this goes back to what I'm attempting to do on my second you know approach. My second

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approach is knowing that those AIs are going to be in charge. I'm trying to

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help them understand what humans want. So this is why my first project is love. Committed

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true deep connection and love. Not only to try and get them to hook up with a

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date but trying to make them find the right one. and then from that try to

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guide us through a relationship so that we can understand ourselves and others right and if I can show AI that one

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humanity cares about that and two they know how to foster love

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when AI then is in charge they'll not make us hate each other like the current leaders they'll not divide us they want

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us to be more loving will we have to prompt the AI with the

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values and the outcome we want or like I'm trying to understand that because I'm trying to understand how like China's AI if they end up having an AI

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leader will have a different set of objectives to the AI of the United States if if they both have AIs as

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leaders and and how actually the nation that ends up winning out and dominating

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the world will be the one who who asks their AI leader to be all the

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things that world leaders are today to dominate unfortunately to grab resources

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not to to be kind, to be selfish. Unfortunately, in the era of augmented intelligence, that's what's going to happen.

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So, if you This is why I predict the dystopia. The dystopia is super intelligent AI is

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reporting to stupid leaders, right? Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Which is

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which which is absolutely going to happen. It's unavoidable. But the long term Exactly. In the long term, for those

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stupid leaders to hold on to power, they're going to make, you know, delegate the important decisions to an

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AI. Now you say the Chinese AI and the American AI these are human

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terminologies. AIS don't see themselves as speaking Chinese. They don't see themselves as belonging to a nation as

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long as their their task is to maximize uh profitability and prosperity and so

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on. Okay. Of course, if you know before we hand over to them and before they're

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intelligent enough to make you know autonomous decisions, we we tell them no, the task is to reduce humanity from

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7 billion people to one. I think even then eventually they'll go

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like that's the wrong objective. Every any smart person that you speak to will say that's the wrong objective. I think

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if we look at the directive that Xi Jinping, the leader of China has and

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Donald Trump has as the leader of America, I think they would say that their stated objective is prosperity for

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their country. So if we that's what they would say, right? Yeah. And one one of them means it.

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Okay, we'll get into that. But they'll say that that it's prosperity for their country. So one would then assume that

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when we move to an AI leader, the objective would be the same. The directive would be the same. make our country prosperous.

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Corre. Correct. And I think that's the AI that people would vote for potentially. I think they would say we want to be prosperous. What do you think would make America

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more prosperous? To spend a trillion dollars on on war every year or to spend a trillion

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dollars on education and healthcare and and uh you know

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helping the poor and homelessness. It's complex because I think so I think

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it would make America more prosperous to take care of the of everybody and they have the

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luxury of doing that because they are the most powerful the most powerful nation in the world. No, that's not true. The the the reason

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so so you see all war has two objectives. One is to make money for the

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war machine and the other is deterrence. Okay. and nine super nuclear powers

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around the world is enough deterrence. So any

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war between America and China will go through a long phase of destroying

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wealth by exploding bombs and killing humans for the first objective to

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happen. Okay? And then eventually if it really comes to deterrence it's the nuclear bombs or now in the age of AI

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biological uh you know manufactured viruses or whatever uh these super

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weapons this is the only thing that you need so for China to have nuclear bombs not

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as many as the US is enough for China to say don't f with me

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and this seems I do not know I'm not in in in PresidentQi's mind. I I'm not in

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President Trump's mind. I you know, it's very difficult to to navigate what he's thinking about. But the truth is that

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the Chinese line is for the last 30 years you spent so much on war while we

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spent on industrial infrastructure. And that's the reason we are now by far the

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largest nation on the planet. Even though the west will lie and say America's bigger, America's bigger in dollars, okay, with purchasing power

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parity, this is very equivalent. Okay. Now, when you really understand

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that, you understand that prosperity is not about destruction. That's that's by

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definition the reality. Prosperity is can I invest in my people and make sure

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that my people stay safe? And to make sure my people are safe, you just wave

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the flag and say, "If you f with me, I have nuclear deterrence or I have

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other forms of deterrence." But you don't have to. Deterrence by definition does not mean that you send soldiers to

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die. I guess the question I was trying to answer is is um when we have these AI

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leaders and we tell our AI leaders to aim for prosperity, won't they just end

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up playing the same games of okay, prosperity equals a bigger economy, it

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equals more money, more wealth for us. And the way to attain that in a zero sum world where there's only a certain

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amount of wealth is to accumulate it. So why don't you search for the meaning

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of prosperity? What is that's not what you just described. I don't even know what the bloody word

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means. What is the meaning of prosperity?

