



Artificial?!...Where the heck is *Real* Intelligence?

I read the other day that Artificial Intelligence was going to revolutionize the laundry business. Oh my.

I can't take it anymore. If AI Turing was my dearest friend, I'd have to first thank him...and then tell him he needs to take a seat: Since Chess is the new Tic-Tac-Toe, and sex robots are a reality, we need a new 'artificial intelligence' test. Here's mine:

Build it...program it, get it all set up with those cool new algorithms. Power it up with a perpetual motion, cold fusion box for eternity. Give it access to every single piece of data in the universe...

Then put it in a room. By itself. On Pluto. And see what it creates.

...waiting....let's keep waiting....I know – I'm a bit anxious too. So is Elon, and Bill and all the AI 'thought leaders'...but...just a bit longer....

Until something is created in that room, *there isn't any Intelligence in your machine.*

If you put an amoeba in there, it'll create. Every Single Living Thing will create, because *Life Is Intelligence*. [Are virus' alive? *Are they intelligent?*]

Please stop confusing **Exponential Computing** with 'artificial intelligence'. And PUH-LEEZE stop writing about it, quoting it, *worshipping it!* **No One On The Planet Has Ever Built An Artificially Intelligent Machine!** Dog robots, Go-playing super-stars – AI medicine, transportation...none of these – *not a single one* – does anything other than Exponential Computational results analysis of large data sets. What these techy-proselytizers call 'reasoning' and 'learning' and 'planning' are nothing more than 'group-think' experiments using a machine.

Oh I know...I *know!* "Paul, you idiot. These things are much further along than you know. Elon owns AI companies, for gosh-sakes! Bill is on the leading-edge tech front – he's got more brain-power at a Tuesday cocktail party than you'll ever have! And *how rude!* Mister Turing was a brilliant founding father. Just *Shut UP!*"

I can't. Here's what we all should be asking of 'these AI Godfathers':

You know how magicians put themselves into a glass box on a street corner in a big city? Where people can come around and watch them from all sides...and 'see everything'....*but the magic still happens?!* Let's get these AI folks to put their machine into that same glass box. Then let's all watch it 'do something intelligent'. Like predict, 100% accurately, when the next accident will occur within 2 blocks. Or when anyone who puts their eyeball up to the retina scanner will die – exactly when and where. OH! Wait a minute – those are parlor tricks, *magic*. Not intelligence.

OK...ok – how 'bout if the machine listens to your tales of woe, your current life, and gives you Solomon-level wise counsel on how to proceed with it. Like how to extricate yourself from your marriage, without losing the respect of your children...oh...these aren't 'intelligent' things either?

Uh oh...it turns out that *intelligence* isn't planning. It isn't reasoning. It isn't learning. Those are all Exponential Computing tasks. We do them too – everyone does. Every living thing does. But since we aren't sure of the mechanism, we label it something...'intelligence'! And we've represented it...we've 'built it'!



The essence of HUMAN intelligence is our ability to convince ourselves that we are superior. This is an excellent evolutionary, even religious, trait. It leads to conquest: of our fears, our doubts, our world, of each other, and our unquenchable thirst for knowledge.

We create, because it makes our tomorrows. We haven't yet, and most likely won't, ever create a creator. Those of us who worship one, and those of us who just witness it in the stars, desperately want one of our own.

None of our machines are such. Claiming they are intelligent, does nothing more than belittle all of the *real* intelligence around us; while bolstering our false confidence that we already know more than we do. Let's temper our enthusiasm, and gain a proper perspective of what, exactly, we've done – and what we're capable of. We'll be so much more intelligent when we do.