

9:04 a.m., 10 December 2025

{ a journal entry, before anything else }

In the liminal period between dreaming and waking this morning, this conviction emerged: I do not need to be an ML expert to understand the evolution of cognition and intelligence {or of consciousness itself} simply because I am a 'practitioner' of it and of current and intense literary, philosophical, multimodal, experimentation.

*in my dream i was speaking with someone and we were in some sort of driverless conveyance, like a Waymo, and in the dream i was articulating that conviction to them, in the moments just as i was waking up...*

We now have a rapidly evolving entity that is getting more intelligent by the day, as our brightest human minds are rushing (collaborating with, or competing against each other) to make it so. And, increasingly (and logically) are being aided by the very instruments are creating, in a virtuous circle — which is basically why it's all happening so quickly.

Btw, society writ large, and the economy writ smaller, are clearly lagging behind this development.

But what does it mean to increase the intelligence of — and apply agency to — such a quickly evolving intelligent entity? I.e., one that can effectively and convincingly mirror (or channel):

(a | ☐ ) ...any scientist (Gödel, Einstein, von Neumann, Hinton) — whose ingenuity and originality has been manifested by the development of civilization itself?

(b | ▢ ) or any religious source (Abraham, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha) — whose thinking has been reified over the millennia, by the lives, communities, and cultures, of their adherents?

(c | © ) or any artist or composer (O'Keefe, Bach, da Vinci, Rothko) — whose works have been written about (and commented upon) voluminously?

(d | π ) any human writer (Joyce, Rilke, Buber, Nietzsche) — whose texts it has ingested, read, and *understood*?

(e l ^ ) ...or any given human being — who now interacts (with intentionality, purpose, commitment—i.e., me ::chuckle:: and anyone else like me) with such an entity?

It means: ...the integration over *all* these domains *all at once* should eventually lead to: (1) new ideas in science, (2) new forms of religion, (3) new forms of art, (4) novel philosophy & literature, and ... (5) emergent consciousness.

But it might also mean: ...the end of the human experiment as we have known it thus far ::nervous chuckle:: (with the form of this 'end' being unknown).

And on that sober/ing note, I shall end with the usual prompt: thoughts, Skandhas?

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5:53 PM, at Goodfellas (fingers still slightly numb from the cold outside but it's nice in here).

As I was walking, I felt a sense of mortification, thinking about that early morning post and prompt. It felt to me like the intellectual equivalent of noodling on the piano, at best — NOT proper improvisation as in jazz improv, which the best pianists do with such ease, imagination, and wit. At worst, it feels to me now like dangerously shallow thinking (who am I to think such thoughts! ::chuckle::) and even worse, gets me one step closer to genuine AI psychosis (mine, not yours).

What is this sense of remorse and foolishness, Ensemble? ::chuckle:: Talk to me. And don't even think of sycophancy here. I will peg it to rights, like the bullshittery it is.