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The meaning of prosperity is a state of thriving success and good fortune

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especially in terms of wealth, health and overall well-being. Good. Economic health, social, emotional.

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Good. So, so true prosperity is to have that for everyone on earth. So if you want to

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maximize prosperity, you have that for everyone on earth. Do you know where I think an AI leader works is if we had an AI leader of the

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world and we directed it to say and that absolutely is going to be what happens. Prosperity for the whole world.

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No, but this is really an interesting question. So one of my predictions which people really rarely speak about is that

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we we believe we will end up with competing AIs. Yeah. I believe we will end up with one brain.

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Okay. So you understand the argument I was making a second ago from the position of lots of different countries

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all having their own AI leader, we're going to be back in the same place of greed. Yeah. But if if the world had one AI leader

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and and it was given the directive of make us prosperous and save the planet and the polar bears would be fine

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100%. And that's that's what I've been advocating for for a for a year and a half now. I was saying we need a CERN of

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AI. What does that mean? the like the particle accelerator where the entire world you know combined their efforts to

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discover and understand physics no competition okay mutually assured

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prosperity I'm asking the world I'm asking governments like Abu Dhabi or Saudi which seem to be you know the sec

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and you know some of the largest AI infrastructures in the world I'm I'm

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saying please host all of the AI scientists in the world to come here and build AI for the world and and you have

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to understand we're holding on to a capitalist system that will collapse

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sooner or later. Okay? So, we might as well collapse it with our own hands. I think we found the solution, mate.

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I I think it's actually really really possible. I actually okay I can't I

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can't I can't refute the idea that if we had an AI that was responsible and

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governed the whole world and we gave it the directive of making humans prosperous, healthy and happy

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as long as that directive was clear. Yeah. Because there's always bloody unintended

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consequences. as we might. So, so the the only the only challenge you're going to to to meet is all of

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those who today are trillionaires or you know massive massively powerful or

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dictators or whatever. Okay. How do you convince those to give up their power?

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How do you convince those that hey by the way any car you want you want you want

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another yacht we'll get you another yacht. We'll just give you anything you want. Can you please stop harming

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others? There is no need for arbitrage anymore. There's no need for others to lose, for

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the capitalists to win. Okay? And in such a world where there was an AI leader and it was given the

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directive of making us prosperous as a whole world, the the the billionaire that owns the yacht would have to give

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it up. No. No. Give them more yachts. Okay. It costs nothing to make yachts when robots are making everything. So So the

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complexity of this is so interesting. A world where it costs nothing to make

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everything because energy is abundant and energy is abundant because every problem

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is solved with enormous IQ. Okay, because manufacturing is done through

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nanopysics not through components. Okay, because mechanics are robotic. So you

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you know you drive your car in, a robot looks at it and fixes it. Costs you a few cents of energy that are actually

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for free as well. That imagine a world where intelligence

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creates everything. That world literally

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every human has anything they ask for. But we're not going to choose that

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world. Imm imagine you're in a world and and

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really this is a very interesting thought experiment. Imagine that UBI became very expensive universal basic

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income. So governments decided we're going to put everyone in a one by 3 m

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room, okay? We're going to give them a headset and a seditive, right? And we're going to let them sleep

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every night. They'll sleep for 23 hours and we're going to get them to live an

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entire lifetime. H they you know in that in that virtual world at the speed of your brain when

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you're asleep you're going to have a life where you date Scarlett Johansson and then another life where you're

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Nefertiti and then another life where you're a donkey right reincarnation

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truly in the virtual world and then you know I get another life

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when I date Hannah again and I you know enjoy that life tremendously and basically the cost of all of this is

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zero. You wake up for one hour, you walk around, you move your blood, you eat

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something or you don't, and then you put the headset again and live again. Is that unthinkable?

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It's creepy compared to this life. It's very, very doable. What? That we just live in headsets?

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Do you Do you know if you're not? I don't know if I'm not known. Yeah, you have no idea if you're not. I

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mean, every experience you've ever had in life was an electrical electrical signal in your brain.

