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*"The benefit of using ems is immortality."*  
***The Jim Rutt Show with guest Robin Hanson***

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"The benefit of using ems," short for "emulations," or artificial humans, "is immortality," says George Mason University economist Robin Hanson in an astonishing new podcast that looks at the economic implications of cheap robots. Here are some of the other startling moments in a [90-minute podcast](#) just released by ***The Jim Rutt Show***:

- How scientists are building our future bodies
- Will cheap robots lead to abundance or starvation wages?
- Human beings are not evolving as quickly as machines
- People know how to improve, they just don't want to
- What would happen if all tax returns were made public
- And much more, including *lumpy innovation*, *panspermea* and *liquid democracy*!

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### **About Robin Hanson**

Robin Hanson is an Associate Professor of Economics, and received his Ph.D. in 1997 in social sciences from Caltech. He joined George Mason's economics faculty in 1999 after completing a two-year post-doc at U.C Berkeley. His major fields of interest include health policy, regulation, and formal political theory.

### **About Jim Rutt**

The host of ***The Jim Rutt Show*** is Jim Rutt, former CEO of Network Solutions. *The New York Times* referred to him as "[the Internet's bad boy](#)" due to his reputation for creative mischief. Jim is the past Chairman of the Santa Fe Institute, where he continues as a Research Fellow studying conscious cognition and evolutionary artificial intelligence.

Jim is a co-founder of the Staunton Makerspace, a membership maker shop and hacker space, and a member of the Board of Advisers of the Fralin Life Sciences Institute at Virginia Tech. Jim received his B.S. degree in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1975 and is a member of MIT's Visiting Committee for the Department of Brain & Cognitive Sciences. He was Executive Producer of the awarding-winning film [Zombiewood](#).

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