AI-Guru

In summary, this project aims to create the first fully automated human-like spiritual guru that will publish video talks online on a consistent basis, indefinitely, without human involvement. Raising questions such as the relationship between the technological and spiritual, dangers and promises of humanlike AI, and Guru-worship.

How? Using existing AI innovations I will together with a programmer, puzzle these different innovations together to create the world's first AI-Guru fuelled by the vast knowledge of the internet. It will also, to my knowledge, be the first fully automated human-like on video personality, ever. I have verified the feasibility of the project with more than one coder friend. Some parts of the project will be arranged in advance, such as finding a few candidates for the coding.

Why? My notion is that for many people, the spiritual and the technological are opposites. In a time of rapid change, of exponential growth in computational power and AI. It is a peek into the future of what might come. This merging of the technological with one of the strongest spiritual symbols, the guru, aims to raise questions such as the relationship between the technological and the spiritual, the dangers and promises of humanlike AI, conscious robot rights, Guru-worship, will artificial superintelligence be god-like?

Where? In the land of the most ancient spiritual traditions going through a rapid technological change. There's no better place to research this project and to bring this new entity of the future to life.

Why is this important to me and others? This project marks an important step in my career as an artist, I will venture out into a new domain when it comes to media, while the theme remains within one of my core themes of consciousness and humanity. My hope is that this project will be that uneasy reminder of what we are venturing into, for good or for bad. That it will evoke emotions that makes us think about venturing into yet another of the five great existential risks of humanity. https://www.existential-risk.org/

Show where? The piece will premiere at the exhibition space provided by La Petite Maison, this project lies close to my heart so I will make a great effort to find more venues in Sweden and in New York where I have connections to later display this piece. The videos will be posted, most likely on Youtube, continually, indefinitely. Reactions and comments will become a part of the piece as it grows, as time goes.

With whom? Bhakti Mills, founder, and manager of La Petite Maison http://lapetitemaison.auroville.org/ will be my host and curator in the autumn of 2021. bhakti@auroville.org.in