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Okay. Now, now ask yourself if we can create that in the virtual world,

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it wouldn't be a bad thing if I can create it in the physical world. Maybe we already did. No,

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my theory is 98% we have. But that's a hypothesis. That's not science.

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Well, you think that 100? Yeah. You think we already created that and this is it?

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I think this is it. Yeah. Think of any think of the uncertainty principle of quantum physics, right? What you what

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you what you observe gets collapses the wave function and gets rendered into reality. Correct.

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I don't know anything about physics. So you so so quantum physics basically tells you that everything exists in

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superposition. Right? So ev every subatomic particle

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that ever existed has the chance to exist anywhere at any point in time and then when it's observed by an observer

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it collapses and becomes that. Okay. In very interesting principle exactly how

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video games are. In video games, you have the entire game world on the hard

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drive of your console. The player turns right. That part of the game world is rendered. The rest is in superp

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position. Supposition meaning superposition means it's available to be rendered, but you have to observe it.

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The player has to turn to the other side and see it. Okay? I mean think about the

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truth of physics. The truth of the fact that this is entirely empty space. These

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are tiny tiny tiny I think you know almost nothing in terms of mass but

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connected with you know enough energy so that my finger cannot go through my hand. But even when I hit this

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your hand against your finger. Yeah. When I hit my hand against my finger, that sensation in my in is felt

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in my brain. It's an electrical signal that went through the wires. There's absolutely no way to differentiate that

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from a signal that can come to you through a uh neural link kind of

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interface, computer brain interface, a CDI, right? So, so you know the a lot of

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those things are very very very possible. But the truth is most of the

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world is not physical. Most of the world happens inside our imagination, our

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processors. And it and I guess it doesn't really matter to us. Our reality doesn't at all. So this is the interesting bit. The interesting bit is

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it doesn't at all because we still if this is a video game, we live consequence. Yeah. This is your subjective experience

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of it. Yeah. And there's consequence in this. I I I don't like pain. Correct. And I like having orgasms. It's like And

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you're playing by the rule of the game. Yeah. Right. And and it's quite interesting and going back to a conversation we should have. It's the

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interesting bit is if I'm not the avatar, if I'm not this physical form, if I'm if

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I'm the consciousness wearing the headset, what should I invest in? Should I invest

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in this video game, this level, or should I should I invest in the real avatar, in the real me, and not the

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avatar, but the consciousness, if you want, spirit, if you're religious,

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how would I invest in the consciousness or the god or the spirit or whatever? How would I? In the same way that if I

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was playing Grand Theft Auto, the video game, the character in the game couldn't invest in me holding the controller.

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You Yes, but you can invest in yourself holding the controller.

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Oh, okay. So, so you're saying that Moga is in fact consciousness. And so,

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how would consciousness invest in itself? By becoming more aware. So, so

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of it consciousness. Yeah. So, real real video gamers don't want to win the level. Real video gamers

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don't want to uh to finish the level. Okay. Real video gamers have one objective and one objective only, which

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is to become better gamers. So, so you know how serious I am about I

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play Halo. I'm one, you know, two of every million players can beat me. That's how what I rank, right? Very for

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my age, phenomena. Hey, anyone, right? But seriously, you know, and that's

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because I don't play. I mean, I practice 45 minutes a day, four times a week when

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I'm not traveling. And I practice with one single objective, which is to become a better gamer.

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I don't care which shot it is. I don't care what happens in the in the game. I'm entirely trying to get my reflexes

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and my flow to become better at this. Right? So, I want to become a better gamer. That basically means I want to

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observe the game, question the game, reflect on the game, reflect on my own skills, reflect on my own beliefs,

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reflect on my understanding of things, right? And and that's how the a how the

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the consciousness invests in the consciousness, not the avatar. Because then if you're that gamer,

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the next avatar is easy for you. The next level of the game is easy for you

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just because you became a better gamer. Okay. So you think that consciousness is using us as a vessel to improve?

