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The singularity has nothing to do with consciousness.

~Stuart J. Russell

The more we learn about AI and about how the brain works, the more amazing the brain seems. Just the sheer amount of computation it does is truly incredible, especially for a couple of pounds of meat.

~Stuart J. Russell

When I read philosophy or neuroscience papers about consciousness, I don't get the sense we're any closer to understanding it than we were 50 years ago.

~Stuart J. Russell

Its really important to understand the difference between sentience and consciousness, which are important for human beings.

~Stuart J. Russell

I used to say that if you gave me a trillion dollars to build a sentient or conscious machine I would give it back. I could not honestly say I knew how it works.

~Stuart J. Russell

It's very hard to predict what kind of uses we'd make of assistants that could read and understand all the information the human race has ever generated. It could be really transformational.

~Stuart J. Russell

No one has a clue how to build a conscious machine, at all. We have less clue about how to do that than we have about build a faster-than-light spaceship.

~Stuart J. Russell

Everything we have of value as human beings - as a civilization - is the result of our intelligence.

~Stuart J. Russell

It's unlikely that machines would spontaneously decide they didn't like people, or that they had goals in opposition to those of human beings.

~Stuart J. Russell

I expect that people are going to feel differently about that once they're aware that AI systems can watch through a camera and can, in some sense, understand what it's seeing.

~Stuart J. Russell

Google or other search engines are examples of AI, and relatively simple AI, but they're still AI. That plus an awful lot of hardware to make it work fast enough.

~Stuart J. Russell

Some PhD physicists write software or work for hedge funds, but physics still has a problem with having very smart people but not enough opportunities.

~Stuart J. Russell

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