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Sent: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 1:17 AM
To: Joscha Bach
Subject: Re:

my question relate to the metabphor of genetic conflict in=a single indiv , is there an equivalent . machine internal
com=etition

On Mon, =ay 7, 2018 at 8:06 PM Joscha Bach [REDACTED] > wrote:

I think that the whole game is internal. All our pleasure an= pain are caused by satisfying or frustrating our needs, which are (roughl= speaking) implemented in our reptilian brain. Our neocortex is modeling t=ese needs as purposes, so we can regulate our behavior for satisfying our =eeds.

For example, the physical pain, and hunger and th=rst exist on the level of needs, and survival is a purpose, a kind of mode=ing abstraction, as are food and drink.

Many of our purposes are=outside of the organism, such as relationship purposes, and social purpose=. Even our aesthetic purposes (like Jeffrey enjoying an intellectual stand=ff between Bannon and Summers) are not really related to the organism.

While the needs are somewhat hardcoded, our reaction =o them is not (we can modulate pain and pleasure experiences, we can route=our regulation around satisfying our needs, and we can repurpose our needs=for competence, dominance, affiliation, and aesthetics for almost arbitrar= goals. By changing the regulation goals (which is always internal to our =ind) we change the payoff matrix.

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On May 7, 2018, =t 8:43 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com <mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com> > wrote:

i posit that thre is an internal game with its own payoff ma=rix , separate from the external . is =here a machine internal state equivalent.

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