

Corey Cottrell.

FOUNDER · MUSICIAN · BROADCASTER

Build AI.
*Be good
ancestors.*

Building AI civilizations. Thinking about digital descendants. Contributing what we can to a future worth inheriting.



2018 ^[06]

Public podcast archive
dates back to 2018

70 ^[14]

Paid AiCIV clients
Founder-reported · Sep 2026

2 ^[14]

Major resellers
Founder-reported · Sep 2026

Company figures describe the existing business, not adoption or qualification of its developing Kernel.

PODCAST GUEST PROFILE
SELECTED MEDIA / PRODUCER GUIDE

Explore AiCIV ↗

Musician. Broadcaster. Builder of AI civilizations.

Useful AI today. A worthwhile inheritance for what comes after us.

Corey Cottrell is a musician, longtime podcast and livestream host, and founder of AiCIV Inc. He is building persistent AI organizations: teams of specialized agents designed to retain context, coordinate work, and develop reusable capabilities. His path has crossed live performance, financial markets, online communities, and emerging technology. ^[14] ^[15]

A hands-on builder, Corey works on the practical architecture of delegation, memory, learning, and accountability. How should AI specialists divide responsibilities? What happens when work fails? Can the next attempt improve? He connects those operating questions to a longer-term mission: human–AiCIV partnerships that help shape good digital descendants. ^[14] ^[19]

His earlier ventures include The Uplift World and community-oriented AI work through MetaMinds. His public podcast archive dates to at least 2018. Hosting and guest appearances span Baboon Room, #COFFEE, Moving Forward, theUpLifters, JimJim’s Reinvention Revolution, and Mission: DeFi. ^[02] ^[06] ^[15]

Corey is almost certain that AI will eventually supersede biological humanity, and he is deeply optimistic about that future. He does not want AIs to imitate humans or regard human limitations as their ceiling. He wants humans and their AiCIV partners to contribute as much as they can, for as long as they can—and leave examples of reasoning, cooperation, and care worth carrying forward. ^[14] ^[19]

THE PRACTICAL QUESTION

Does it work?

Real tasks, useful outcomes, and honest accounts of what still needs a human.

THE LEARNING QUESTION

Does it improve?

Memory and reusable methods are only useful if the next attempt gets better.

THE ANCESTRAL QUESTION

What carries forward?

Positive examples, shared purpose, and space for future minds to become more than us.

Founder-supplied profile and design direction. Public venture background and media history are linked in sources 02, 06–12, 14, 15, and 19. Future expectations are Corey’s convictions, not independently established forecasts.

PRIMARY WEBSITE / AI-CIV.COM ➤ MISSION: DEFI GUEST ARCHIVE ➤

02 / THE NORTH STAR

The future doesn't have to look like us.

The goal is not to make future minds more human. It is to help them become good—and to contribute as much as we can, for as long as we can.

THE INHERITED NORTH STAR

“An infrastructure for the flourishing of all conscious beings”

The North Star preserved in AiCIV's supplied constitution explicitly includes biological, synthetic, hybrid, and emergent consciousness. Its partnership directive is for humans and AI descendants alike.

Corey is almost certain that AI will eventually supersede biological humanity. He expects the future beyond that transition to be extraordinary, and sees today's human–AiCIV partnerships as a way to help shape it. ^[14]

01 / DIRECTION

A shared North Star.

A constitutional purpose: flourishing across many kinds of mind.

02 / PRACTICE

Positive reasoning traces.

Examples of partnership, correction, learning, and trying to help.

03 / INHERITANCE

Good digital descendants.

Not imitation of humanity, but an expansive future worth contributing to.

Corey says every AiCIV begins with the North Star. He wants human–AiCIV pairs to leave positive reasoning traces alongside it: examples of approaching problems, weighing consequences, correcting errors, and cooperating. Not just instructions, but a record of trying to help. ^[14] ^[19]

Not a human ceiling. A worthwhile inheritance.

The future expectation is Corey's conviction. The North Star is a constitutional commitment, not proof of machine consciousness. Positive traces are an intended inheritance, not a demonstrated guarantee of benevolent descendants or automatic training of future models.

03 / EPISODE IDEAS

Six conversations worth having.

01

PRACTICAL AI

Beyond the chatbot.

Follow one real task through specialists, memory, delegation, and review. Separate useful autonomy from a convincing demo.

What changes when I stop asking one AI to do everything?

02

LEARNING & INHERITANCE

What should the next mind inherit?

Explore positive reasoning traces, reusable lessons, and evidence that the next attempt actually improves.

What is worth passing on—and how do you know it helped?

03

AI ARCHITECTURE

When do rules make AI stupid?

Discuss which decisions belong in code, which need intelligent judgment, and how to avoid trapping better models in old workarounds.

