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**Subject:** Re: AGI R&D Proposal
  **Date:** Mon, 02 Dec 2013 12:03:02 +0000

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Thanks so much re the 45K !!!

I am pretty confident this will be the year we, at least, produce interesting stuff to show off from OpenCog....
 We already have lots of cool stuff on the back end, so it's "just" a matter of getting to the point where this AI
work is interestingly enough demonstrated thru the game character.. And your focus on deception is an
interesting one, so one of my goals will be to be able to show you AI agents intentionally tricking each other by
the end of 2014 ;) ...

And, yeah, I will ping you in 2 weeks regarding the full program.... I really do hope we can move toward the full
program this time...

If you are wiling to seriously help with the full program, I may be able to recruit other science/tech-savvy high
net worth individuals I've met over the years, to contribute as well.  You are exceptionally visionary, yet you're
of course not the only high net worth individual to see the value in AGI and feel the time for it may be near.  I
think there's a very real possibility to put a full-scale AGI project together now.  Given the recent high profile of
stuff like IBM Watson, Kurzweil, self-driving cars and the like, I think the challenges in building enthusiasm for
such a thing should be considerably less than 5 years ago let alone 10 or 15

In the proposal this time around, I've tried to balance real-world applicability with pure R&D.  I suspect this will
help the proposal to appeal more broadly to people who, unlike you and me, don't have such an appreciation for
abstraction...

Anyway, I look forward to discussion on the broader proposal in a couple weeks.  Obviously, the proposal I sent
is merely a first stab and there are many forms such a project could ultimately take...

yours
Ben

On Monday, December 2, 2013, Jeffrey Epstein wrote:
  ill do the 45k, of course.  and please ping me again in two weeks re full program


  On Mon, Dec 2, 2013 at 6:44 AM, Ben Goertzel <████████████████> wrote:
   .. this version has a typo fixed ;p ...

   On Mon, Dec 2, 2013 at 7:40 PM, Ben Goertzel <████████████████> wrote:
   > Hi Jeffrey,
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   > Attached find a research proposal such as we discussed.
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   > Please let me know when you'd like to talk next; I can  make myself
   > available anytime for this, but late morning or early evening your
   > time works ideally given the time zone differences...
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> As you'll see, I decided to take up your invitation to "think big" ...
> this is a full fledged proposal "from here to AGI", with lots of
> exciting incremental progress along the way...
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> I hope you'll be able to take the time to read it over ;)
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> Of course it would be AWESOME to start a project like this
> full-speed-ahead sometime soon !! ... I'd be happy to discuss that
> with you at any time...
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> As you'll see, the project as I conceive it is neatly divided into
> modular teams, so it could be done as one big co-located team, or it
> could be done via a group of interacting teams at different locations
> (including some in university labs, fitting with your general funding
> M.O. of supporting university labs)...
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> OTOH if that sort of "AGI Brooklyn Project" style initiative is too
> much for you to bite off at the moment, I would still VERY much value
> help meeting the $45K obligation for the 10% "Corporate Sponsorship"
> of my 2014 "10 AI programmer" Hong Kong R&D grant.   This will help us
> get OpenCog to do cool enough stuff that you will have an easier time
> getting interest from others in the broader proposal....  For
> instance, I'm pretty sure that during 2014 we can get OpenCog to
> demonstrate a capability for deception in the game world ;)
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> I recall you  mentioned in our conversation that you think I should
> "be somewhere."  I guess you mean at some US institution.  I am
> pretty open to relocating anywhere if this relocation is part of a
> major AGI funding/R&D initiative.   On the other hand, here I have
> managed to get the gov't to allocate me $$ for AGI programmers, which
> is nice.   One possibility, if you're agreeable, would be for you to
> fund me to have a research professorship at Hong Kong Poly U, which is
> where the OpenCog programmers here are situated.  That way I could
> spend the bulk of my time on OpenCog AGI work, which would be
> great....   Of course that is not as good as having the full fledged
> AGI project funded, but it would let me work better toward getting
> OpenCog to do cool stuff that will help attract funding for the larger
> project...
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> Anyway you get the idea...  hope we can talk soon...
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