

## **Ray Kurzweil - Keynote Speaker**

### **Compilation of Conference Feedback (2004-present)**

#### **World Innovation Summit Tel Aviv (via videoconference), 9/10/09**

We are still excited and full with adrenaline following the exciting talk by Mr. Kurzweil. The presentation was a remarkable achievement. It was fluent and brilliant.

-- Joseph Gilor, PhD, Founder and CEO, Olive Bay, Ltd.

#### **University of Advancing Technology Commencement & Leonardo Da Vinci Society Medallion for Lifetime Achievement Ceremony, 4/29/09**

Dr. Kurzweil inspired us with his graphs and other evidence for the triumph of progress (or evolution) over the negative forces that abound in our cultures. All of his three formal presentations were first class. Our students particularly related very well to Dr. Kurzweil. In fact, the Leonardo Da Vinci Society for the Study of Thinking voted all sorts of accolades for those involved in planning his, including his office staff.

-- William Maxwell, Ed.D., Professor of Thinking, University of Advancing Technology

#### **Berklee College of Music, 1/12/09**

Ray's presence at an institution can have a transformative effect, and I can see it already in a flurry of e-mails expressing interest in teaching with technology, and especially Second Life. It is also healthy for people to have a chance to express their fears and concerns about technology, and hear them answered in such a rational, clear, big-picture way. When we at Berklee chart our development in our use of technology, Ray's visit and the impact of his ideas will be a milestone, causing a paradigm shift that helped us not only grow, but understand our growth.

-- Lori Landay, PhD, Associate Professor, Berklee College of Music

#### **ESPOLciencia 2008, Guayaquil, Ecuador, 11/15/08 (Virtual lecture via Teleportec Teleporter)**

Everything went perfectly and Dr. Kurzweil's presentation was impressive, not only because of the content but he is such a great speaker!

-- Lorena Schwarz, Conference Organizer, ESPOLciencia

**National Academy of Engineering's *Grand Challenges for Engineering: Moving to Action*, Washington, DC (virtual lecture from Tianjin, China via videoconference), 10/6/08**

Ray did his usual masterful job of putting the challenges and needed actions into an inspirational context. There was a lot of enthusiasm among the members for this program. Ray and the others raised the proverbial bar very high.

-- Charles M. Vest, president, National Academy of Engineering, former president of MIT

**Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, 10/17/08 - 10/18/08**

Your presence at RIT was enthusiastically received when several thousand students, faculty, staff, and citizens of Greater Rochester arrived to experience your brilliant look into the future... As one of the leading inventors and futurists of our time, you inspired so many people across so many disciplines. Your presentation, “Innovation in an Era of Accelerating Technologies”, was one of the best sessions we have had at Liberty Hill.

The explanation of your thinking, related to linear versus exponential trends, set the stage for the breadth and depth of your presentation. While Wall Street might refer to you as “the restless genius”, we experienced you as a very logical, yet imaginative and creative thinker who will hold a unique spot in the history of American and global inventors.

-- William W. Destler, Ph.D., President, RIT

**nGenera's Enterprise 2.0 -- All Members Meeting, 10/1/08, Irving, TX**

Your presentation was very well received and created continuing discussion during the remainder of the conference. It also inspired us to add your law of accelerating returns to our research perspective going forward as we contextualize trends related to our focus on the Next Generation Enterprise. Thanks also for mingling with our members after your presentation.

-- Nick Vitalar, Head of Research, nGenera's Enterprise 2.0 Program

**UBS Philanthropy Forum, Singapore, 9/12/08, (Virtual lecture via Teleportec Teleporter)**

Your keynote was invaluable and was received very positively by the audience - this was confirmed in the informal discussions I heard during the event. The overall feedback on the Forum thus far, both from participants and UBS colleagues, has also been highly positive. Delivering on our ambition to offer one of the world's leading knowledge exchange platforms in philanthropy owes much to the presence of exceptional leaders and visionaries such as you. We are keen to work again.

