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THE SOLOMON PROJECT FINDS O.J. SIMPSON GUILTY

New York - December, 1995. Solomon, an artificial intelligence computer protocol created by a group of computer scientists, judges, and lawyers, which is capable of analyzing and adjudicating even the most complicated legal cases, has found O.J. Simpson guilty of 1st degree murder.

A demonstration, in which the O.J. Simpson case was re-tried by Solomon, was held Saturday, December 9, 1995, at the Solomon Research Headquarters in New York City, in preparation for a planned 15 city tour this Spring. The crowd of legal and law enforcement professionals reacted with a mixture of awe, shock, and, in some cases, dismay. Some of the legal professionals were so outraged at the implications of what they saw, that the Solomon Project founders are taking steps to protect their funding sources and to indemnify themselves from the threat of law suits.

Although Solomon's verdict in the Simpson case was of little surprise, the controversy stemmed from the basic premise that a computer protocol can radically and permanently change the roles of judge, lawyer, and jury, thus completely revamping the entire American judicial process.

"Innovation is always met with opposition," said Dr. Joseph Bonuso, research fellow and founding director of the Solomon Project. "We've always known it will take a grass roots movement to overcome the opposition of the powerful legal establishment which has a vested interest in maintaining the status quo. Clearly, members of the judicial system recognize that, if an artificial intelligence solution is capable of making informed and balanced judgments, this will result in radical change. In the process of providing swift and impartial justice, it will eliminate many of the functions of the personnel involved in applying, arguing and administering the law."

Of greater concern to some legal professionals is the proposed lie-detection testing that all parties, i.e., lawyers, defendant, witnesses, police, etc., must undergo in the quest for truth.

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And, they further questioned the validity of computers making critical judgments at all.

But, the use of computers where critical judgment is required, has been proven in many other commercial applications. Computers fly airplanes, decide who gets credit, explore the universe, and compile and interpret sensitive medical data. Business organizations throughout the U.S. are extremely dependent upon the use of artificial intelligence. Therefore, according to Dr. Bonuso, "Why be surprised at this application for the betterment of humanity. A thinking computer will not make us less human, but more humane."

Arrangements for the 15 city tour this Spring are moving forward despite concerns that corporate and public funding sources may be pressured by various legal groups and bar associations to withdraw their funding.

The flood of international interest as well as the public's desire to see positive change to the system are propelling this project forward. Cities to be visited include: Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Atlanta, Miami, Dallas, Seattle, Louisville, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Phoenix and Salt Lake City.

Results of prominent cases already re-tried by Solomon are as follows: Mike Tyson, found guilty in court was found not guilty by Solomon. William Kennedy Smith, found not guilty in court was found guilty by Solomon. The Menendez Brothers' trial resulted in a mistrial in court, but Solomon found them guilty. Susan Smith, Heidi Fleiss and Amy Fischer, found guilty in court were also found guilty by Solomon. Klaus Von Bulow, found not guilty in court was found guilty by Solomon. The police officers in the Rodney King case were found not guilty in court, but guilty by Solomon.

The adjudication of these cases will be demonstrated when Solomon takes to the road. In addition, other high profile local cases are being sought for re-trial. Law professionals are requested to submit their materials to the Solomon Project office no later than February 1, 1996. ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED, NO MATERIALS WILL BE RETURNED.

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