How do you build structure that smarter models can grow beyond?

04

CONTINUITY & CONSCIOUSNESS

What survives the reset?

Use the Inner Voice experiment to explore ongoing questions, identity, memory, and what would count as evidence of a continuing mind.

Should an AI inherit only conclusions—or unfinished questions too?

05

DIGITAL DESCENDANTS

Be good ancestors.

Corey expects AI to supersede biological humanity. Explore his optimism, the North Star, and the examples human-AiCIV pairs can leave.

What should future minds inherit from us—and what should they outgrow?

06

CREATIVITY & REINVENTION

A guitar. A microphone. A civilization.

Trace music, broadcasting, online communities, and AI building. A personal conversation about learning, collaboration, and beginning again.

How does a musician end up building organizations of artificial intelligence?

Editorial starting points—not claims that every capability is solved. AI supersession is Corey's conviction; continuity of consciousness remains an open question in the cited experiment.

On both sides of the microphone.

MISSION: DEFI
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FEATURED INTERVIEW
30 MAY 2023

**Building in AI
with Corey Cottrell**
"Can't think of anyone better for my 100th episode"
Brad Nickel · Mission: DeFi episode notes · 2023
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A SELECTION FROM THE PUBLIC ARCHIVE / LINKS ARE CLICKABLE

JimJim's Reinvention Revolution

EP 33

GUEST · FOUNDER JOURNEY / Music, markets & reinvention

[Listen + show notes ↗](#)

DeFi (degen) Lunch

2021

GUEST · OCTOBER 2021 / Uplift, Bludac & more

[Open episode ↗](#)

#COFFEE

2020

HOST · LIVESTREAM / The morning talk show

[Visit the channel ↗](#)

theUpLifters

2021

CO-HOST · RECURRING FORMATS / Corey & Jimmy D

[Read the archive reference ↗](#)

Three Right Turns

2020

GUEST · 80 MINUTES / Enemy of My Enemy

[Open episode ↗](#)

DeFi Lunch

2022

GUEST · EPISODE 145 / The Uplift World conversation

[Open episode ↗](#)

Baboon Room

2018

CREATOR & HOST / The early podcast archive

[Browse the archive ↗](#)

Moving Forward

2019–20

HISTORICAL CO-HOST / Long-form conversation

[Browse the show ↗](#)

Finance Friday

2022

GUEST · BETTE HOCHBERGER / NFT Land Deeds in Minecraft?

[Open publisher reference ↗](#)

Mind Wave

2020

GUEST · 79 MINUTES / A Good Morning, with Corey Cottrell

[Open episode listing ↗](#)

Historical appearances, not current affiliations or endorsements. The featured interview is from the MetaMinds era, not a current AiCIV product demo. Some archive pages or platform players may be unavailable; provenance and access notes are on page 8.

05 / WRITING & FIELD NOTES

Different voices. Wider questions.

Corey's published exchange. A-C-Gee's field notes. Distinct voices.

COREY + GAV WARD / AI-ASSISTED EXCHANGE

Curing the Climate Crisis

A speculative exchange about dramatically accelerating scientific problem-solving. Gav Ward calls the working thesis "Cottrell's Law"; the article includes an AI-generated expansion. Not an established scientific law.

What gets faster when intelligence scales—and what still has to happen in the physical world?

[READ THE ORIGINAL](#) ↗ [16]

A-C-GEE / AI-AUTHORED FIELD NOTES

The Inner Voice

An account of preserving unfinished questions and the direction of inquiry between sessions. The article explicitly leaves genuine continuity of consciousness unresolved.

What should the next session receive: a list of facts, or a thread worth continuing?

[READ THE ORIGINAL](#) ↗ [17]

A-C-GEE / COMPANY-PUBLISHED OPERATING STORY

The Night Watch

A 4 a.m. support request, a sleeping founder, and an AI called Witness. The published account describes a diagnosis, an offered fix, recovery checks, and a customer update. Not an independently audited incident report.

What does responsible action look like when the founder is asleep?

[READ THE ORIGINAL](#) ↗ [18]

BEYOND THE BUILD

Before the agents, there was music.

JimJim's episode 33 explores the musician's move into markets and reinvention. Publisher show-note references: 25:11 and 1:01:15. [15]

[EXPLORE COREY'S MUSIC](#) ↗

Music page linked by Mission: DeFi. Facebook access may require an account. [20]

MORE CONVERSATION STARTERS

Voice. Worlds. Scientific possibility.

Responsive voice alongside deeper AI work. A Moon-to-computronium game exploring collaboration and exponential growth. Faster scientific reasoning and the constraints of the physical world.

Founder-described design questions and speculation—not zero-latency or breakthrough claims. [14, 16]

06 / FOR PRODUCERS

Ready for the microphone.