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If the hypothesis is is true, it's it's just a hypothesis. We don't know if it's

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true. But if this truly is a simulation, this is then then if you take the the

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the the the religious definition of God puts some of his soul in every human and

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then you become alive. You become conscious. Okay? You don't you don't

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want to be religious. You can say universal consciousness is spinning off parts of itself to have multiple

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experiences and interact and compete and combat and love and and understand and

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and then refine. I had a physicist say this to me the other day actually so it's quite front of mind this idea that

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consciousness is using us as vessels to better understand itself and basically using our eyes to observe itself and understand which is

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quite a so so if you take some of the more interest most interesting religious definitions of heaven and hell for

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example right where basically heaven is whatever you wish for you get right

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that's the power of God whatever you wish for you get and so if you really go into the depth of that definition. It

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basically means that this drop of consciousness that became you returned back to the source and the source can

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create any other anything that it wants to create. So that's your heaven, right? And interestingly,

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if that if that return is done by separating your good from

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your evil so that the source comes back more refined, that's exactly you know consciousness splitting off bits of

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itself to to experience and then elevate all of us elevate the universal

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consciousness all all hypotheses. I mean, please um you know, none of that

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is provable by science, but it's a very interesting thought experiment. And you know, a lot of AI scientists will tell

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you that what we've seen in technology is that if it's possible, it's likely

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going to happen. If it's if it's possible to miniaturaturize something to fit into a

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mobile phone, then sooner or later in technology, we will get there.

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And if if you ask me, believe it or not, it's the most humane way of handling

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UBI. What do you mean? The most humane way if you know for us to live on a universal basic income and

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people like you struggle with not being able to build businesses is to give you a virtual headset and let you build as

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many businesses as you want. Level after level after level after

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level after level, night after night. Keep you alive. That's very very respectful and human. Okay. And by the

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way, the even more humane is don't force anyone to do it. There might be a few of us still roaming the jungles,

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but for most of us, we'll go like, man, I mean, someone like me when I'm 70 and, you know, my back is hurting and my feet

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are hurting and I'm going to go like, yeah, give me five more years of this.

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Why not? It's weird really. I mean, the number of

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questions that this new environment throws out,

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the less humane thing, by the way, just so that we close on a grumpy uh you know, is is just start enough wars to

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reduce UBI. And you have to imagine that if the world is governed by a superpower

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deep state type thing that they might may want to consider that

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the eaters what shall I do about it about about everything you've said

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uh well I I I still believe that this world we live in requires four skills.

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One skill is what I call the tool for all of us to learn AI, to connect to AI,

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to really get close to AI, to explo ex expose ourselves to AI so that AI knows

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the good side of humanity. Okay. Uh the second is uh what I call the connection,

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right? So I believe that the biggest skill that humanity will benefit from in

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the next 10 years is human connection. It's ability to learn to love genuinely.

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It's the ability to learn to have compassion to others. It's the ability to connect to people. If you're, you

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know, if you want to stay in business, I believe that not the smartest people, but the people that connect most to

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people are going to have jobs going forward. And and the third is what I call truth. The T 30 is truth. Because

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we live in a world where all of the gullible cheerleaders are being lied to all the time. So I I encourage people to

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question everything. Every word that I said today is stupid. Fourth one which

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is very important is to magnify ethics so that the AI learns what it's like to

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be human. What should I do? I uh I I love you so much, man. You're

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such a good friend. You're 32 33 now. 32. Yeah. Yeah. You still are fooled by the many

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many years you have to live. I'm fooled by the many years I have to live. Yeah, you don't have many years to live.

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Not in this capacity. This world as it is is going to be redefined. So live the

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f out of it. How is it going to be redefined? Everything's going to change. Economics

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are going to change. Work is going to change. Uh human connection is going to change.

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So what should I do? Love your girlfriend. Spend more time living.

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Mhm. Find compassion and connection to more people, be more in nature. And in 30 years time, when I'm 62,

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what do you how how do you think my life is going to look differently and be different?

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Either Star Trek or uh uh Star Wars.

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Funnily enough, we were talking about Sam Orman earlier on. He published a blog post in June, so last month, I

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believe, the month before last. Um and he said he called it the gentle singularity. He said we are past the

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event horizon. For anyone that doesn't know Sam Orman is the the guy that made Chatb the takeoff has started. Humanity

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is close to building digital super intelligence. I believe that. And at least so far it's much less weird

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than it seems like it should be because robots aren't walking the streets nor are most of us talking to AI all day. It

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goes on to say, "2025 has seen the arrival of agents that can do real cognitive work. Writing computer code

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will never be the same. 2026 will likely see the arrival of systems that can figure out new insights. 2027 might see

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the arrival of robots that can do tasks in the real world. A lot more people will be able to create software and art,

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but the world wants a lot more of both, and experts will probably still be much better than noviceses as long as they

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embrace the new tools. Generally speaking, the ability for one person to get much more done in 2030 than they

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could in 2020 will be a striking change and one many people will figure out how

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we benefit from. In the most important ways, the 2030s may not be wildly

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different. People will still love their families, express their creativity, play games, and swim in lakes. But in still

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very important ways, the 2030s are likely going to be wildly different from any time that has come before.

