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0:40	I never had an interest in robotics before college; Chinese and Political Science didn't interest me. Didn't get off out the essence of things. I want to learn about how people think, and creating intelligence and computer science was best way to do this – robots are like humans in their intelligence. On bad days, I don't feel like we're creating human level intelligence but I feel eventually we'll get there.
6:45	What excites you about the future of robotics? Robots can do the jobs that suck – clean toilets, clean up after Chernobyl, take care of old people – and jobs people can't do and they can expand what it means to be human. Expand memory, see infrared – and they'll fight our wars – technology can be good or bad.
11:35	Who should ask ethical questions and answer them? Humans self regulate, you have to hope people will figure it out, right now technology is full speed ahead suppressing science and inquiry is a bad idea. Congress shouldn't decide what technology is good and bad.
15:00	What are the ethical aspects of your work? Can robotics work combine good thinking and social responsibility? There's a part of science that's beyond ethics; we shouldn't stop trying to do things because they could be put to bad uses. I'm not working on aggressive technology.
18:00	I'd rather see the technology that can kill us all rather than not exist at all.
22:00	How did you come to romanticize science? My father – nuclear scientist , he believes there is a way the world works. It's all calculus, everything is function.
23:00	Science is a religion for me, there's faith in it. My brother Raef is mathematician, thinks it's cool puzzles.
25:40	Your interest in sci-fi books? Compelling stories of people getting power. Galactic Milieu one of my favorites series, ideas of post-human, great mental powers of French Canadians, this type of stuff makes me chortle with glee.
29:00	Post human is compelling. If I was post-human I could dunk; if we could augment ourselves, it would enrich our lives, though the work I do has nothing to do with this.
30:45	What about the everyday practice is fulfilling for you? Making a robot that does something is thrilling, they need to understand what's important. I ask what I'd want robots to do for me and bring that to my research; after school I'll find ways for robots to have capabilities – best blend of doing things and technological advances.
34:00	I don't get too excited about things when they work. There's always more to do, but I feel a high level of satisfaction.
35:00	Does coding make you happy or just the robot? Both, a combination; coding is fun. It's fluid, doesn't look like work to me.
37:00	You picked the right career, enjoying minutiae and the ethics, big picture. I don't know how

	people do it otherwise, must enjoy the process.
38:30	Inspiring co-workers, not professors . You do collaboration, I wish I did.