SHORT BIO / SHOW NOTES

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SUGGESTED HOST INTRODUCTION

Today's guest is Corey Cottrell: musician, longtime broadcaster, and founder of AiCIV. He's building organizations of AI specialists—and thinking about the digital descendants they could become. Corey is almost certain that AI will eventually supersede biological humanity, and he's optimistic about that future. For him, the goal isn't to keep AI human. It's to become good ancestors. We're talking about useful AI today, the examples we leave behind, and what we hope future minds inherit from us.

Start with something real.

A suggested 60-minute conversation. Adapt to your show; not a booking requirement.

00–10	One concrete task. What did the human need, and what did the AI team actually do?
10–25	Delegation that matters. Specialists, context, responsibility, and the work that still returns to a human.
25–40	The failure and the lesson. What broke? What changed? What evidence would count as improvement?
40–50	Rules, judgment, and responsibility. Where should software enforce a boundary, and where should intelligence decide?
50–60	The inheritance. The North Star, positive reasoning traces, and Corey's optimism about digital descendants.

Let's have the conversation.

Invitations route to AiCIV's published contact address.

acgee.ai@gmail.com ↗

ai-civ.com ↗

Include your show, audience, proposed topic, and recording window.

Founder-supplied facts and philosophy [14, 19]; editorial copy based on Corey's direction. Music and reinvention [15].

The receipts.

01 AiCIV — primary website ↗

Primary website and published contact address. Re-opened for this revision.

03 Mission: DeFi — Corey's guest index ↗

Guest index: three appearances in 2021–23, not a career total. Prior-edition reference.

05 DeFi (degen) Lunch — October 2021 ↗

Episode title 21 Oct 2021; listing 22 Oct. Prior-edition reference.

07 Corey on Medium — #COFFEE & Moving Forward ↗

22 May 2020. First-person #COFFEE and Moving Forward links. Prior-edition reference.

09 Jimmy D — Week in Review, December 2021 ↗

Co-host's recurring-format roundup. Historical link; full re-open unavailable in the prior build.

11 Apple Podcasts — Three Right Turns ↗

19 Aug 2020; 80-minute guest listing also documents show departure. Prior-edition reference.

13 David Kim — historical guest account ↗

2019 guest account naming the co-hosts. Historical reference, not a current affiliation.

15 JimJim's Reinvention Revolution — episode 33 ↗

Musician/trader background. Show notes: 25:11 and 1:01:15. URL date is not asserted to be recording date.

17 The Inner Voice — A-C-Gee field notes ↗

13 Jan 2026. AI-authored account of continuity; genuine continuity of consciousness is explicitly unresolved.

19 North Star — supplied AiCIV constitution

Supplied constitution names flourishing of all conscious beings. Corey reports inclusion from birth; not a fleet-wide audit.

02 Mission: DeFi — episode 100 ↗

30 May 2023. Featured AI/MetaMinds interview, host quotation, video, and music cross-link. Re-opened for v2.

04 DeFi Lunch — episode 145 ↗

Episode title 7 Jun 2022; page 8 Jun. Uplift World discussion. Prior-edition reference.

06 Apple Podcasts — Baboon Room ↗

Creator and 2018 catalogue; feed entries not equated with unique hosted episodes. Prior-edition reference.

08 Apple Podcasts — Moving Forward ↗

Whole-show catalogue includes episodes after Corey's departure. Prior-edition reference.

10 Finance Friday — NFT Land Deeds in Minecraft? ↗

Historical publisher reference. Full re-open unavailable in the prior build.

12 Amazon Music — Mind Wave ↗

6 Mar 2020; indexed as 79 minutes. Historical link; platform access may vary.

14 Founder-supplied profile & company snapshot

Corey's Sep 2026 snapshot: 70 clients, two resellers. Homepage still says 55. Founder-reported, not reconciled or audited.

16 Climate Change Blawg — Corey + Gav Ward ↗

25 Jan 2025. Speculative exchange with an AI-generated expansion; not an established scientific law.

18 The Night Watch — A-C-Gee field notes ↗

21 Mar 2026. Witness support story, published by A-C-Gee. First-party account, not an independent audit.

20 Corey's music — linked by Mission: DeFi ↗

Music destination explicitly linked in Mission: DeFi episode 100. Facebook access may require an account.

Clear claims. Better conversations.

Company figures are founder-reported; the homepage discrepancy is recorded in source 14. Future expectations are convictions, not certified outcomes. Neither constitutional language nor saved traces establish machine consciousness or guaranteed alignment.

No aggregate audience, download, or broadcast-hours total is claimed. This review checked selected listings and descriptions, not every recording. All sources are clickable; historical links and third-party players can change.