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In doing that,, I wanted to really open up this understanding of AI as neither artificial nor intelligent. It's the *opposite* of artificial. It comes from the most material parts of the Earth's crust and from human bodies laboring, and from all of the artifacts that we produce and say and photograph every day. Neither is it intelligent. I think there's this great original sin in the field, where people assumed that computers are somehow like human brains and if we just train them like children, they will slowly grow into these supernatural beings.

That's something that I think is really problematic—that we've bought this idea of intelligence when in actual fact, we're just looking at forms of statistical analysis at scale that have as many problems as the data that it's given.

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