

To: Ben Goertzel [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: FYI: proposal draft, at long last...

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On Sun, Dec 6, 2009 at 2:01 PM, Ben Goertzel [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi,

FYI, we finally put together a proposal that I'll be happy sending to some of the conservative-minded "big shots of academic AI" in search of endorsements (attached). It was revised based on detailed feedback from a few "medium shot" AGI researchers whose judgment I respect (Selmer Bringsjord at RPI, J. Storrs Hall, Joscha Bach, Pei Wang and John Sowa (who headed an AI research team at IBM for 30 years)).

I'm going to send it to a few other researchers I know for feedback over the next few days, and then assuming they don't have any bad comments, I'll send it to some "big shots" at name-brand universities (people who I know only slightly and who don't know much about my work) in search of the requested endorsements...

Sorry the process is taking so long ... I'm not usually so painstaking, actually ... but I *really* want to avoid the possibility of failing to get the requested endorsements for avoidable reasons.

If I fail to get the endorsements because the academic AI folks at name-brand universities just don't like my ideas, then so be it ... I can't really help it if these people have terrible intellectual judgment ;-)

But I don't want to fail because of a stupid reason like not presenting my ideas in the right way, so I want to be really sure the proposal represents the ideas in a way that's both accurate and "culturally correct".... Itamar has been really helpful in this regard as he's written a bunch of (successful) NSF grants ... whereas my government-funding successes have been most in bioinformatics, which is a little different...

Updates soon, I hope ;-)

-- Ben

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"Truth is a pathless land" -- Jiddu Krishnamurti

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