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Subject: Re:

gesturing im hungry, ? does that need a =language first with your broad definition?

On Sun, Jan 3, 2016 at 11:51 AM, Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Don't see how it would work.=C2 We can't tell stories until language is already available.

There are, of course, speculations ab=ut how language might have developed very slowly, first with short sentenc=s, then longer ones, etc. One could interweave speculations about story telling into these. Problem with these tale= is the usual one with speculation – one can imagine 1 million pos=ibilities. Dick Lewontin's important paper on evolution of c=gnition is again relevant. And there is a more formidable problem: the leap to unboundedness is saltational, by definition, so nothi=g is gained by the speculations, a fact that many of those engaged in thes= efforts seem not to have grasped.

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how does story telling fit in to the origin of langu=ge. ? internal stories? overlay on mus=c . alarms? how important are stories ?

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