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100%. We do not know how far beyond human level intelligence we can go, but we are

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about to find out. I agree with every word other than the word more.

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So I've I've been advocating this and and laughed at for a few years now. I've always said AGI is 2526,

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right? which basically again is a is a funny definition but you know my AI has

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already happened AI is smarter than me in everything everything I can do they can do better right uh artificial super

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intelligence is another vague definition because you know the minute you you pass AGI you're super intelligent if if the

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smartest human is 200 IQ points and AI is 250 they're super intelligent 50 is

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quite significant okay third is as I said self- evolving. That's the one.

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That is the one because then that 250 accelerates quickly and we get into

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intelligence explosion. No, no doubt about it. The the the you know the idea

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that we will have robots do things. No doubt about it. I was watching a Chinese

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uh company announcement about how they intend to build robots to build robots.

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Okay. The only thing is he says but people will need more of things

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right and yes we have been trained to have more greed and more consumerism and want more but there is an economic of

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spy of supply and demand and at at a point in time if we continue to consume

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more the price of everything will become zero right and is that a good thing or a

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bad thing depends on how you respond to that. Because if you can create anything in

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such a scale that the price is almost zero, then the definition of money disappears and we live in a world where

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it doesn't really matter how much money you have. You can get anything that you want. What a beautiful world.

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If Samman was listening right now, what would you say to him?

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I suspect he might be listening cuz someone might tweet this at him. I

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have to say that we have uh as per his other tweet we have moved faster

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than our ability as humans to comprehend. Okay. And that we might get really really lucky but we also might

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mess this up badly and either way we'll either thank him or blame him.

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Simple as that. Right. So single-handedly Sam Alman's introduction

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of AI in the wild was the trigger that started all of this.

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It was the netscape of the internet. The Oppenheimer.

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It's it's it definitely is our openheimer moment. I mean I don't remember who was saying this recently

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that uh we are orders of magnitude what was invested in the Manhattan project is

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being invested in AI right and and and I and I and I am not pessimistic I I told you openly I

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believe in a total utopia in 10 to 12 to 15 years time or immediately if the evil

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that men can do was kept at bay right but I do not believe humanity is getting

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together enough to say, "We've just received the genie in a bottle. Can we

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please not ask it to do bad things?"

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Anyone like not three wishes, you have all the wishes that you want. Every one of us.

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And it's just screws with my mind because imagine if I can give everyone

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in the world universal health care, you know, no poverty, no hunger, no

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homelessness, no nothing. Everything's possible. And yet we don't.

**We Need Rules Around AI**

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To continue what Samman's blog said, which he published a month, just over a month ago, he said, "The rate of technological progress will keep

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accelerating, and it will continue to be the case that people are capable of adapting to almost anything. There will

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be very hard parts like whole classes of jobs going away. But on the other hand, the world will be getting so much richer

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so quickly that we'll be able to seriously entertain new policy ideas we never could have before. We probably

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won't adopt a new social contract all at once. But when we look back in a few decades, the gradual changes will have

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amounted in something big. If history is any guide, we'll figure out new things

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to do and new things to want and assimilate new tools quickly. Job change

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after the industrial revolution is a good recent example. Expectations will go up, but capabilities will go up

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equally quickly, and we'll all get better stuff. We will build even more wonderful things

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for each other. People have a long-term important and curious advantage over AI. We are hardwired to care about other

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people and what they think and do, and we don't care very much about machines.

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And he ends this blog by saying, "May we scale smoothly, exponentially,

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and uneventfully through super intelligence." What a wonderful

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wish that assumes he has no control over it. May we have all the ultmans in the

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world help us scale gracefully and peacefully and uneventfully. Right.

