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but the words are generated by chemical electrical a=tions. . nothing more. there is no make believe force. .=C2 go to the source.

On Mon, Oct 19, 2015 at 7:06 PM, Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]<[REDACTED]>> wrote:

She is great, great, great. But=for the moment, roles reversed. Valeria tore a muscle lifting someth=ng that she shouldn't have. Had to call of our trip. Last one was called off because I broke a rib. Maybe the next one be=use our dog will have a nervous breakdown.

It's certainly true that ther= are all kinds of information transfer. Human language, a particular=biological object, can also be used for this purpose (though it is hard to comprehend the common claim that this is its "functi=n"). Suppose, however, that we limit ourselves to organ-to-o=gan signaling. Would it be appropriate to ask why chemical signals a=e not "merely a signal for internal use", just like electr=cal, linguistic, other? I don't think so. We would want to =now what chemical signals are and how they work, and the same for electric=l, linguistic, etc. They are all radically different, and their part=cular nature is the object of inquiry into them.

And again, linguistic systems are rad=cally different from the others in that signaling is only one of many uses=of language, statistically speaking (for what that's' worth, probably not much) a very minor one. =nd crucially, investigation of the nature of language has, I think, yielde= mounting and significant evidence that in the design of language external=ization altogether is a peripheral property, largely a reflex of whatever sensory modality is used, hence special uses such as =ommunication even more so.

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cells signal each other by various means. =A0 . chemical gas . electrical, . , multicellular=C2 other chemicals. wider range of signals.

some sigals internal some external. =A0 . why is not "language merely a signal for internal u=e . organ to organ, sense to sense. the eyes telling nos= where to turn. etc. . and then it gets vocalized for external signa=ling as part of a repertoire. gesture prosody etc. is there a u=iversal vocalization , OW for example, when pain s=nsors

engage? and vocalize as a by product of the info transfer. =A0 . I love to see how your wife takes care of you. =A0 great great great

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