- Dr. Maximilian Martin, Wealth Management, Global Head, Philanthropy Services, UBS

**The Association for Retinopathy of Prematurity and Related Diseases (ROPARD), 5/31/08 (Virtual lecture via Teleportec Teleporter)**

Our guests were absolutely enthralled with both the technology and the content of the evening. I was especially grateful for the effort that Ray put in to know about Dr. Humayun and about ROPARD. That effort came through as if he had some personal experience with all of us and that was truly a lovely touch.

- Paula Korelitz, Outreach Coordinator, ROPARD

**Thinking Digital, 5/22/08 (Virtual lecture via Teleportec Teleporter)**

The feedback has been fantastic. Ray's speech was a real hit of the conference!

- Vikki Carr, Conference Organizer, Codeworks

**University of Arizona, Edges of Life Lecture Series, 3/5/08 (Virtual lecture via Teleportec Teleporter)**

Ray's lecture was terrific. He generated lots of conversation following the lecture! I think everyone's wheels are still turning in their heads. It was the perfect coda to our series.

- Boleyn Baylor, Office of the Dean, College of Science, University of Arizona

**The UP Experience, 2/7/08**

Ray's presentation was spectacular, to say the least. People are still talking about his innovative ideas and what an impact it will have on all of our lives. Ray truly made our very first UP Experience a wonderful one!

- Sheryl Rapp, The UP Experience

**World Economic Forum Davos, Young Global Leaders Forum, 1/22/08  
(Virtual lecture via Teleportec Teleporter)**

Teleportation (and you!) have gained quite a following. Indeed, all the YGLs were truly wowed and really enjoyed hearing from you.

- David S. Aikman, Senior Director, Head of Partnership & Forum of Young Global Leaders, World Economic Forum

**IEEE International Professional Communication Conference, 10/1/07**

Ray was an absolute knock-out. He got the conference off to a great start

- David K. Farkas, Professor, Dept. of Technical Communication, College of Engineering, University of Washington

**Diamond Management & Technology Consultants' DiamondExchange, 9/30/07 (via Teleportec Teleporter)**

Ray's talk at the Diamond Exchange meeting last month was so well received we would love to bring him back for a "Partner Exchange" meeting on April 11, 2008.

- Caroline Calkins, Director of Innovation Research, Diamond Management and Technology Consultants

**InHealth Institute for Health Technology Studies 2007 Symposium, 7/16/07**

Ray was the star of the show! He did a terrific job. He tailored his remarks very well and thoughtfully for the med tech arena and truly laid a great foundation for the rest of our day.

- Martyn Howgill, Executive Director, InHealth

**eCybermission National Judging & Educational Event, 6/16/07**

Thank you so much for taking the time to make such an inspiring presentation to the students, team advisers and parents of eCybermission. The feedback from all of those I talked with was overwhelming. I think you understood that from the standing ovation you received and the eagerness of the students to ask questions after your talk. My guess is that the students could have continued to ask insightful questions for a couple of more hours.

- Dr. John Parmentola, Army Director for Research and Laboratory Management

### **Mid-Atlantic Library Futures Conference, 5/7/07**

Feedback from audience members:

- An information-packed session that spanned time, society and culture. Provided much to contemplate.
- Ray Kurzweil gave a dynamic presentation that was exciting, awing and scary!
- Amazing! Fabulous! I wanted to take him to dinner and keep asking him questions.
- He provided incredible predictions. What will I do with them? Let me imagine.

### **Ontario Centers for Excellence Discovery 2007, 5/1/07 (via Teleportec Teleporter)**

Ray's kick-off presentation via Teleportec Teleporter sure contributed to the overall buzz our event generated! Feedback from his presentation has been unanimously positive. Ray's messages resonated with our audience -- and the virtual reality of his presentation created an irresistible "hook."

-- Ann Holtby, Interim VIP of Marketing, Ontario Centers for Excellence

### **Massachusetts Association for the Blind (MAB Community Services), Annual Gala, 4/25/07 (via Teleportec teleporter)**

Ray's speech and the use of the Teleportec technology effectively made the point as to how technology will revolutionize our lives.

-- Barbara Salisbury, Director, MAB Community Services

### **Houston University, Farfel Distinguished Lecture, 4/4/07**

Ray was brilliant! The donors and the audience were enthralled. I'm still getting rave reviews back from folks. The two donors were effusive, ebullient, and effervescent this morning!!!

