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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 20, 2016 11:28 PM  
**To:** jeffrey E.  
**Subject:** Re:

Dear Jeffrey,

There is some fun stuff going on, mixed in with a substantial amount of BS too!

[REDACTED] and I had a fun debate on a panel -- or a violent disagreement, depending on your perspective. [REDACTED] wanted to define observers and agents as high-level, complex systems, and I wanted to say an observer is just a system that gets information about its environment, and an agent is a system that acts on its environment. They didn't have to get out the steel cage, but it was entertaining.

There has been a lot of interest about trying to make formal the idea of systems that discover and take advantage of patterns in their environment, quite similar to discussions that you and I have had. There are different perspectives about this, but people broadly agree that this is an important avenue to follow.

There remains a surprising amount of disagreement on foundations of quantum mechanics and the quantum measurement problem.

There has been a lot of fruitless debate on what is an 'event,' and what it means for an event to 'appear.'

There should be a good session on quantum gravity, which I will sadly miss because I have to leave tomorrow morning. Then there will be a session on consciousness, which I will happily miss.

Hope all goes well there,

[REDACTED]

On Sat, Aug 20, 2016 at 10:21 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com <mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com> > wrote:

any interesting insights up in bamf

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