
From: jeffrey epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2011 8:47 PM
To: John Brockman
Subject: Re: The Edge Annual Question 2012 - Invitation (Confidential)

Mathematics ideals are universal truths , biology is intrinsically based in=deception . Predators in search of free energy , would be able to decipher a=d consume , if it weren't couched in a multi layered encrypted form . Even s=lf deception acts as a defensive strategy. More later

Sorry for all the typos .Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 14, 2011, at 3:05 PM, John Brockman <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> To: Paul Allen, Jeff Bezos, Sergey Brin, Hubert Burda, Steve Case.
> John Do=rr, Jeffrey Epstein, Tony Fadell, Bill Gates, Danny Hillis,
> Maja Hoffman, B=ll Joy, Salar Kamangar, Dean Kamen, Vinod Khosla,
> Marissa Mayer, Kary Mull= Elon Musk, Nathan Myhrvold, Pierre Omidyar,
> Larry Page, Sean Parker, Jean P=gozzi, Nick Pritzker, Miuccia Prada,
> Eric Schmidt, Jacqui Safra, Ricardo Sa=inas Pilego, Charles Simonyi,
> Jeff Skoll, Craig Venter, Jimmy Wales, Evan W=lliams, Mark Zuckerberg
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> Re: The EDGE Annual Question 2012 - Invitation to participate
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> In the summer of 2009, in a talk at the Bristol (UK) Festival of Ideas, Fre=man Dyson articulated a vision for the future. He referenced "The Age Of Wo=der", by Richard Holmes, in which the first Romantic Age described by Holme= was centered on chemistry and poetry, while Dyson pointed out that this ne= age is dominated by computational biology. Its leaders, he noted, include "=iology wizards" Kary Mullis, Craig Venter, medical engineer Dean Kamen; and="computer wizards" Larry Page and Sergey Brin, and Charles Simonyi. He poin=ed out that the nexus for this intellectual activity — the Lunar So=iety for the 21st century — is centered around the activities of ED=E.
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> Dyson continued to articulate his vision for a new age of biology in a rel=ted review inNew York Review of Books in which he wrote: "...a new generati=n of artists, writing genomes as fluently as Blake and Byron wrote verses, m=ght create an abundance of new flowers and fruit and trees and birds to enr=ch the ecology of our planet. Most of these artists would be amateurs, but t=ey would be in close touch with science, like the poets of the earlier Age o= Wonder. The new Age of Wonder might bring together wealthy entrepreneurs l=ke Venter and Kamen ... and a worldwide community of gardeners and farmers a=d breeders, working together to make the planet beautiful as well as fertil=, hospitable to hummingbirds as well as to humans."
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> So, along these lines, who can best articulate the important issues
> questi=ns we face today than the very people who are, through their
> ideas and entr=preneurial zeal, changing the very nature of reality
> itself. Here's the 201= Annual Question. Before sending it out widely
> to the list, it's useful to s=ed the project with a dozen or so
> interesting responses to provide examples=and set a high bar. Even
> better, to inspire. How about it?? Hope to hear fr=m you. JB
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THE WORLD QUESTION CENTER

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> SUBMITTING ESSAYS: Email as text or attached Word file to me (brockman@edg=.org).
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> DUE DATE: 5pm, Thursday, January 12th
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> PUBLICATION DATE: 12am EST, Sunday, January 15th
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> URL: Essays will be posted at this draft URL (not visible to search engine=). Please keep confidential.
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> PRESS EMBARGO: Until publication. Do not cite or circulate.
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> EDITORIAL MARCHING ORDERS
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> Of course, your own explanations are deep, elegant, and beautiful. But giv= it a rest for this exercise and please avoid citing your own theory, idea,=explanation. Also, think of examples that are not completely obvious—=e don't want a hundred people nominating natural selection, or relativity, o= Turing machines.
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> Say something new, true, and interesting based on your own experience, in 1=000 words or less.
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> Go deeper than the news. Tell us something we don't know. This is not a pu=ely scientific question: this is question about our culture and ourselves. T=e ideas we present on EDGE can offer a new set of metaphors to describe our=elves, our minds, the way we think, the world, and all of the things we kno= in it.
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> As usual, no politics ("Democrat" "Republican") or politicians ("Obama" "R=emney" "Clinton" "Gingrich", etc.). No editorials, Op-eds, opinion pieces, f=ippancy. No ad hominem comments. No self-promotion: no referencing your boo=s, papers, courses. No "selling from the stage", pushing your well-known ag=nda. No footnotes, credits, or hyperlinks in the text: stay on the page. No=anecdotes about spouses, significant others, kids, family pets. Write a sta=d-alone piece: don't respond to the pieces of other contributors already po=ted.
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> This is the annual opportunity for the EDGE community to give something ba=k, to provide an important public service, to make a statement by presentin= uncompromisingly sophisticated science-minded thinking to a wide global au=ience. Be imaginative, exciting, compelling, inspiring. Tell a great story.=Make an argument that makes a difference. Amaze and delight. Surprise us!
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> TO THE EDGE PRESS LIST
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> Last year's EDGE Question ("What Scientific Concept Would Improve
> Everybod='s Cognitive Toolkit?" - <http://goo.gl/bEzNP> - generated 165
> essays (115,00= words) and received global press attention -
> <http://goo.gl/Ygxs7>
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> For some background on how the EDGE Annual Questions comes together,
> check=out "A Big Question", an article I wrote for the Nieman

> Foundation in 2010 -=http://goo.gl/udnZg We expect at least as many
> contributions this year. Please feel free use u= to 1,500 words of
> text (gratis) without further permission, provided that:=>
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> (b) a hyperlink to the EDGE home page (http://www.edge.org) is provided in=the first paragraph of your online edition.
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> Happy New Year!
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> John Brockman
> Editor & Publisher
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> It's ever more delectable that EDGE—the network of prominent scientists an= intellectuals— has worked against the reciprocal ignorance of lite=ary cultures and sciences of each other. Successfully. If you take the algo=ithms developed by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, which measure the value of l=nks, EDGE'S website ranks seven on a global scale of ten. THE NEW YORK TIME= ranks nine, eBay at eight.
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