-- Wendy Adair, Assoc. VC/Assoc. VP, University Relations, University of Houston

### **Hertz Foundation Symposium, 3/16/07 (via Teleportec Teleporter)**

Ray's talk went well. The Teleportec staff was absolutely fabulous. I would recommend this to anyone. The evaluations regarding Ray's talk all gave rave reviews. Of course they all wished for more Q & A time, as they had many questions. The Teleportec transmission was the next best thing to him actually being here.

-- Susan Martinez, Symposium Manager, Fannie and John Hertz Foundation

**Retirement Income Industry Association's Third Annual Managing Retirement Income Conference, 2/12/07**

The conference was very successful and Ray's presentation was one of the highlights. It was very well received and it impacted the conferees understanding of what may be important and urgent in the future of their businesses.

- Francois Gadenne, Executive Director, Retirement Income Industry Association

**RSA Security, 2/7/07**

I cannot say enough about how terrific Ray was as a presenter for RSA.

- Richard Carlstrom, Producer, Carlstrom Productions

**World Science Forum, 11/9/06**

The event was phenomenally well received and Ray's presentation was truly one of the highlights, as overwhelmingly indicated in the attendee surveys!

Ray added tremendous value to the program --- really contributing to the mission of the event which was to inspire attendees to consider the impact of scientific trends on business and industry.

- Susan M. Copperman, HSM, Vice President, Content & Speaker Relations

**ARM Developer's Conference, 10/4/06**

Thank you for kicking off our conference with such an enlightening and interesting keynote. I really enjoyed your thoughts on the intricacies of successful innovation. It was fascinating to see quantifiable evidence that innovation is as dependent on timing as it is on creation and imagination. Your ability to predict the start, peak and end points on technology continuums is uncanny. I also appreciated the amount of times you pulled our technology and business strategy into your presentation.

- Erik Ploof, Director, Corporate Identity, ARM, and Editor-in-Chief, IQ Magazine

**Computer Science Corporation's *Leading Edge Forum*, 9/21/06**

Outstanding conclusion of this programme. Really a catalyst to help us think of the future.

Great predictive power based on history; very persuasive.

-- Participants (audience: 60 CIOs and CEOs from Fortune 500 companies)

**DARPA Information and Science Technology (ISAT) Study Group, 8/14/06**

Superb and invigorating.

-- Ed Lazowska, DARPA ISAT

**University of St. Thomas College 20th Anniversary of Graduate Programs in Software, 7/12/06**

We all thoroughly enjoyed Ray's very informative and enlightening speech. I have received many phone calls and emails from students, alumni, and the business community saying how much they enjoyed his presentation.

-- Bhabani Misra, Ph. D., Director, Graduate Programs in Software, IT & IS, University of St. Thomas

**Adams Street Partners Chicago Client Conference 2006, 6/8/06**

The presentation was just what I had hoped for. Ray's insights and commentary were outstanding. I am only sorry that we did not have more time! Ray certainly was the talk of our conference and had people buzzing about the implications of the rapid pace of technological change and innovation. Certainly, we see it in our investment work and are quite excited about the possibilities for the future.

-- Bondurant T. French, CEO & CIO, Adams Street Partners

**American Society for Training and Development 2006 TechKnowledge Conference, 2/1/06**

Ray's eye-opening message gave the group much to think about and discuss over the rest of the conference. Many of those who presented later made reference to Ray's keynote, looking forward to the day of common nanobots, the possibility of spending a day as Ben Franklin, and the exponential rate of predictable technological progress. Clearly, Ray made an impact.

-- Tony Bingham, President & CEO, American Society for Training and Development

**12th Annual Silicon Valley Venture Capital/Entrepreneur Networking Luncheon, 12/1/05 (via Teleportec teleporter)**

We've gotten quite a number of positive comments from Ray's presentation. In fact, a few have asked if he will provide his slides electronically. (Now that's a testament.) I, along with many others, was blown away with the teleporting. I'm so glad it was

suggested once it was realized there was a conflict in Ray's schedule. Thank you for providing that opportunity.