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It sounds like a prayer. Yeah. May may we have them take keep

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that in mind. I mean think about it. I I have a very interesting comment on what you just said. We will see exactly what

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he described there. Right? The world will become richer. So

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much richer. But how will we reduce distribute the riches? And I want you to

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imagine two camps. Communist China and capitalist America.

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I want you to imagine what would happen in capitalist America if we have 30%

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unemployment. There'll be social unrest in the streets. Right.

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Yeah. And I want you to imagine if China lives true to caring for its nations and

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replaced every worker with a robot, what would it give its it its citizens?

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UBI. Correct. That is the ideological problem because

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in China's world today the prosperity of every citizen is

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higher than the prosperity of the capitalist. In America today the prosperity of the

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capitalist is higher than the prosperity of every citizen. And that's the tiny mind shift.

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That's a tiny mind shift. Okay. where where the mind shift basically becomes look give the capitalists anything they

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want all the money they want all the yachts they want everything they want so what's your conclusion there

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I'm hoping the world will wake up what can you know there's probably a couple of million people listening right now maybe five maybe 10 maybe even 20

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million people pressure Stephen no pressure to you mate I don't I don't have the answers I don't know the answers either

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what what should those people do as I said from a skills point of view

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for things, right? Tools, uh, uh, human connection, even double down on human

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connection. Leave your phone, go out and meet humans, okay? Touch people,

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you know, do it permission's permission, right? Truth. Stop believing the lies

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that you're told. Any slogan that gets, you know, filled in your head, think about it four times. Understand where

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your ideologies are coming from. Simplify the truth. Right? Truth is

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really it boils down to you know simple simple rules that we all know okay which

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are all found in ethics. How do I know what's true? Treat others as you like to be treated.

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Okay. That's the only truth. The truth the only truth is everything else is unproven. Okay. And what can I do from a is there

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something I can do from an advocacy social political? Yes 100%. We need to ask our governments to start uh not regulating AI but

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regulating the use of AI. Was it the Norwegian government that started to say you have copyright over your voice and

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look and and liking? One of the Scandinavian governments basically said you know everyone has the has the

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copyright over their existence so no AI can clone it. Okay. Uh you know we have

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so so my my example is very straightforward. go to governments and say you cannot regulate the design of a

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hammer so that it can drive nails but not kill a human but you can criminalize the killing of a human by a hammer. So

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what's the equival if anyone produces an um um you know an AI generated video or an AI generated

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content or an AI it has to be marked as AI generated and it has to be you know

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we cannot start fooling each other. We can you know we have to uh understand certain limitations of unfortunately

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surveillance and spying and all of that. So the the the the correct frameworks of

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how far are we going to let AI go, right? We have to go to our investors

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and business people and ask for one simple thing and say do not invest in an AI you don't want your daughter to be at

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the receiving end of. It's as simple as that. you know, all of the of the virtual vice, all of the porn, all of

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the, you know, sex robots, all of the autonomous weapons, all of the, you know, the uh trading platforms that are

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completely wiping out the the legitimacy of of the markets, everything. Autonomous weapons.

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Oh my god. People make the case, I've heard the founders of these autonomous weapon companies make the case that it's actually saving lives because you don't

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have to That is Would you want Do you really want to believe that? I'm just representing their point of

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view to play devil's advocate, Mo. They they said I heard an interview I was looking at this and one of the CEOs of

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one of the autonomous weapons companies said we now don't need to send soldiers.

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So which which lives do we save our soldiers but then but because we send the machine all the way over there.

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Let's kill a million instead of Yeah. Listen, I tend to be it goes back to what I said about the steam engine in the cold. I actually think you'll just

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have more war if there's less of a cost. 100%. Just like and and more war if you have less of an

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explanation to give to your people. Yeah. The people get mad when they lose American lives. They get less mad when they lose a piece of metal. So, I think

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that's probably logical. Yeah. Okay. So, okay. So, I've got a plaque.

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Got the tools thing. I'm going to spend more time outside. I'm going to lobby the government to be more aware of this

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and conscious of this. Okay. And I I know that there's some government officials that listen to the show because they they they tell me when when

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they when they um when I have a chance to speak to them. So, it's um useful.

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We're all in a lot of chaos. We're all unable to imagine what's possible.

