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**To:** Joi Ito <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Re:

**Date:** Mon, 05 Sep 2016 10:35:36 +0000

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i really think the distribution of purposes , is a new insight. somehow the community always has a garbage man , and a homeless person and a teacher. neither one aware of the reason they became what they did. did the person who got killed in the car on dec 31. know he needed his death to add the keep the number year after year constant

On Mon, Sep 5, 2016 at 6:31 AM, Joi Ito <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I kind of feel like each "context" is a different fitness landscape or function and that we live in multiple and conflicting fitness landscapes - sort of like parallel universes or different sets of forces at different scales. The other part is probably the unit of "groupness" that you sometimes talk about - tribe, individual, species, etc. Each of these fitness landscapes push us to search for a more optimal position - power, fun, comfort, energy, food, reproduction, security. These seem like the different forces or "purposes" that drive us. This isn't exactly, right but I feel it's something like this. Talking about your "languages" - I think that different people might care more about different dimensions of their fitness (maybe this isn't the right word) and the diversity and the weight of your existence on certain dimensions is a strong part of your character and also your ability to influence those on that dimensions (maybe the idea of local currencies is a better way to describe this and maybe you can boil down to power/money as you point out, but I'm not sure...)

Neri got tied up with a student's thesis review...

"meaning"... maybe.

Great talking to you. Fun that Tenzin gets a lot out of these conversations as I do.

- Joi

> On Sep 5, 2016, at 6:15 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

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> If I ask what is beethovens fifth symphony, ? it needs context. ? piece of music? music in three parts. music in c minor. . the Ai minus 1 . was to pose good questions. they also need to be well posed. . what is your pupose today? main purpose.? goal.? what processes will you be using.? do you think you have true control over that purpose or even that answer. . you might first ask, why have a purpose? if im ill, I might say my purpose is to get better. . if im cold , my purpose would be to get warm. . its a system question. is it my mental state. or my physical. state. . both purpose to stay alive and have offspring that surevive. .

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> if you want , why still work? Fun, entertainment. ( its a deep concept . of keeping the sysytem healthy by stressing it. engaging it. etc , can be thinkning for some , weight lifting fro others ).

> how much of your day to you really control? . actions. ? motivations. . do the people around you modify those goals , just by being there. .

> were you guys looking for " meaning " .

> Did neri stop by?

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> I really appreciated the time with you and tenzin. .

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> On Mon, Sep 5, 2016 at 5:54 AM, Joi Ito <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> The answer to the question about what the question is.

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>> On Sep 4, 2016, at 10:55 PM, jeffrey E. <[jeevacation@gmail.com](mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com)> wrote:  
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>> what type of answer  
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>> On Sun, Sep 4, 2016 at 3:21 PM, Joi Ito <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
>> Thank YOU. But you didn't answer our question.  
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>>> On Sep 4, 2016, at 3:01 PM, jeffrey E. <[jeevacation@gmail.com](mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com)> wrote:  
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