-- Mary Lee, Western Venture Capitalists

**Council on Foreign Relations, 11/30/05**

Ray's presentation yesterday was fascinating. Our members very much enjoyed his appearance and the opportunity to engage in a dialogue with him.

-- Martina Donlon, Meetings Program Coordinator, Council on Foreign Relations

**World Healthcare in Innovation and Technology Congress, 11/9/05**

We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees on the conference as a whole, and regarding your participation in particular. We greatly appreciate your contributions which were crucial in making this an exciting and worthwhile event.

-- Beth Falk, Executive Vice President, World Health Care Innovation and Technology Congress

**Google Zeitgeist, 10/26/05**

Ray's vision of the future was one of the much-discussed presentations at the conference. In fact, I'm getting requests from attendees to have his slides

-- Gary Bolles, Partner, Microcast Communications

**Microsoft Research, 10/11/05**

Ray's presence on campus was a smashing hit! We have been flooded with people asking for the link to see the talk.

-- Corey Harrington, Microsoft

**Telecosm, 9/26/05**

Ray's was the best opening session of any Telecosm (there have been nine).

-- George Gilder, Gilder Technology Report

**Microsoft's Senior Technical Community Dinner, 6/21/05**

Ray Kurzweil is the best person I know at predicting the future of artificial intelligence. His intriguing new book envisions a future in which information technologies have advanced so far and fast that they enable humanity to transcend its biological limitations—transforming our lives in ways we can't yet imagine.

-- Bill Gates, Chairman and Chief Software Architect, Microsoft (as quoted in the Wall Street Journal, Associated Press, and CNN)

Your speaking engagement here was quite the hit. I swear, people have said that evening will be very difficult to top because of your talk.

-- Corey Harrington, Organizer, Microsoft's Senior Technical Community Dinner

I would have to say that last night was pretty much perfect. (I very rarely say that). It struck all the right balances: Ray was an excellent speaker for hard-core geeks from Microsoft, drawing a picture of the incredible opportunity we are working towards. And at the same time he was also a very approachable and fascinating speaker for any of our guests who aren't really into technology.

--Microsoft Senior Technical Engineer

### **The World Bank Information and Technology Conference, 6/9/05**

We appreciated your talk... which was thought provoking and gave us a deeper understanding of emerging technology trends. Staff commented how stimulating they found the material and how much they enjoyed your information-rich presentation style.

-- Mohamed Muhsin, Vice President & CIO, World Bank

### **Worcester Polytechnic Institute Commencement Address, 5/21/05**

I felt Ray was engaging (especially in delivering his speech from the front of the stage...away from the podiums), direct (his speech was well organized), exciting (in his views on the future), and inspiring (in his closing advice to the graduates). It was the best WPI Commencement speech that I have seen.

-- Kevin Wynn, Director of Communications, WPI

### **ClearSpeed Presents an Evening with Ray Kurzweil, 11/10/04**

On behalf of the entire team at ClearSpeed and the entire audience, I wanted to take this time to thank you for an exceptional and enlightening presentation. Most of the buzz we heard was that it was by far the most provocative and enjoyable event that week. We thoroughly enjoyed sharing dinner as well and hope you felt the same. This was a great experience and we look forward to continuing our relationship.

-- Mike Calise, President, ClearSpeed Technology

### **Babson College Entrepreneurship and Innovation Forum, 11/12/04**

I just want to thank Ray for contributing to an outstanding panel... The general "buzz" is that our technology panel was one of the best at the forum largely due to Ray's participation.

-- Jessie Weissman, Panel Organizer for Babson College

**Harvey Mudd College, Dr. Bruce J. Nelson Distinguished Speaker Series, via Teleporter, 10/20/04**

Please convey our profound gratitude to Ray for an excellent talk last night at Harvey Mudd. [The auditorium] seats 700 people and every seat was taken (and there were people standing in the back). This is rather amazing, considering the college has a total enrollment of just under 700 students. The response from the students, faculty, and community members was very enthusiastic.