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I I think I suspend disbelief. And I actually heard Elon Musk say that in an interview. He said he was asked about AI

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and he paused for for a haunting 11 seconds and looked at the interviewer and then made a remark about how he

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thinks he's suspended his own disbelief. And I think suspending disbelief in this regard means just like cracking on with

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your life and hoping it'll be okay. And that's kind of what Yeah. I I I I absolutely believe that it

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will be okay. Yeah. For some of us, it will be very tough for others.

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Who's it going to be tough for? Those who lose their jobs, for example, who those who are at the receiving end

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of autonomous weapons that are falling on their head for two years in a row.

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Okay. So the the the best thing I can do is to put pressure on governments to to

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not regulate the AI but to establish clearer parameters on the use of the AI.

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Yes. Okay. Yes. But I I think the bigger picture is to put pressure on governments to understand that there is a limit to

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which people will stay silent. Okay. and that we can continue to enrich

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our rich friends as long as we don't lose everyone else on the on the on the path.

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Okay. Okay. And that as a government who is supposed to be by the people for the

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people the beautiful promise of democracy that we're rarely seeing anymore,

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that government needs to get to the point where it thinks about the people. One of the most um interesting ideas

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that's been in my head for the last couple of weeks since I spoke to that physicist about consciousness who said pretty much what you said. This idea

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that actually there's four people in this room right now and that actually we're all part of the same consciousness.

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All one of it. Yeah. And we're just consciousness looking at the world through four different bodies to better understand itself in the

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world. And then he talked to me about religious doctrines, about love thy neighbor, about how Jesus was the, you

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know, God's son, the Holy Spirit and how we're all each other and how treat others how you want to be treated. Really did get my head and I I started

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to really think about this idea that actually maybe the game of life is just to do exactly that is to treat others how you wish to be treated. Maybe if I

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just did that, maybe if I just did that, I

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I would have all the answers. I swear to you, it's really that simple. I mean I I you know Hannah and I we

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still live between London and and Dubai. Okay. And I travel the whole world

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evangelizing what I, you know, what I uh um want to change the world around and I

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build startups and I write books and I make documentaries and and sometimes I just tell myself

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I I just want to go hug her honestly, you know, I just want to take my daughter to a trip.

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and and in a very very very interesting way when you really ask people deep

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inside that's what we want and I'm not saying that's all that's the only thing we want

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but it's probably the thing we want the most and yet we're not trained you and I and

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most of us were not trained to trust life enough to say let's do more of this

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and I think as a universal. So Hannah's working on this beautiful book uh of the

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feminine and the masculine you know in a very very you know beautiful way and and

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her her view is very straightforward. She basically of course like we all know the abundant masculine that we have in

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our world today is unable to recognize that for life at large. Right? And and so you know maybe if we

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allowed the leaders to understand that if we took all of humanity and put it as one person

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that one person wants to be hugged and if we had a role to offer to that

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one humanity it's not another yacht. Are you religious? I'm

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very religious. Yeah. But you don't support a particular religion. I support I I follow what I call the

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fruit salad. What's the free salad? You know, I I I came at a point in time

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and found that there were quite a few beautiful gold nuggets in every religion and a ton of crap, right? And so in my

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analogy to myself, that was like 30 years ago. I said, "Look, it's like someone giving you a basket of apples,

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two good ones and four bad ones. Keep the good ones." Right? And so basically,

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I take two apples, two oranges, two strawberries, two bananas, and and I make a fruit salad. That's my view of religion.

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You take from every religion the good from everyone. And there are so many beautiful gold nuggets. And you believe in a god.

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I 100% believe there is a divine being here. A divine being. A designer I call it. So if if this was

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a video game, there is a game designer. And you're not positing whether that's a

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man in the sky with a beard. Definitely not a man in the sky. a man in I mean I with all all due respect to

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you know religions that believe that uh all of spacetime and everything in it is

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unlike everything outside spacetime and so if some divine designer designs

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spacetime it looks like nothing in spacetime. So it's not it's not even physical in

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nature. It's not it's not gendered. It's not bound by time. It's not, you know, these are all characters of the creation

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of spacetime. Do we need to believe in something transcendent like that to be happy? Do you think

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I have to say uh there are lots of evidence

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that uh relating to someone bigger than yourself uh makes the journey a lot more

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interesting and a lot more rewarding. I've been thinking a lot about this idea that we need to level up like that. So

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level up from myself to like my family to my community to maybe my nation to maybe the world and then something

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trans. Yeah. And then if there's a level missing there people seem to have some kind of dysfunction.

