

Ask A Genius 2 - The Next Two Years

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What will happen in the future - with AI, etc?

One thing that seems to be happening is that people are having somewhat less sex. There's so much other stuff to do, so much stuff to occupy our attention, which makes sex run down from number one in the 70s to not the awesomest thing to do - to only in the top 10 awesomest things to do for a half hour.

The whole next century is going to be about our relationship with information. We love information. The human evolutionary strategy, our niche versus other animals is that we're better at exploiting information. Dogs can go after smell information to find run-over squirrels.

Whereas, we use information to come up with theories of everything. A lot of these theories lead to new inventions, products. Over the next 20 years, we will come up with more effective ways to pipe information in and out of our heads. When you look at things that happened with TV, which went from 3 crappy channels to public TV to HBO and the rise of cable channels in the 80s and 90s.

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