SPEAKER · AUTHOR · ENGINEER

Youssef Haddad

Author of **In Search of Self***: Observational Absurdism — What It Means to Be Human in the Age of the Machine*



He spent his career teaching machines to follow rules. Now he asks: what human qualities can a machine never acquire?

Born in Syria and trained in philosophy at the Sorbonne, Youssef spent thirty-seven years in computing: Cray supercomputers and NASA Ames, IBM, the launch of bestbuy.com, Syria's national internet, and enterprise chief architect for the State of Minnesota. Now he returns to philosophy.

TALKS

What the Machine Does Not Acquire

AI can imitate our words. Can it choose, believe, love, or be brave?

The Architecture of Doubt

A machine can say "I am not certain." Only a person can truly doubt.

From Supercomputers to Sisyphus

What four decades among machines taught an engineer about being human.

> *"A provocative philosophical exploration of what it means to be human."*
>
> Paul Karos, author of *The Ultimate Building Project* (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press)

> *"This book grounds philosophy in a scientific approach and then asks the big questions."*
>
> Gordon L. Anderson, Ph.D., author of *Integral Economy*

Format: 45–60 minute talk with Q&A, or podcast and radio interviews, for universities, libraries, lifelong-learning programs, technology groups, and churches.

yhaddad01@gmail.com **612-791-5544** **youssefhaddad.com**