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To: Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: RE: the dialogue
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Should be a most interesting event. Don't know exactly what we'll be doing. I don't think I can be a participant. Hope we'll manage to attend, at least the public debate.

Noam

From: Lawrence Krauss [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 2:43 PM
To: Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]>
Cc: jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: the dialogue

Hi.. here is some info from the invite letter which came from Mark Mattson, Chief of Neurosciences at Johns Hopkins, who is one of the organizers, along with Eric Horvitz, from Microsoft.. :

"The Origins of Pattern Processing workshop will explore the evolutionary, neurobiological and societal foundations of advanced visual and auditory pattern processing. This will involve short presentations and extended discussions by experts from disciplines ranging from neuroscience and evolutionary biology, to psychiatry and artificial intelligence. Specific topics include 1) the evolution and adaptive value of pattern processing capabilities; 2) how nerve cell circuits that process patterns are formed during brain development and modified by experience; 3) the neurobiological underpinnings of advanced pattern processing capabilities such as map-making, language, art and mental time travel; 4) the mental fabrication of non-existent entities such as gods and ghosts to explain poorly understood natural events; 5) aberrant pattern processing in psychiatric disorders and in potential artificial intelligence; 6) designing computers and robots to mimic or complement the superior pattern processing capabilities of the human brain; and 7) the implications of a better understanding of the brain's pattern processing mechanisms for the future of computing and the future of our species. "

There will be a public great debate event also, called. Creativity to Madness: Mental Processing in Human and Machine Brains

You are welcome to attend and be a participant in both, either etc.. Here was the initial invite list.. it has changed since this one was sent out but it gives you an idea of the breadth of participants.... some of these people can't come, some other names added.. Most have accepted, including Christoph Koch.. we are probably adding some machine intelligence people..

On Sep 24, 2015, at 11:29 AM, Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]> wrote:

We'll be in Tucson, visiting the linguistics department, mainly.

Most interested to hear about the conference. Hope we can work something out.

Noam

From: Lawrence Krauss [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 10:56 PM
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absolutely. Great.. hope it is vacation at the same place! We are going to have an Origins workshop on Origins of Mental Pattern Processing: Lessons from the Brain with an interesting group of neuroscientists, and machine intelligence types.. followed by a great debate on Creativity to Madness: Mental Processing in Human and Machine Brains. If you two would like to come up for the weekend and sit in and enjoy the resort and spend some down time with me, I would really enjoy that, and we would cover all the expenses... if the timing works out. We could even give you an honorarium if you wanted to spend more than a few days here relaxing and writing. Anyway the event is March 11-13..

In any case, perhaps I will see you back east before then. Thanks for reaching out.

Lawrence

On Sep 23, 2015, at 7:34 PM, Noam Chomsky < [REDACTED] > wrote:

If nothing before, we're expecting to be in Tucson in March. So then, I hope.

From: Lawrence Krauss [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 10:21 PM
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Me too. Was in Boston for only 3 hours on the 15th. Hopefully longer in Boston or NYC soon. Or back in Arizona in the winter! :)

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On Sep 22, 2015, at 7:08 PM, Noam Chomsky < [REDACTED] > wrote:

Sounds good. Look forward to seeing the outcome. And I hope we can all get together again.

From: Lawrence Krauss [mailto: [REDACTED]]
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To: Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: the dialogue

Hi Noam:

we are working on editing the transcript of the dialogue and it should be done in a week or two.. It seems to be coming along well.. it comes in at around 20,000 words.. anyway, am convinced it could be the basis of an interesting volume, supplemented by an intro, afterword, and maybe one or two other things..

Hope all is well. Jeffrey told me about your interesting meeting the other day.. wish I could have been there to listen.

Lawrence

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