

**From:** "Al seckel"  
**To:** "Jeevacation" <jeevacation@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: A little thought to thinkers...  
**Date:** Fri, 17 Apr 2009 17:30:01 +0000

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I thought you would... ;-)

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**From:** Jeevacation <jeevacation@gmail.com>  
**To:** Al seckel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2009 10:22:09 AM  
**Subject:** Re: A little thought to thinkers...

I agree

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 17, 2009, at 1:17 PM, Al seckel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Jeff,

Good to talk to you this morning on this subject, as it is one I am entirely comfortable with. ;-)

The list I sent you yesterday has the criteria of thinkers, out of the box. These are amongst the very brightest people that I know, where I enjoy listening to them, and they say insightful things along with a deep understanding of the subject matter. Intellectual judgment along with intellectual ability. The two don't always go hand-in-hand. This is also a list of people who have a certain type of intelligence, but may not necessarily have social intelligence, i.e, they are a bit awkward.

Jay is incredibly skilled socially compared to some of the people on this list. Just fyi. I personally am not bothered by social awkwardness, but this is your thing, and you would like a good mix, and that is understandable. Criteria will just be different then.

You brought up Jay. This is a good example. Jay does listen, and then tends to offer up his own views. I very much enjoy interacting with Jay, and he is a close friend, and although I may not always agree with him, he does always offer up ideas that are interesting and worth thinking about. That's why I put him on the list. He has a certain way he maps the world and he is also very well read and informed. This is not an argument about Jay, just why I put him on the list. I would also put Nathan in the same category as Jay. Doesn't listen much, pontificates, don't always agree with what he says, but he tends to say things that are provocative and interesting. He has an interesting way of mapping the world too, and is well read and informed. I enjoy bantering with both of them, and count them as real friends that I have known and hung out with for many years.

Some of the names listed are titans of intellectual ego. Steven Wolfram being amongst the worst of them. Others are very shy and socially and fashion awkward, but are amongst the very brightest and informed that I know, and will run intellectual circles around some of the names on this list.

I very much like the idea of your asking people on this list to contribute names of the ten "brightest" people that they know. This list would provide an excellent set of references.

Please note, that although I have a diversity of thinkers, I have distinctly avoided people who map the world in a magical way, and would encourage us to avoid "magical thinkers."

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**From:** Jeevacation <[jeevacation@gmail.com](mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com)>  
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**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2009 5:16:16 AM  
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On Apr 16, 2009, at 6:33 PM, Al seckel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Anyone you don't know on an immediate list, ask me or google them. All are good friends of mine for years, but these very high end circles travel together, so you should be very familiar with almost all of them. And, a few that you don't know, are off the charts, and in some respects smarter than the ones that are familiar... ;-) They just didn't seek the limelight. I have marked these people with an asterisk. Not everyone on this list is a scientist.

There is no order to this list (this is a cross-section off the top of my head). I can think of more names if I put my mind to it, but lets start here:

I am happy to discuss anyone here

Nathan Mhyrvold  
\*Catherine Mohr  
\*Jay Walker  
Christof Koch  
\*Terry Sejnowski  
Danny Hillis  
\*Bran Ferren  
Vilamur Ramachandran  
Lisa Randall  
Frances Arnold  
Jesse Dylan  
Larry Page  
Elon Musk  
Stephen Wolfram  
Steve Juvertson  
\*Pablo Ho  
Jaron Lanier  
Craig Venter  
paul Kirkaas  
Yossi Vardi  
\*Eric Mjolsness  
\*Mike Douglas

Dean Kamen  
\*Shelly Glashow  
\*Derrick Ashong  
James Cameron  
\*Ronald Crowley  
\*Jeffrey Lehman  
Christine Maxwell  
\*Brock Pierce  
\*Rich Roberts  
\*Lee Stein  
\*Gerry Sussman  
\*John Conway  
Dan Dubno (just because he is very interesting)

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**From:** Jeffrey Epstein <[jeevacation@gmail.com](mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com)>  
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**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2009 2:56:34 PM  
**Subject:** Re:

of course

On Thu, Apr 16, 2009 at 5:55 PM, Al seckel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Ah, you have actually asked my speciality. Seriously. Ok, different disciplines and business too?

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**From:** Jeffrey Epstein <[jeevacation@gmail.com](mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com)>  
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could you give me a list of who you think would enjoy a get together in florida,, smart , out of the box types