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JE,

>>any more thoughts on farm meeting?

On vacation in Napa (at Safra's place) with Kahneman and Thaler. Tweet from last night's dinner:

At dinner in Napa with Danny Kahneman & @r\_thaler observing Kahneman's N+1 rule: If Kahneman comes to dinner # of deserts = # of guests +1.

Here's what's happening below re the weekend. People like the idea. I have invitations out. I'm on my cell.

JB  
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p.s. Got a hundred M for Jacqui's property in Calistoga - a high-end resort. He spent 15 years trying to get approval. The town just had a referendum and voted approval. Can send large file. I see it as a high end nursing home for people like you - to have interesting people to talk to.

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Dear xxxx

Danny Kahneman and Anne Treisman will be our houseguests at Eastover Farm in Bethlehem, CT the weekend of Sept 6-8 and I want to plan something entertaining and interesting.

If we can pull it off, I have in mind a rehearsal, or dry run, for a possible annual event. Here's what I have in mind . . .

I want to do a weekend that focuses on state of art of what the social sciences have to tell us about human nature in the past year or two. For want of something more serious, it's "THE HEAD CONFERENCE" or "HEADCON". We would host a couple of dinners Fri and Sat nights, and on Saturday, a day of hanging out at the Farm. During those periods, there would be a series of talks by the invited guests. As a guest of Edge we would pick up hotel room charges and transportation expenses.

Some background: In 1992, when the physicist George Smoot announced his findings from the COBE satellite regarding cosmic background radiation and the beginning of time, I left a message on the voicemail of the late, great Sidney Coleman of Harvard : "Sidney, I hear there's something new in the Universe. What is it?. And what's in it for me?" The message went viral after Sidney posted it on the electronic bulletin board of the physics community.

My question was inspired by an annual event in Italy for leading physicists where Sidney gave the keynote talk. The topic of his lecture was essentially "What's new in the Universe?" Sidney would detail the advances and developments in the past year or two across many areas of physics.

In this case, I would be asking you, and the other guests, to give a half hour talk responding to a similar question:

"What's new in your field of social science in the last year or two, and why should I care? Why do I want or need to know about it and how does it change my view of human nature'?"

I would ask you to focus broadly and address the major developments in your entire field (including but not at all limited to your own research agenda). It would have to be new, fresh, and original: an up-to-date field report on your area of social science. This talk should be, to the extent possible, conversational, and not a canned Power-Point or slide-driven conference talk. We would videotape the entire event and present the videos and texts as an EDGE Special Event.

For this upcoming event, a dry run, we're focusing on one day, replicating the usual Edge Events at Eastover Farm. See:

FRIDAY

4:00 arrive at Eastover Farm  
6:30pm Dinner at Woodward House (2 miles away)

SATURDAY

Talks and hanging out at farm  
5:30 ends.  
6:00 Early casual dinner at Good Enough to Eat, a restaurant on way to the highway. People can get back to Boston or NY by 10pm.

Please advise if you can attend. EDGE will pick up your transportation costs and room charges at a nearby hotel for Friday night.

Best,

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