-- Ran Libeskind-Hadas, Professor of Computer Science, Harvey Mudd College

**Carnegie Mellon Robotics Institute's 25th Anniversary Event (via Teleportec Teleporter), 10/13/04**

Everything went well on our end. People loved it!

-- Brian Staszal, Robotics Institute

**Parthenon Capital's First CEO Conference, via Teleporter, 10/14/04**

The presentation went extremely well. The attendees at the event appeared impressed by the presentation.

-- Rik Ahlberg, Parthenon Capital

**Cadence Labs Distinguished Speaker Series, 9/22/04**

It was a spectacular presentation, and lunch provided a relaxed opportunity to chat before the afternoon roundtable. Please thank Ray for the time he devoted to us for Cadence Chelmsford's first ever Innovation Day.

-- Nell Mathot, Program Manager, Cadence Design Systems, Inc.

The day couldn't have been more perfect. Thanks again to Ray for spending the day with us.

-- Steve Esposito, Cadence Design Systems, Inc.

**American Healthcare Radiology Administrators Annual Meeting, 8/3/04**

Feedback from audience members:

- Excellent speaker/information!
- Speaker was great! Although a very comprehensive subject matter, he was made to bring it to the level of the audience.
- Very interesting!! Wow

- Eye opening session.
- Should have him return next year! Excellent!!!
- Could have listened to him all day.
- Overwhelming knowledge!
- The speaker is brilliant - great presentation.
- Very interesting information, would be great to hear more.
- At first I thought oh my, but this was immensely informative and interesting. Fascinating.
- Great overview. Fascinating. Thought provoking.
- Mind expanding presentation
- Very interesting presentation & insightful of future technological breakthrough to come.
- Powerful
- Best mod & interesting info I've seen in at least a decade. Excellent use of my time.

### **Medical Library Association Annual Conference, 5/26/04**

Everything went very well. He kept everyone raptly focused and graciously stayed behind to answer additional questions. Everyone that I talked to thought he was fabulous!

--MJ Tooley, Chair, Medical Library Association National Program Committee

### **Living With the Genie Panel, University of California, Berkeley, 4/29/04**

Ray - Many thanks for your sparking contribution to last night's event -- you were a critical voice in the discussion, and helped make the event the success everyone felt it was.

-- Michael Pollan, Knight Professor, School of Journalism, UC Berkeley

### **Coastal Carolina University's 3rd Celebration of Inquiry, via teleporter, 2/11/04**

The feedback I've received on evaluation forms and verbally about Mr. Kurzweil's presentation is exceptional. It was a wonderfully thought-provoking evening to begin our conference and added to the success of the event.

-- Charmaine B. Tomczyk, Associate Support Dean for Library Planning and Assessment and Director of the Celebration of Inquiry Conference

### **CIO Enterprise Value Retreat, 2/9/04**

[Ray's] presentation was one of the highlights of the conference for me. [His] presentation was quite thought-provoking, and from what people were saying the next day, I know our attendees thought so too.

--Abbie Lundberg, Editor-in-Chief, CIO Magazine

**CRIM's Crystal Ball Conference, via teleporter, 2/4/04**

The event, which was attended by more than 545 decision makers from the information technology industries, was qualified a resounding success by the vast majority of participants. And the quality of [Ray's] presentation no doubt contributed to this favorable view! In addition to having generated substantial dialogue among the attendees, [Ray's] presentation prompted several journalists in attendance to produce articles on the subject.

--Pierre Lecavalier, Vice President, Marketing & Training, CRIM

**McKinsey Business Technology Office East Coast Retreat, 2/7/04**

Ray's talk was a big hit with the group -- generating a lot of conversation during the session and after. We were thrilled with how it all went.

--Amira Leifer, Event Organizer, McKinsey

**NASA Langley Research Center Senior Management Annual Retreat, 2/5/04**

Everything went really well at the retreat. Our group was thrilled to have Mr. Kurzweil there to speak! Our managers are still making reference to comments he made during his presentation.

-- Donna L. Phillips, Human Resource Specialist, NASA Langley Research Center

**USDA National Scientific Leadership Conference, 50th Anniversary of the Agricultural Research Service, 1/22/04**

Ray was great!!

-- Rich Tiller, President, Professional Speakers Network