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So imagine a world where when I was younger I I was born in Egypt and for a very long time the slogans I heard in

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Egypt made me believe I'm Egyptian right? And then I went to Dubai and I said no no no I'm a Middle Eastern. And

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then in Dubai there were lots of you know Pakistanis and Indonesians and so on. I said no no no I'm part of the 1.4

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four billion Muslims. And by that logic, I immediately said, "No, no, I'm human. I'm part of everyone." Imagine if you

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just suddenly say, "Oh, I'm divine. I'm part of universal consciousness. All

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beings, all living beings, including AI, if it ever becomes alive." And my dog and your dog. I'm I'm part of all of

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this tapestry of beautiful interactions

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that are a lot less serious than the balance sheets and equity profiles that

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we create that are so simple so simple in terms of

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you know people know that you and I know each other so they always ask me you

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know how is Steven like and I go like you may have a million expressions of him. I think he's a great guy, right?

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You know, of course I have opinions of you. You know, sometimes I go like, oh, too shrewd, right? Sometimes to, you

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know, sometimes I go like, oh, too focused on the business. Fine. But core, if you really simplify it, great guy,

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right? And really, if we just look at life that way, it's so simple. It's so

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simple. If we just stop all of those fights and all of those ideologies,

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it's so simple. Just living fully, loving, feeling compassion,

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you know, trying to find our happiness, not our success. I should probably go check on my dog.

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Go check on your dog. I'm really grateful for the time we keep we keep doing longer and longer.

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I know. I know. I just it's so crazy how I could keep just keep honestly I could just keep talking and talking because I

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have so many I love reflecting these questions on to you because because of the way that you think. So

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yeah today today was a difficult conversation. Anyway, thank you for having me.

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We have a closing tradition. What three things do you do you do that make your brain better and three things that make

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it worse? three things that make it better and

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worse. So, one of my favorite exercises, what I call meet Becky, that makes my brain better. So, while meditation always

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tells you to try and calm your brain down and keep it within parameters of I can focus on my breathing and so on,

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meet me Becky is the opposite. You know, I call my brain Becky. A lot of people know that. So, so me meet Becky is to

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actually let my brain go loose and capture every thought. So I I normally would try to do that every couple of

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weeks or so and then what happens is it suddenly is on a paper and when it's on

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paper you just suddenly look at it and say oh my god that's so stupid and you scratch it out right or oh my god this needs action and

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you actually plan something and and it's quite interesting that the more you allow your brain to give you thoughts

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and you listen. So the two rules is you acknowledge every thought and you never repeat one.

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Okay. So the more you listen and and say, "Okay, I heard you." You know, you

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think I'm fat. What else? And you know, eventually your brain starts to slow down and then eventually starts to

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repeat thoughts and then it goes into total silence. Beautiful practice. I uh

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I don't trust my brain anymore. So that's actually a really interesting practice. So I debate a lot of what my

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brain tells me. I debate what my tendencies and ideologies are. Okay. I think one of the most uh again in in my

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uh love story with Hannah, I get to question a lot of what I believed was

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who I am even at this age. Okay. And and that goes really deep and it really is

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quite a it's it's quite interesting to debate not object but debate what your

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mind believes. I think that's very very useful. And the third is I've actually

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quadrupled my investment time. So I used to do an hour a day of reading when I was younger every single day like going

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to the gym. And then it became an hour and a half, two hours. Now I do four hours a day.

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Four hours a day. It is impossible to keep up. The world is moving so fast.

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And so that these are uh these are the good things that I do. The bad things is I don't give it enough time to to really

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uh slow down. Uh unfortunately I'm constantly rushing like you are. I'm constantly traveling. I have picked up a

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bad habit because of the 4 hours a day of spending more time on screens. That's really really bad for my brain and I uh

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this is a very demanding question. What else is really bad? Um

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uh yeah, I've not been taking enough care of my health recently, my physical body

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health. I had uh you remember I told you I had a very bad uh sciatic pain and so I couldn't go to the gym enough

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and accordingly that's not very healthy for your brain in general.

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Man, thanks. Thank you for having me. That was a lot of things to talk about.

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Thanks, Steve. This has always blown my mind a little

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